

Band Parent Meeting

Friday, 08/19/11

Dave Allen – Band Board President

Dave opened the meeting and welcomed all the parents and introduced them to what it means to be a Band Booster.

- Discussed how band prepares students with discipline, teamwork and vision.
- Explained how band helps students with time management skills, better study habits and gives access to academic and music tutors.

Directors Report: Josh Kurzweil

Mr. K reviewed the Student/Parent Handbook on overhead screen.

- Award winning program but a young program
- Best way to contact the directors is by email
- Introduced all directors
- Explained Band Leadership Team (BLT), officers and Drum Majors
- Expectations are mature responsible actions, regardless of musicianship
- Handbook is not all inclusive, but does try to cover all situations
- Review absences, excused/non-excused
- Review tardies and consequences
- Best practice is to check band calendar
- Covered rules and regulations
- Reviewed consequences
- Explained extended rehearsals
- Use of school instruments, maintenance fee, any damages paid for by student
- Important of practice and private lessons
- MNHS provides high caliber teachers for lessons
- Random drug testing is used
- Review of the eight hour rule
- Review of co-curricular/extra-curricular contract
- Identified places for student AND parent signatures of understanding

Dave Allen: Explanation of Meal Plan

Meal Plan is available to all band students before games and at competitions. Meals before games are provided by Market Street. There is usually 80% participation. If meal plan is not purchased, student will need to bring a sack meal or have one brought up to the school.

Sean Conant – Volunteer Coordinator: What to Expect and Who to Know

Sean explained how a typical home game schedule goes from the point the school day ends.

- 2:30-3:30 time to work on homework, go to tutorials and change clothes.
- 3:30-4:30 meal is served (if plan was purchased) or eat sack meal.
- 4:30-4:45 get into uniform and go to practice field.
- 5:30 Loading crew puts equipment and pit instruments on truck
- 6:00 Buses depart for Ron Poe Field
- 10:30 Buses return to MNHS
- 11:00 CiCi's Pizza – must have your own transportation.
- 12:00 Depart CiCi's Pizza

Away game schedule varies depending upon the distance. Check email Mr. Harkey sends out at the beginning of each week. No CiCi's on away game nights.

At home games, there is a very small section of seats next to the band and just above the drill team for parents. Please allow room for the parent volunteers and chaperones in the seating just next to the band.

Dave Allen:

Meeting wrap up and adjourn to field to watch band and have snow cones.