



MHS Band & Color Guard

January 2010 Update & News!

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Happy New Year! For your use, attached is a recent calendar with all band events, including honor bands, winter guard, drumline, concert, string and jazz performances and more, including:

Rummage Sale - SA, 1/16 7AM - 1PM- here's a chance to clean out your closets and garages and help the band raise a few dollars! Drop off dates for the stuff you'd like to contribute are Sunday, January 10th from 3 - 5:00 PM and Friday, 1/15 6 - 8PM. A few volunteers are needed to help at the garage sale. Please contact Kristine Reynolds for more information. Furniture, working electronics, books, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, kitchen supplies, shoes, clothes - all are welcome in this huge (with your help!) multi-family sale. Tell your friends!!

Booster Meeting - Wednesday, 1/13- we haven't met since November, so come hear about the success of the Tree Lot and learn about all the upcoming concerts, clinics, etc. All jazz parents are encouraged to come learn about the April trip to the Reno Festival.

Fees the next payment for drumline and winter guard is due 1/22/10. Second semester fees for concert band (\$75 per semester) and jazz will be discussed at the January meeting.

Honor Band Information

Auditions for the Ventura County honor band are Tuesday, January 12.

Auditions for the Ventura County Honor Jazz Band are February 2.

Music and information is posted online at www.vchb.org.

Strings Performance 1/14

The Strings Class is currently scheduled to perform at a Strings Exchange concert to be held at Ventura High School on Thursday, January 14th from 1-3 PM. They will perform for 3 other participating high school strings programs, followed by an ice cream social. Drivers are currently needed! Let Ms. Blake know if you are available.

Jazz Trip to Reno for all Jazz Students

The three jazz bands are planning to compete at the Reno Jazz Festival this coming April 22-24, 2010. The Reno Jazz Festival is one of the biggest of its kind in the world and we are very excited to go. This trip will be discussed in detail at the booster meeting on January 13th. Please attend if you have questions or concerns. Right now, we are trying to keep the cost to the students below \$300, and will have a firm cost by the time of the meeting. More information about the festival can be found at http://www.unr.edu/rjf/festival_info.htm

Congratulations to the following students who made it into the California State Honor Band: Tyler Reynolds (clarinet), Kevin Grasel (horn), Garrett Reynolds (trumpet), Alex Kim (Oboe/English Horn), and Brandon Choi (trumpet). They will be going to Fresno the weekend of February 18-21, and performing on the 21st with top high school music students from across the state.

Senior Scholarship Possibility: The Performing Arts Scholarship from Friends of Arts at the Cerritos Center is giving away up to \$12,000 to high school seniors. Application deadline is January 15: www.friendsofaecc.com