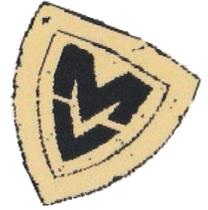




Musical Notes



Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

Aug. 4, 2015

“Meet the Teacher” during rehearsal

Coming up:

- ◆ **Monday, Aug. 17:** Mandatory meeting for 8th-grade band parents, 7 p.m., MVHS auditorium
- ◆ **Monday, Aug. 17:** Music Boosters meeting, following parents meeting
- ◆ **Friday, Aug. 21:** Home football game vs. Hamilton Heights
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 5:** Marching band competition at location TBA
- ◆ **Wednesday, Sept. 16:** Fall Concert for middle-school bands, 8th grade band, and indoor HS band

The 8th Grade Academy has designated this Thursday at 6 p.m. as “Meet the Teacher” night. However, that time happens to fall during marching band rehearsal.

If the weather is decent, you can find Mr. Ellinger in the school’s north parking lot, working with the marching band. If it’s storming (which is possible), he and the band will be in the band room. Parents who want to meet him Thursday are welcome to do so at this rehearsal, as well as enjoy watching the high-school band practice.



If you can’t meet him Thursday, you will see him Monday, Aug. 17, at a mandatory parent meeting for the 8th grade band.

During this meeting, parents will start at the school media center (library) to update their students’ My Music Office

accounts. Then in the auditorium, Mr. Ellinger will address performance dates, expectations of students in the building, freshman year, and the high-school band’s 2017 trip to New York City.

The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes. Afterward, 8th-grade parents can check out the Mt. Vernon Music Boosters, who will meet immediately after the parent meeting. Middle-school band parents are welcome to join the booster organization! **GO MARAUDERS!**

Join the Music Boosters!

The Mt. Vernon Music Boosters provide support to Mr. Ellinger and Miss Anderson (choir director) by helping raise money for the music department and its students. The Boosters also help coordinate activities between parents and music teachers.

The next Music Boosters meeting is coming up immediately after the 8th-grade band parent meeting Monday, Aug. 17. Check us out! All band and choir parents are welcome to join!

Receive up-to-the-minute notifications with the Remind app

As mentioned in the handbook sent home with 8th graders, you should install the Remind app on your smartphone and sign up to receive notices from Mr. Ellinger.

The app is free and keeps all phone numbers private.

To receive Remind updates specific to the 8th-grade band, text [@mvband8](https://www.remind.com/join/mvband8) to 81010 or sign up online at [https://](https://www.remind.com/join/mvband8)

www.remind.com/join/mvband8. If this is your first time using Remind, reply to the message you receive with your first and last names.



Because other Mt. Vernon teachers also use Remind, it’s a good idea to get the app on your phone. However, if you don’t have the app installed, you’ll receive the notifications via text messages.

Arrgh! Help needed to build show props

This year, the Band of Marauders will use props as part of its undersea show, “Beneath the Surface.”

Helpers are needed to get the props built, so put on your tool belt and grab a hammer to join in the fun. Speaking pirate isn’t mandatory.

The main prop is the front hull of a pirate ship. Amanda Fronek, volunteer coordinator for the Mt. Vernon Music Boosters, is calling for handy helpers to build the hull’s framework and then to paint it.



The band also needs volunteers who can help transport the hull to the shows. If you have a trailer available or a vehicle that can pull a trailer, please contact Amanda via email at amcottin@hotmail.com.