

STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK

FOR

THE MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL BAND



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2010-2011

SECTION I

MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

MP BAND MOTTO

“Play Like a Champion Today” (Lou Holtz)

MP BAND MANTRA

“Excellence is not an event; it’s a habit.” (Aristotle)

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THE 2009-2010 MARCHING BAND STAFF

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Samantha Oliver- Colorguard

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Jessica Hayes- Hornline

Brent McLester- Hornline

Ron Brown- Percussion

Justin Hartsell- Percussion

THE MOUNT PLEASANT BAND HANDBOOK

The **Mt. Pleasant Band Handbook** contains information regarding band activities, band rules, scheduling and important release forms/information forms, which you are to complete and return. Please complete the forms and return them, along with your child's \$400.00 band fee, by August 2, 2010. If you are unable to provide payment in full prior to this date, we would be more than willing to set up a payment plan option for your family. To set up a payment plan, contact Band Booster Treasurer Kerry Harper at 704-762-4647 or at kerry.harper@hotmail.com.

WHAT TO DO

1. Read the entire handbook with your student(s).
2. Complete the forms and return them to the director by August 2, 2010.
3. Please mark all dates on your calendar and free all dates. Attendance is mandatory.
4. Please volunteer to work for the Mount Pleasant Band Boosters. The band really needs your talents, ideas, and energy! We strive to be one of the leading programs in the state, but we cannot do that without the support of our parent volunteers.
5. Please remember that all rehearsals and all performances are mandatory. We try to limit the amount of rehearsal time that your son/daughter is required to attend. We also work very hard to make the most of the limited amount of time that we have.
6. If you should have any questions, please call Mr. Tulbert at 704-436-3172 or 704-773-0788 or via email at btulbert@hotmail.com.

BAND CAMP

Band Camp is held each August and lasts for 3 weeks. These weeks enable the band to start off the year as an impressive organization and a refined performing group. During these weeks, the band will learn everything pertaining to that year's competition show. Specialists in each instrument classification are hired for the best possible instruction. These three weeks of intensive training are worth more than two months of after school rehearsals. This enables the band to practice only on a few days rather than every day and Saturday during the school year. Everyone is required to attend all three weeks of camp. During the first week there will be time available for each new student to be instructed in all the basics and fine points of marching and playing. It also provides the opportunity for the new player to become an integral part of the performing group and develop good social relations.

Held at Mt. Pleasant High School, band camp is a great deal of work but fun as well. **PLEASE PLAN YOUR VACATION AROUND THIS TIME!** Students must go to camp in order to be in the field show. The dates for this year's camp are August 2-20, 2010. Please see the master schedule for specific times and sections. **These weeks are for everyone involved in the marching band. Only new marchers and student staff will need to attend the rookie camp sessions on August 2nd - 6th from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM at MPHS.** Full marching band is expected to return on August 2nd from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM for music rehearsal and will report for full band camp at 8:00 AM on August 9th. A typical schedule for the camp held at MPHS would be as follows:

8:00AM – 12:00PM Outdoor drill rehearsal.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch break. **You must bring your lunch and eat on campus.**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Music rehearsals. Students may go home for dinner break from 4:00-6:00 PM.

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Outdoor drill, or music rehearsal.

FULL BAND CAMP FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR STARTS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9th AND RUNS THROUGH FRIDAY AUGUST 13th.

DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST TEACHER WORKDAYS (Aug 16-20), AFTERNOON REHEARSALS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4:00 – 8:00PM ON TUESDAY AUGUST 17th AND THURSDAY AUGUST 19th ON THE CAMPUS OF MPHS.

THERE WILL BE A BAND CAMP POOL PARTY AT THE ARROWOOD HOME ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH DURING THE EVENING REHEARSAL TIME. 2704 WHEATFIELD PLACE, CONCORD, NC 28025.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

During the school year, the band rehearses on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-6:30 PM. There will also be a few select Saturday morning rehearsals and one Friday afternoon rehearsal as we prepare for our competition season. Rehearsals, like camps, are not optional. No athletic team member could expect to participate having never attended a practice or camp session. Our philosophy is the same, but unlike athletic teams, the band has no “back ups” or “second string players”. Absences are a detriment to the entire organization. Students who make a commitment to marching band should be in attendance at 100% of all rehearsals and camps.

THE BAND FEE

All students participating in the Marching Band will be required to pay a participation fee. The fee for all marching band members will be \$400.00. This fee will be put toward the cleaning of individual uniforms, band t-shirts, guard costumes and design, travel and transportation, music, drill and instruction. In addition to the band fee, all students will be responsible for purchasing their own Under Armor, gloves and marching shoes through the band.

PAYMENT OF MONIES

All money will be collected in the following manner: In a sealed envelope at a designated time to a designated person with the name, amount, and description on the outside of the envelope. Any money not turned in at the designated time must be placed in a sealed envelope and be sent by mail to the Band Booster Post Office Box, or be placed in the Band Booster mailbox inside the band room office. Envelopes being mailed should not have an outside contents list. Payments can also be made via credit card on the band website. Please visit www.mpband.org/payments.htm for more information.

FUNDRAISING

Every year, the Mt. Pleasant Band program will conduct multiple fundraising events. At times, these fundraisers can aid in the payment of your student’s band fees, the costs of trips, or any other expense your student may incur. Additional fundraisers will be conducted to bolster the general bank account of the band booster organization. Money earned will go towards the daily expenses of the group such as: music, instruction and transportation costs. Some of these fund raising activities may include: working at Lowes Motor Speedway, yard sales, car washes and community service. All students are expected to participate in every fundraising effort. Student accounts will be set up for each band member, with specific percentages of fundraising money going toward these student accounts. This money can be used at the student’s discretion, as long as it is for a band related expense. Upon graduation or leaving the band program for any other reason, any money remaining in a student’s account will be transferred to the uniform fund.

***2008 Revision and Amendment*:** Lowes Motor Speedway Fundraising- Twice a year, Lowes Motor Speedway in Concord hosts NASCAR Nationwide Series and Sprint Cup Series events. The band members and band boosters are given the opportunity to work at the track as gate attendants and salespersons in order to raise money for the general band account. All students are expected to work one shift, and all parents are encouraged to do so as well. All money raised will be directed into the MP Band Boosters general account to be used for general and operational expenses and the discretion of the band booster executive committee and the band director(s).

***2009 Revision and Amendment*:** All money earned through shifts worked at the Cabarrus Arena by students and their parents will be directed into that student’s personal band account. The money in those accounts can be used for fees, repairs, trips, lessons, and other band related expenses.

MT. PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND UNIFORM CONTRACT

The school will provide each student with a Marching Band uniform which consists of a coat, trousers, baldric, gauntlets, shako, and plume that carries a replacement cost of approximately \$400.00. Each student is responsible for his/her uniform throughout the year. The uniform will be cleaned by the band boosters and housed within the band room. If any part of the uniform is lost or damaged, you will be expected to pay for the replacement of that part. Each piece is numbered so that this can be easily traced. We thank you for your

understanding and cooperation in this matter. The uniform contract is located on the back of the student medical form.

SHOES, SOCKS, GLOVES, and UNDER ARMOR

There are four pieces of the uniform that are not provided by the school and those are shoes, socks, gloves and Under Armor. The students will order their shoes (\$35.00), socks (\$3.00 pr.), and gloves (\$3.00 pr.) from *Don Addis and Associates* on Tuesday, August 3rd during our evening rehearsal. Returning marching band members may use their shoes from the previous season, but everyone (minus percussionists and Colorguard members) must order at least two pairs of black gloves for performance use. Percussionists do not wear gloves, and Colorguard members will order different weight lifting style gloves at another time. Each band member (minus Colorguard) is also required to purchase Under Armor or to wear under their uniform. Under Armor is made of spandex and serves as the undergarments while wearing the uniform. Our uniforms themselves are made from a polyester/spandex material and are more form-fitting than older wool uniforms. Under Armor prevents unnecessary sweat damage to the uniforms and also helps to keep the students cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Students should purchase at least one Under Armor top and one bottom. Black is the preferred color, though gray will also work if that is all you can find. Do not purchase Under Armor of any other color. Under Armor and other generic versions can be found at Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart, and any sports equipment store. The Under Armor brand can be expensive, so it is recommended that you not wait until the last minute when trying to find a generic brand. Colorguard members will purchase body tights.

***2008 Revision and Amendment*:** Students will order their shoes, socks and gloves during the first week of band camp from *Don Addis and Associates*. For these items to be delivered, they must be paid for in advance by every student. This policy also applies to the purchase of rifles, sabers, mallets, drum sticks, and other instrument accessories.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All students are required to have a health form properly filled out and signed by their parents before they will be allowed to participate in band activities. Students are also required to show proof of hospitalization insurance coverage on the health form. If the student is not covered under some type of hospitalization insurance policy, the parents will be required to attach a letter stating that neither the school, nor Mr. Tulbert will not be held responsible for charges incurred due to medical emergency. It also states that the parent will be legally responsible for all charges incurred while securing medical treatment.

Special effort will be made to have a certified nurse of EMT accompany the band on all major trips. Every trip the band takes, the health forms are taken along in the event of a medical emergency. Chaperones will also assist students with personal medical and hygiene problems, i.e. band-aids and such. Administration of prescribed medication from the student's doctor is the responsibility of each student. Students with insect sting allergies should have an epi-pen with them at all times.

A two-sided medical form is included in this handbook. Please return it by August 2, 2010.

STUDENT PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM

A student permission and release form is located on the back of the student medical form. There are two separate areas to fill out; one for football games and parades, and the other for competitions. Please read both carefully and sign in all areas requested. **Please return this form by August 2, 2010.**

SCHEDULE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Once you and your child have read the entire rehearsal and performance schedule, there is an area on the back of the student medical form where you should acknowledge that you have read the schedule, understand the policies for attendance, and that your child will abide by the schedule for the 2010 marching season. The student is also required to sign the schedule acknowledgement form. This form is not to be taken lightly. Our ability to function as a performing ensemble depends on the attendance of every member at every rehearsal and performance event. We do not have back-ups or substitute players like a sports team.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. Three-Ring Binder Notebook with clear, plastic page protector sheets for your music and drill charts.

2. BERP- Brass players need to order a BERP for their instruments. They can be found at www.berp.com or at www.carolinacrown.org in the “Crown Store” section.
3. AirMax Breather- Woodwind players need to order an AirMax Breather. They can be found at www.carolinacrown.org in the “Crown Store” section.
4. Water Bottle- Students need a water bottle every day of band camp and every regular rehearsal.
5. Sunscreen, Hat, and Lip Balm
6. Tennis Shoes and Socks
7. White T-Shirts for every rehearsal.
8. Pencil

PRE-GAME/CONTEST MEALS

A pre-performance meal will always be served to the band students prior to each football game and competition. This food is prepared by the parents and provided in the cafeteria at 5:30 PM on Friday nights and at noon on Saturdays of competition dates. Times are subject to change based on performance times.

FOOTBALL GAMES

The marching band will perform at all home football games and at most away games. Since all football game transportation costs are paid for by the Mount Pleasant Band Boosters, it is at the discretion of Mr. Tulbert as to which away games that the band will attend. Typically, the band attends all of the away games within Cabarrus County, and a select few games outside of the Cabarrus County. This year there are five (5) scheduled home games and four (4) scheduled away games that the band will attend. These dates are included in the handbook.

PARADES

The marching band will perform in both the Concord and Mount Pleasant Christmas Parades. The dates are included in the handbook.

BAND COMPETITIONS

The band will perform in five (5) marching band competitions each year during the fall. Participation in these events benefits the band in many ways. It provides motivation to strive for excellence, it raises standards of quality for performance, and it builds esprit de corps. It also offers an opportunity to gauge the band’s progress and to gain positive recognition for our students, our school, and our community. Finally, it provides a pleasant experience as a reward for hard work. All parents are encouraged to follow us to competitions and cheer us on as we enter the field of competition. All band competitions are open to the public.

MP BAND RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.
2. Excessive tardies or absences will cause you to lose your spot within the band without a refund.
3. If you are well enough to attend school, you are well enough to attend the rehearsal/game/competition.
4. Club meetings, detention, and after school jobs are not considered excused absences or tardies.
5. Should the need for an emergency absence occur, a parent must contact Mr. Tulbert at 704-773-0788.
6. All band members are expected to give 100% effort during all rehearsals and performances.
7. All band members are to treat the band instructional staff with respect at all times.
8. All band members are to treat the band booster parents with respect at all times.
9. Students are expected to take excellent care of their instruments and all band-owned equipment.
10. All students should arrive at least ten minutes before call time in order to be on time.
11. Bring all materials to every rehearsal (notebook, coordinate sheets, music, pencil, water bottle, shoes).
12. Students may not drive off of campus during rehearsals.
13. Respectful behavior for your peers is expected at all times.
14. School dress code is in effect at all camps and rehearsals.
15. All students will wear white shirts (t-shirts, tanks, sweats, etc.) to every rehearsal.
16. No drinks on the field other than water.
17. No food or gum in rehearsals or in the band room.
18. Proper decorum is expected during all award ceremonies.

19. All students will wear the MP Band Uniform correctly and with pride.
20. We are a professional performing ensemble with extremely high standards. Get on board.

PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who participate in the Marching Band should be aware of the time commitment involved with such an ensemble. Conflicts arise when students attempt to take on multiple extra-curricular activities during one semester. It is best to limit the number of extra-curricular activities in which you participate in order to do them well. We will do our best to work around conflicts, however, the best way to avoid conflicts is to not take on more than you can handle. If you have any questions concerning this issue, please speak to Mr. Tulbert.

FOOTBALL GAME RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. While at football games behavior should be exemplary, this means using good judgment at all times.
2. All band members are expected to travel to and from the game with the band.
3. Band members will remain in the band section, in their section's designated area.
4. No playing, except in an organized fashion as lead by the director or drum major(s).
5. You are to play your instrument only. No sharing or swapping.
6. No profanity or obscene gestures at any time.
7. The uniform should be worn properly and in its entirety unless otherwise stated by the director.
8. Instructions given by the director or student leadership team members are to be followed to the letter.
9. No eating in uniform or in the band seating area.
10. No sitting in uniform unless directed to do so. We will stand throughout the game.
11. Group cheers are allowed, but care must be taken to prevent damage to instruments and uniforms.
12. The director determines when the band plays. Be ready for instructions at all times.
13. The band will be dismissed for a short break during the third quarter. A time will be given for return.
14. All CCS and MPHS behavior guidelines are in effect at all times.

"CLASS A" MARCHING BAND UNIFORM DRESS RULES

1. Students will wear the uniform completely correctly at all times unless otherwise instructed.
2. Students will wear the prescribed attire under their uniforms consisting of Under Armor, black socks, black shoes, and black gloves.
3. No jewelry will be worn in uniform. This includes watches, and "new piercings".
4. No eating in uniform.
5. Long hair must be pinned up under the shako so that it is off the collar.
6. No nail polish will be worn in uniform.
7. No running, push-ups, sitting down, or PDA in uniform.
8. Uniforms are to be folded, hung, and stored in the correct manner. This will be explained to you.
9. No swearing or negative behavior is allowed while in uniform.
10. Students will police themselves and will also be inspected prior to each performance.

Students are to understand that when they put on the uniform that they become a representative of the Mount Pleasant Band program of the past, present and future. It is our duty to preserve the decorum demonstrated by those who have come before us, and will be here long after we have gone. Every move that you make is constantly scrutinized. We represent ourselves, but our school and community as well.

"CLASS B" BAND UNIFORM

For the first few football games the Mount Pleasant Band will wear what is referred to as our "Class B Uniform". The "Class B Uniform" consists of the blue band shirt, black athletic shorts* without any visible logos or any writing across the rear, white socks, and tennis shoes. Skater shoes do not qualify as tennis shoes.

In the past we have worn khaki shorts, but are now using black athletic shorts.

TRAVEL GUIDELINES AND BUS RULES

1. No food or drinks will be taken on the bus without prior approval. Water is the exception.

2. The buses will be cleaned and swept by an assigned band section after every trip.
3. No horseplay. Stay in your seats and keep your hands to yourselves.
4. No arms, heads, hands, etc. out the windows.
5. Students choosing to listen to personal radios must have headphones.
6. No public displays of affection.
7. No co-ed seating after dark.
8. When we arrive at our football game or competition site, buses are to become silent until dismissal.
9. Parent chaperones are here for your benefit and are deputized by Mr. Tulbert. You've been warned.
10. If there is a question in your mind as to whether something is appropriate, it probably isn't.

PROCEDURE FOR PICKING UP STUDENTS AFTER AN EVENT

A detailed schedule for all activities is provided each Monday via newsletter to all students and parents. Included in the schedule will be all call times, departure times, and return times for any events. Should the band need to deviate from the planned schedule, students will be instructed to call home in order to make the necessary changes in their transportation plans. Students may ride home from selected events with their parents if the Mr. Tulbert is notified in advance in writing.

IMPORTANT RULES & REGULATIONS WHEN STAYING IN A HOTEL

1. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and any illegal substances are prohibited at all times.
2. Students will never, under any circumstances, enter the hotel room of the opposite sex.
3. Students must report any room damages that may occur and will be financially responsible for them.
4. No contact sports or horseplay will be allowed when staying in a hotel.
5. Curfews will be announced and will be obeyed.
6. PDA is unacceptable.
7. Any illegal activity or rule breaking will result in an early trip home at the parents' expense.
8. Hotel amenities are to be used properly and respectfully. Bathing attire should be conservative.
9. All CCS and MPHS behavior guidelines are in effect at all times.
10. As a representative of our school and community you will be scrutinized at all times.

MARCHING BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Drum Major(s): The drum major will be the direct link between all band students, the adult staff, and the director as well as the booster club. The drum major will call and preside over meetings of the other student leaders as needed. The drum major will help in planning all of the social activities of the band with the help of the other student leaders and the boosters, as well as general organization responsibilities. The drum major will also be an important figure in the recruiting procedure of the band program. The drum major is the primary leader of the marching band second only to the director and any other adult staff. The drum major will also be the field conductor and the primary disciplinarian of the marching band ensemble.

The Leadership Team: The student leaders will: handle matters of administration, teach marching sectionals, assist with ensemble discipline both on the field and in the classroom, see that band policy is carried out, and handle matters of publicity for the school paper and yearbook. The Student Leaders will also be responsible for attendance, equipment inventory, loading of equipment for all trips and maintaining all school owned instruments and equipment. In addition, they will determine the needs of each section as to extra rehearsals, discipline, quality of playing, and marching. There may be more than one student leader in each section, or none at all.

PREVIEW AND SHOWCASE

The Mount Pleasant Band hosts two major fundraising events on the high school campus during marching season. The first is the Cabarrus County Preview of Bands. "Preview" is a countywide marching band exhibition show at MPHS on Saturday, September 18th. The second is the Mount Pleasant Showcase of Champions. "Showcase" is a full-scale marching band festival at MPHS that usually draws between 20-30 bands. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year. We acquire revenue through ticket sales, concessions,

and a variety of other mediums. "Showcase" is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at MPHS and usually runs from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

MP BAND FALL SCHEDULE 2010

Please mark all of these dates and times on your calendar. All rehearsal and performance dates are mandatory.

BAND CAMP

July 30 th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Leadership Team Camp @ MPHS
August 2 nd – August 6 th	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rookie Camp (Leadership Team Present) @ MPHS
August 2 nd – August 6 th	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Evening Rehearsals @ MPHS
August 2 nd – August 6 th	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Colorguard Camp and Percussion Rehearsal @ MPHS
August 9 th – 13 th	8:00 AM – 8:30 PM	Full Band Camp at @ MPHS
August 17 th & 19 th	4:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Afternoon Camp Rehearsals @ MPHS
August 23 rd	3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Regular Rehearsal Schedule Begins.

See the attached calendar for clarification.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

□ Beginning with the week before students return to school until after the last marching band performance the band will rehearse every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3:30 – 6:30 PM, and mornings on a few select Saturdays. See the attached calendar for clarification.

□ The band will rehearse on Saturday mornings before all competitions. Please leave the entire day free on competition dates.

1ST SEMESTER PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Aug 23	Regular Rehearsals Begin	3:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Aug 25	1 st Day of School for Students	7:15 AM – 2:15 PM
Aug 28	Saturday Rehearsal @ MPHS	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sep 3	Home Football vs. Monroe	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 10	Away Football vs. West Stanly	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 11	Saturday Rehearsal @ MPHS	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sep 17	Friday Rehearsal with Dinner to Follow	3:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Sep 18	Cabarrus County Preview of Bands	10:00 AM Call Time (All Day)
Sep 24	Home Football vs. Cox Mill	5:00 PM Call Time
Sep 25	Mount Pleasant Showcase of Champions	7:00 AM Call Time (All Day)
Oct 1	Home Football vs. Northwest Cabarrus	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 2	Band Competition @ Providence HS	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Oct 8	Away Football vs. Hickory Ridge	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 9	Marching Band Competition Location TBA	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Oct 15	Away Football vs. A.L. Brown	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 16	Race Fundraiser at Charlotte Motor Speedway	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Oct 17	Race Fundraiser at Charlotte Motor Speedway	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Oct 22	Home Football vs. Concord (Homecoming)	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 23	Band Competition @ Hickory Ridge HS	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Oct 29	Home Football vs. Robinson	5:00 PM Call Time
Oct 30	Band Competition @ Porter Ridge HS	Call Time TBA (All Day)
Nov 5	Away Football vs. Central Cabarrus	5:00 PM Call Time
Nov 20	Concord Christmas Parade	12:00 PM Call Time
Dec 11	Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade	10:00 AM Call Time
Dec 16	Winter Concert	7:00 PM

FOOTNOTE

Carefully review both the MT. PLEASANT BAND ATTENDANCE POLICY and the MT. PLEASANT BAND SCHEDULE for 2010. Mark your calendars and have all rehearsal and performance dates cleared with your child's employer as well as other activities that may conflict. Please acknowledge that you foresee no conflicts by signing the form provided in this handbook.

SECTION II
GENERAL INFORMATION
AND
CONCERT SEASON
INFORMATION



PHILOSOPHY OF PRACTICE

Students should practice a minimum of **100** minutes per week on their music outside of rehearsal. This means every student must take his/her instrument home on a regular basis and not leave it at school overnight. Students who consistently leave their instrument at school overnight will have their grade reduced. Practice records will be turned once every two weeks and will constitute 15% of each student's grade.

BAND DIRECTOR COOPERATION

In many school districts, there is an unspoken competition between bands when it comes to performance ability, and performance opportunity. That is not the case in Cabarrus County. The band directors in our district are good friends and make every effort to assist in band rooms other than our own. Knowing this, it will not be unusual for the band directors from: Robinson (Blair Smith), Central (Steve Petrucci), Northwest (Sam Bogan), Hickory Ridge (Chris White and Edd Powell), Concord (Doug Morin), and Cox Mill (Joe Earp) to be seen in the Mount Pleasant Band Room, just as it is not uncommon to see Mr. Tulbert in other band rooms around the county. We are all at war on the same side and that war is to preserve music education in the public schools. The only way to ensure that is for us all to make sure that Cabarrus County Schools have the best band programs anywhere.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS, EMAIL, AND WEBSITE

Each Monday the students are provided with a weekly newsletter in class that details the events of the coming week. On the back of the newsletter there is a calendar that is designed for long range planning by both students and parents. The newsletter is always printed on a brightly colored piece of paper so that it is easy to locate in your student's backpack. All elements of the weekly newsletters and additional announcements for parents are also emailed each Monday to all parents and students, and are posted on the Mount Pleasant Band website at www.mpband.org. We like to stay organized, and feel that providing our stakeholders with the tools for planning in both the short and long term areas can only benefit us. Nothing is left to chance.

STORAGE OF PERSONAL ITEMS

The band room is not equipped with the most state-of-the-art of storage facilities. Our instrument storage closets leave much to be desired as they do not contain lockable instrument cubbies. Many students choose to use their instrument cubbies as lockers in addition to a place to just store their instrument. While this is fine by me, the fact remains that there is no way to ensure the safety of personal items. Unfortunately, in recent history we have had a problem with items disappearing. What I recommend to all students is that they either plan to leave all valuables at home, or that they rent a school locker for \$5.00 each year that can be locked with their personal items inside. Hopefully in the future we will have the ability to provide lockable storage.

CONCERT ATTIRE

The Mount Pleasant Band wears a prescribed concert attire for all concert performance events. While we wear our marching band uniforms on the field, we wear a type of concert uniform on stage. Ladies all wear the same black concert dress which is ordered each November in preparation for our winter concert. Gentlemen all wear black tuxedos. Students may acquire their own tuxedos, or they may be ordered through the band each November in preparation for our winter concert. Typically the guys just order the tuxedo jacket and then acquire their trousers, shirt, and bow tie on their own. However, many students opt to order the whole thing. Wearing a predetermined concert outfit allows us to look professional and maintain an appropriate dress code.

BAND BANQUET

At the end of each school year the Mount Pleasant Band hosts a banquet and awards dinner at the Copperfield Room inside of the Cabarrus Family Medicine building at the corner of Branchview and Copperfield Roads. The event is a catered dinner and the attire is always semi-formal. This event is a reward for our students and gives us the opportunity to spend time together "off the clock". The price of the event per person varies by the caterer, but typically runs about \$15.00 per person. All band awards including the John

Philip Sousa Award, the Director's Award for Band, the Patrick S. Gilmore Award for Band, the Semper Fidelis Marine Band Award, the Section of the Year Award, various band ensemble ribbons, superlatives and varsity letters are presented at this event. The band banquet is also the time of year that they field production for the following season is announced. It's a pretty big deal.

VARSITY LETTERS AND GRADUATION CORDS

Every student who marches in the band for at least two semesters will receive a Varsity Letter. All graduating seniors from the band receive a pink graduation cord as a gift from the band.

ENSEMBLES AT MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL

Marching Band- Everything that you need to know about marching band is listed in the first section of this handbook.

Wind Ensemble- There is only one band class offered in the fall at MPHS. That band class is "Wind Ensemble". Wind instrument students who are participating in marching band should sign-up for the "Wind Ensemble" class during the fall semester. Students who wish to participate in marching band, but who have class conflicts with the "Wind Ensemble" course can work out an individual arrangement with Mr. Tulbert. Students who do not wish to be in marching band, but who want to take a band class during the fall may register for "Wind Ensemble" but must understand that the music for the first nine weeks will be based around our marching band needs via field show music, and football stands music. After the first nine weeks, the "Wind Ensemble" begins to focus on winter concert literature.

Percussion Class- Students who are percussion instrument players, and who plan to participate in marching band must sign up for the percussion class during the fall semester. Non-marching band students should not sign up for percussion class. Marching band students who have class conflicts with the percussion class can work out an individual arrangement with Mr. Tulbert, but will be only able to play in the front ensemble section and not in the battery. Battery members must be registered fro the class in order to participate.

Symphonic Band and Concert Band- Symphonic Band and Concert Band are the two band courses offered in the spring. Both classes work on the same literature as neither class has a large enough membership, or the proper instrumentation to function as an independent ensemble. During the first nine weeks the band classes focus on our state Music Performance Assessment (MPA) literature, and during the second nine weeks the band classes focus on our spring concert literature. Students participating in both of these classes will play music from the Grade III-Grade VI level. During the spring semester the combined bands will rehearse each Monday after school from 3:00-5:00 PM.

Winterguard- The Colorguard component of the marching band does not end when marching band season is over. The Winterguard activity, which has only been in existence at MPHS since 2002, has blossomed into one of the premier performing ensembles in our district. The Winterguard is essentially the Colorguard minus the band. Instead of performing to live music on the football field, they perform to recorded music in the gym. Winterguard is open to all students who wish to audition. The MP Winterguard won the Carolina Winter Ensemble Association's Bronze Medal in Class 3A in 2009 and the Silver Medal in Class 3A in 2010. Our Colorguard and Winterguard component is instructed by Mr. Jeff Cobbs.

INSTRUMENT REPAIRS, EQUIPMENT PUCHASE, AND ACCESSORIES

I recommend that students only submit instrument repairs, and make equipment and accessory purchase from two companies that have proven to be 100% reputable and reliable. These two companies are *Schoolhouse Band Instruments* out of Norwood, and *The Music Center* out of Gastonia. Both companies have a school representative who comes by weekly to take orders, and pick up instruments for repair. For accessories such as AirMax breathers and BERPs, I recommend that the students purchase from the Carolina Crown website. Contact information for these companies has been provided below.

Schoolhouse Band Instruments

Bob Frye
47343 Paradise Lane
Norwood, NC 28128
865-382-3107
Bobfrye3107@carolina.rr.com

The Music Center

Jason Gilchrist
940 E. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054
704-861-1037
jgilchrist@themusiccenterinc.com

Carolina Crown Store

Eric Sabach
eric@carolinacrown.org
www.carolinacrown.org

INSTRUMENT AND ACCESSORY RECOMMENATIONS

As a parent or student you should never simply just buy an instrument off the rack. That is like paying sticker price at an overpriced car dealership. Students are encouraged to purchase a “step-up” or “professional” instrument if they plan to continue in music at the high school level. If you are in the market for a new instrument, please speak with either Mr. Lee or Mr. Tulbert before buying. A few instrument and accessory recommendations are listed below.

Flute- Sonare 601- B foot with inline G and a Powell head joint

Clarinet- Buffet R13 or E11 with a Rovner ligature, a 5RV Lyre mouthpiece, and Vandoren Reeds.

Alto Sax- Canonball Sceptyr Series with a Rovner ligature, a Selmer C-star mouthpiece, and Vandoren Reeds.

French Horn- Conn 8D with a Schilke 29 mouthpiece and Hetman rotor oil..

Trumpet- Yamaha Xeno with a Schilke 15D heavyweight mouthpiece and Hetman valve oil.

Trombone- Yamaha Xeno with a Schilke 51D mouthpiece and Hetman valve oil.

Euphonium- Yamaha YEP-321 with a Schilke 51D mouthpiece and Hetman valve oil.

Tuba- Mirafone S-191 with a Schilke 66 mouthpiece and Hetman valve oil.

Percussion Accessories- The band has an endorsement with Vic Firth and Mike Balter. See Mr. T for orders.

Rifle- Elite 36” White with a white strap and silver bolt.

Saber- King Saber.

NORTH CAROLINA MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CONCERT FESTIVAL)

In late March the high school bands of North Carolina perform at Shelby or North Lincoln High Schools in a setting that we know as “concert festival”. What “concert festival” is truly called is Music Performance Assessment, and is considered to be the “End of Course Test” for band. The first nine weeks during the spring semester is spent preparing for concert festival. The goal is to achieve a “Superior” rating, or what we call it, a “1”. Mount Pleasant received Superior ratings in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010.

CONCERTS

The Mount Pleasant Band holds three concerts each year. Our Winter Concert is a combined effort with the Mount Pleasant Middle School Band and is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2010. We also have a pre-festival concert that is typically scheduled for the third Thursday in March. Our spring concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011. Students wear their concert uniform attire for all concerts.

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

My ultimate career goal, or purpose, is for the students of Mount Pleasant High School Band to never feel the frustration and disappointment from the constant change in leadership, technique, attitude and structure that I experienced as a high school student of music. There are of course many ways to do any task, but we will always make it our mission to put forth 110% effort in everything that we do in the name of the Mount Pleasant Band. I never want our kids to know what it feels like for someone to be embarrassed for them. At some point in time we have all felt embarrassed for someone else, or some other team, or group, etc. We will never be that person, team, group, etc. We will work harder, smarter, and better than any other organization in North Carolina because we owe that work to our school, our community, our families, our alumni, and most importantly to ourselves. We will instill in all people an awareness of music’s important role in the enrichment of the human spirit. We will *Play Like Champions Everyday* because we know that *Excellence is not an event*;

it is a habit, and we believe that *Pain is just weakness leaving the body*. Every musician is looking for something special. We have found it. We are Mount Pleasant Band. Welcome home.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION & PERMISSION FORM 10-11

(Student's Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

(Grade) (Birth date) (Instrument or Section)

(Student's Home Address) (City, Zip) (Home Phone) (email address)

(Father/Guardian Name) (Place of Business/Work) (Work Phone) (email address)

(Mother/Guardian Name) (Place of Business/Work) (Work Phone) (email address)

IN CASE OF ILLNESS OR EMERGENCY, THE FOLLOWING PERSON MAY BE CONTACTED IF THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS CANNOT BE LOCATED:

(Name of Friend/Neighbor) (Phone Number) (Relationship to Student)

List any Medications that your son/daughter will need to take: _____

List any health problems regarding your son/daughter that we need to be aware of: _____

Is your son/daughter under any medical treatment presently? __yes __no. If yes, please list reason: _____

I, _____, the parent of _____, have insurance coverage, which will accept responsibility should an accident or health problem arise.

Insurance Information (Company): _____ Policy #: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

RELEASE FORM

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE ADULT SUPERVISION ON ALL OUTINGS INVOLVING THE MOUNT PLEASANT BAND. IN THE EVENT THAT MY CHILD SUFFERS ANY ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT REQUIRING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE MR. TULBERT, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACQUIRE ANY NECESSARY HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICATION, OR SURGERY FOR MY CHILD, UNDERSTANDING THAT MR. TULBERT, OR HIS DESIGNEE WILL CONTACT ME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. I ALSO GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO TRAVEL WITH THE BAND. BY SIGNING, I ATTEST THAT I WILL NOT HOLD MR. TULBERT, MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL, CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS, OR ANY CHAPERONES RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS.

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A NOTARY CAN BE FOUND AT ANY BANK, POST OFFICE, OR GOVERNMENT CENTER. THERE ARE TWO NOTARYS IN THE MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. YOUR HEALTH FORM, IN ORDER TO BE A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT, MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY. DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO MR. TULBERT WITHOUT A PARENTAL SIGNATURE AND THE SIGNATURE OF A NOTARY AT THE BOTTOM. IN THE EVENT A HEALTH AND PERMISSION FORM IS RETURNED WITHOUT NOTARIZATION, IT WILL BE RETURNED AND THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE BAND UNTIL THE PAPERWORK HAS BEEN PROPERLY HANDLED.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Notary Public _____ Date _____

Seal My commission ends _____
Mount Pleasant High School Band Permission For Field Trips #1

Date: August 2, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In order for your son/daughter to be allowed to participate in off-campus, we must have the following agreement signed by a parent/guardian giving permission. This permission form is blanket permission for the entire 2010-2011 school year.

Sincerely,

_____, Principal

_____, Band Director

Destination: All Football Games (home and away) & Parades

Mode of travel: Activity Bus or Chartered Bus Car__ Other__

Approximate time of departure: **TBA**

Approximate time of return: **TBA**

This is to certify that I/we the parent/parents/guardian of (name of student) _____ do hereby grant permission for him/her to attend all football games (home and away) and all parades and understand that all CCS, MPHS and Mount Pleasant Band rules and policies apply.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mount Pleasant High School Band Permission For Field Trips #2

Date: August 2, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In order for your son/daughter to be allowed to participate in off-campus, we must have the following agreement signed by a parent/guardian giving permission. This permission form is blanket permission for the entire 2010-2011 school year.

Sincerely,

_____, Principal

_____, Band Director

Destination: All Marching and Concert Band Competitions

Mode of travel: Activity Bus or Chartered Bus Car__ Other__

Approximate time of departure: **TBA**

Approximate time of return: **TBA**

This is to certify that I/we the parent/parents/guardian of (name of student) _____ do hereby grant permission for him/her to attend all marching and concert band competitions and understand that all CCS, MPHS and Mount Pleasant Band rules and policies apply.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mount Pleasant Band Attendance Policy/Mount Pleasant Schedule Acknowledgement Form 2010-2011

We, the parent(s)/guardian of _____ have carefully reviewed the Mount Pleasant Band Attendance Policy and the Mount Pleasant Band Schedule for 2010-2011. We have marked our personal calendar and we have cleared all rehearsal and performance dates with our child's employer or faculty advisors for additional activities. We have no conflicts at this time. If a conflict should arise, we agree that we have an obligation to notify the band director as soon as the conflict becomes evident.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mount Pleasant High School Marching Band Uniform Contract 2010-2011

I do hereby agree that I have read and understand what is expected of me with regard to the maintenance of the band uniform. I also understand that I will be expected to replace, at my own expense, any part of the uniform that is lost or damaged while it is issued to me.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____