



Instrumental Music Notes

This Week - Sept. 2 - 6

It is your responsibility to check the website for the calendar and detailed itineraries for any events.

Monday, September 2, 2019

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

MB Hornline: 3:30pm-6:30pm

MB Color Guard: 3:30pm-6:30pm

MB Percussion: 3:30pm-6:30pm

Booster Meeting: 7:00pm (@ Mr. Lipman's home— e-mail Dan Lipman for his address.)

Parents are welcome to attend booster meetings (1st Tuesday of each month). This is one of the best ways to be informed, share ideas, and meet other music program volunteers.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

MB Full Ensemble: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Thursday, September 5, 2019

MB L.A. County Fair/Parade: 9:30am-9:30pm
(students will miss most of the school day)

Friday, September 6, 2019

MB Pre-Game Rehearsal: 3:30pm-5:00pm

MB Home Football Game: 6:00pm-9:30/10:00pm

**All marching band students and parents are encouraged to hangout at Big Z's (northeast corner of Stearns/Cochran) after all home football games. The students have a lot fun socializing and eating!*

Next Week - Sept. 9 - 14

It is your responsibility to check the website for the calendar and detailed itineraries for any events.

Monday, September 9, 2019

MB Hornline: 3:30pm-6:30pm

MB Color Guard: 3:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

MB Percussion: 3:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

MB Full Ensemble: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Friday, September 13, 2019 (HOMECOMING)

MB Pre-Game Rehearsal: 3:30pm-5:00pm

MB Home Football Game: 6:00pm-9:30/10:00pm

Saturday, September 14, 2019

MB Simi Valley Days Parade: AM (Town Centre)
Provide own transportation and meet at the event.

August & September Birthday's

Happy Birthday to the following performers:

Amaal Bhola, 8/17; Jamal Bhola, 8/29;
Jason Berreitter, 9/21; Timothy Bui, 9/9;
Ethan Famas, 9/14; Joseph Gray, 8/23;
Walker Hubbs, 9/6; Nathan Lashlee, 9/25;
Jacklyn Le, 9/25; Jayme Martinez, 9/3;
Dawson Mateus, 9/22; Angelyna Nguyen, 9/3;
Jessica Novack, 8/9; Samantha Nowakowski, 9/9;
Riley Olson, 9/25; Ryan Phan, 9/27;
McKenna Rabbett, 8/16; Christian Roque, 9/7;
Logan Savage, 8/25; Seth St. Laurent, 8/20;
James Thomas, 8/14.



Student of the week!

This year, we will be highlighting one student of the week in our weekly newsletter, they will find out in the newsletter, and then will be recognized in class at the beginning of the following week. Last weeks student was **Nathan Lashlee**. Nathan has done a tremendous job learning a secondary instrument for marching band **AND** wind ensemble, and has put in the time to make sure his parts are ready. In addition, Nathan has shown nothing but a positive "can-do" attitude, never complaining, and always asking questions to better himself. His selfless attitude is testament to the success he continues to have as a performer. Congrats and thank you Nathan! See Mr.



Smith on Tuesday for a Starbucks gift card.

Weather, Health, and Marching Band

Unfortunately it may get warmer before it gets cooler. Marching band students are still required to bring a water cooler/hydroflask to rehearsals, as well as put on sun screen/block. Water breaks are given every 10-15 minutes when we rehearse outdoors. Starting next week we will bring EZ ups down to the football stadium to give students shade when they are on break, or when they need to sit down for a second. Students need to make sure they are eating breakfast and lunch each day. If one or the other is an issue, please see Mr. Smith. We will get you something to eat so that you are not rehearsing on an empty stomach. Hydrating before and after rehearsal is also important. You will enjoy this experience more if you are taking care of yourself!



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Student Care Coordinator

The Student Care Coordinator (SCC), Michele Turton, will be preparing meals for students before we go to competitions and taking care of them while we are there. **Please let her know if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions so she can plan accordingly.** If there is something else she needs to be aware of, please contact her at chrismichele2112@yahoo.com. The SCC can always use help preparing meals. Please let Michele know if you would like to help out prior to an event.

Band Spectacular Field Tournament

Our instrumental music program (**bands, strings, and color guard**) will host 30+ marching bands from all over southern California on Saturday, October, 26, 2019, on the Simi Valley High School Campus. The event begins in the morning around and ends mid evening around. The volunteer areas include but are not limited to the following: concessions, director/instructor hospitality, parking lot attendants, director check in, band host, judge runners, etc. A couple of weeks before the event, we will begin collecting donations of chips, canned sodas, boxes of assorted candy, bottled water, etc. Food items that could go bad faster such as bakery items should be bought and donated a couple of days before the event. If you are out at Costco or etc. over the next two months, this will be a good opportunity to pick up some of the items. We ask that you drop off 1-2 weeks before Band Spectacular, so parent volunteers can inventory. More updates will be coming about this event. Though this is a band competition, the money earned benefits the strings part of our program, too. We need all families deck to ensure this event runs smoothly as it has the past few years!

Ad and Trophy Sponsorships

Do you know any local businesses or family/friends that may want to sponsor an ad or trophy for Band Spectacular? All families in the instrumental music program are encouraged to solicit ad/trophy sponsors for this event. 50% of each ad/trophy sponsor you get, will go toward the participation donation, or other expenditures you may have within the program this year. Perhaps you want to begin working toward next year, or want to purchase a program jacket, or etc. The more we can get sponsored, the less we have to spend from our budget! You can download the forms from the blog on the home page of our website. Since blog items have been added, you may need to go back a previous blog page or two to find the forms.

Lettering Application

If you are interested in earning a letter, pins, and chevrons for instrumental music, the current application is now posted on the 'Forms and Documents' page on our website. Click the 'Resources' tab on the top navigation menu and then scroll down to 'Forms and Documents.' The application will be at the very bottom of that page.

Instrumental Music Boosters

The Booster Board has an immediate opening for a secretary position. This position entails taking minutes/notes at the monthly booster meetings (1st Tuesday of each month). If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Dan Lipman at danlipman@pacbell.net.

All booster board members are listed on the Booster 'General Information' page on our website. Click 'Boosters' on the top navigation, and then scroll to 'General Information.' In addition, you can also see previous meeting minutes and other information.

Parents are encouraged to attend booster meetings. Since these meetings have been held at the Lipman's home, please send Mr. Lipman an e-mail if you plan on attending. If there seem to be a lot of parents that want to attend, we would likely need to move the meeting location to our instrumental music room (M7) for that particular night.

Concert Dates/Locations

We are looking to put on a concert Saturday, October 5th, 2019. This would be a Disney themed concert in the MPR. Mr. Lipman is going to work on providing an illustrative slideshow to accompany the music. Our marching band would also put on a community performance in the stadium to kick off this event. Details about this event will come as the planning crystalizes.

The winter concert location is still not locked in. Administration informed Mr. Smith that we should look to have it off campus, because they are anticipating that our MPR will not be available due to the reconstruction of the facility. They understand the MPR date for reconstruction has been put off several times, but they also do not want us to schedule it, and then end up having to find somewhere else last minute. It is a challenge to use Moorpark due to their stipulations. **If you know of any venues in or around Simi Valley that can fit large ensembles, please share them, so we can begin reaching out.**

