

Mead High School Bands



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Hey Band!

1. If you are new to Mead HS Bands: The Downbeat is a weekly newsletter with updates and announcements to help keep us all together. The Downbeat is published in the Announcements section of the band website (MeadHSBands.com) and emailed to band student and families through Infinite Campus.
2. We have had success using the Schoology platform to maintain steady updates with the students, and will continue since it is a district and school expectation. However, we are implementing a new tool/app for faster and easier communication with students and parents/guardians. You'll still have the same resources (band website, schoology, infinite campus, social media), but we think this addition will be helpful.

- a. **The BAND app will allow all band students and family members a central location for communication, updates, reminders, calendar events, and easy access for parents to communicate with each other.**
- b. **There are currently 3 groups in the BAND app:**



- i. **Mead HS Marching Band Section Leaders and Drum Majors**
- ii. **Mead HS Marching Band (Marching Band students and family only)**
JOIN: <https://band.us/n/aea312kcZ5I2n>
- iii. **Mead HS Bands (ALL Mead HS Band students and family)**
JOIN: <https://band.us/n/a3ad10kbZcJfB>

3. The Mead Summer Concert Band begins next week! This ensemble is designed for middle school and high school students looking for a chance to play a primary or secondary instrument in the concert band setting. It's not too late to register! The link is on our homepage (MeadHSBands.com) and payment can be delivered to the first rehearsal.
 - a. June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, & 13 from 9:00 AM – Noon in the Mead HS Band Room
4. Summer Marching Band Rehearsals are Thursday evenings 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Mead HS Auditorium. Rehearsals begin this Thursday, May 30 and will continue until Marching Band Camp (no rehearsal July 4).
5. Marching Band Camp is July 29 – August 9 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM). A detailed schedule will be published next week.

6. All confirmed dates for the 2019-2020 school year are available at the bottom of the band website, but will also be added to the new BAND app calendar. Many of the dates are still pending, but will be published as early as possible.
7. The Mead HS Marching Band is going to Disney World during Spring Break 2020! Many of you are already signed up, and making monthly payments. It is not too late to register! Scroll through the Announcements section of the band website to find the Disney World documents for registration.
8. Our first Disney World Fundraiser is up and running. The Simply Sheets Fundraiser is a great way for you to reduce the overall cost of the Disney World Trip. While the fundraiser is a group effort, sales are documented by the individual seller, so the harder you work, the less you pay for Disney World. This fundraiser is all online, so you don't have to worry about selling door to door, collecting money, or delivering items to anyone. Simply setup your online account, send friends and family to your store, and the profits are tracked.
 - a. If you have not received a fundraiser envelope, see Mr. Lemons during Summer Concert Band or a Thursday Evening Marching Band Rehearsal for an envelope!
9. Mead HS has hired a part-time Assistant Director of Bands! A huge part of her job this fall will be co-teaching Marching Band, but she will also teach guitar, music technology, and study hall on A Days both semesters. We are extremely excited to add Ms. Abby Koehler to the team. She is an incredible musician, brings a ton of energy to the program, and is enthusiastic about joining the program. Students: You can watch a short intro video and read more about Ms. Koehler in the Mead Bands Group in Schoology.
10. Haven't joined the Mead Bands Group in Schoology? Here's the group code:
 - a. 8S88X-QNW59