

Mead High School Bands



DOWNBEAT Updates & Announcements

1/11/2021

Hey Band!

1. A quick update with SmartMusic in the Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic classes – SmartMusic is no longer using an app format, so plan on accessing the website, login, and MHS class sheet music through Safari on your iPad or Google Chrome from a computer. Mr. Lemons and Miss K have Course Codes to join our specific ensembles.
2. Between the Poinsettia Fundraiser and donations, we raised \$2,621.10 towards our new marching uniforms! The estimated grand total for uniforms is approximately \$33,000. SVVSD Fine Arts has updated their commitment and has put a freeze on funding towards our uniforms until the district has a better idea of their financial situation due to events over the last several months. We do not predict the ability to fund the uniforms ourselves, so we will wait to refresh uniforms when the district resumes commitment to the funds. We realize this negatively impacts the 2021-2022 school year and both Mr. Lemons and Miss K are open to ideas to generate a solution that does not involve SVVSD Fine Arts. Please feel free to contact them via email with questions or concerns.
3. Earn Lettering Points and help us honor some great people! One of the ways you can earn Lettering points this year is by helping me create a video that we will send to the UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital later this month. During the spring semester last year, several students sent encouraging videos to the workers at this hospital because of a connection one of our students has with this specific location. They reached out to us recently and are hoping we would be up for a new video this year. For this video, all you simply need to do is send me a video of you saying "thank you" "thanks" "thank you very much" or a similar very short message/phrase. Please make sure you're thoughtful about things like having an appropriate background, audio quality, and as always, please wear Mead Band apparel if possible. This video will be our way of thanking the workers who have always shown great service to our community, but have logged countless hours supporting and serving patients throughout the course of this virus.

**EMAIL YOUR VIDEO TO LEMONS, UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO TO GOOGLE DRIVE AND SHARE,
OR UPLOAD TO THE DROP BOX ALBUM IN THE MEAD BANDS SCHOOLGY GROUP.
DUE FRIDAY**
4. Registration is quickly approaching and we enthusiastically encourage all non-seniors to return to our ensembles next year! Band isn't band without the amazing energy, musicianship, and friendship you bring to our band family. Please don't hesitate to email or call Mr. Lemons or Miss K if you have any concerns or hesitation about sticking with us next year!
5. Due to the many changes and challenges this school year, a temporary system is in place for students interested in earning their Performing Arts Letter in band this year. The following page has a chart with ways to earn points towards lettering. You must total 100 or more points in order to earn your letter and a Google Form Application will be available later this semester. Please contact Mr. Lemons or Miss K with specific questions or to apply for student requested activity points.

Description	Points	Notes
Participate in a virtual performance	5 (maximum 25)	Must be a virtual performance with a MHS Band Ensemble
Create a video for band website/social media	2 (maximum 10)	Contact Lemons for details
Marching Band Member	5	All marching members earn 10 points
Fall Concert Band Member	5	All FCB members earn 5 points
Spring Concert Band Member	5	All SCB members earn 5 points
Spring Symphonic Band Member	5	All Symphonic members earn 5 points
Jazz 1 Member	10	All Jazz 1 (Advanced) members earn 10 points
Jazz 2 Member	10	All Jazz 2 (Intermediate) members earn 10 points
Unified Percussion Mentor	5	All UPE Mentors earn 5 points
Marching Band Drum Major or Section Leader	2	2020-2021 leaders earn 2 points
Apply for 21-22 Section Leader or Drum Major	2	2021-2022 applicants earn 2 points
Apply for 21-22 Jazz 1 or Symphonic Band	2 (4 max)	2021-2022 applicants earn 2 points
Video record 12 major scales	1 per scale (12 max)	one octave, ascending and descending, with arpeggio
Video record 12 minor scales	1 per scale (36 max)	one octave, ascending and descending, with arpeggio
Video record PAS rudiments (percussion only)	1 per rudiment (40 max)	Contact Lemons for details
Submit a virtual solo or ensemble performance	15	Contact Lemons for details - DUE: Before Spring Break
Compose and perform a solo piece for your instrument	15	Contact Koehler for details - DUE: Before Spring Break
Organize or attend a virtual section bonding event	5	Contact Koehler for details
Create a Mead Band Meme to be posted on Social Media	2	Contact Koehler for details
Longs Peak Hospital Video Submission	5	Contact Lemons for details - DUE: January 15
Student Requested Activity/Event/Performance	Up to 10 max	Contact Lemons or Miss K to request your idea