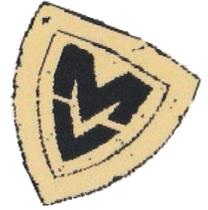




Musical Notes



Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

Sept. 2015 Supplemental

- ◆ **Wednesday:** Fall concert for all middle-school bands and indoor band, 7 p.m., high school auditorium
- ◆ **Friday:** Homecoming football game vs. Delta
- ◆ **Saturday:** Band invitational at Lawrence Central High School
- ◆ **Monday, Sept. 21:** Music Booster meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Friday, Sept. 25:** Home football game vs. Pendleton Heights
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 26:** Band invitational at Greenwood High School



New fund-raiser starts Thursday

Each fall, the high-school and 8th-grade bands sell products from Century Resources. Money from these sales go into the general band fund.

The sale begins Thursday and ends Oct. 1. Orders will be delivered after fall break.

Payment for products is due on delivery. To simplify processing, all parents should collect money in their name and write one large check to *Mt. Vernon Music Boosters*.

Century Resources offers various items, but this sale will focus on cookie dough (pre-cut in trays), cheese, and sausage.

Letter jackets are in!

Herff Jones will deliver letter jackets Sept. 30 from 8-9 a.m. in the band room. The remaining balance is due at time of pickup.

Band awarded 2nd-place trophy in Fishers

Wind couldn't blow away the Band of Marauders' chances of securing a second-place trophy in Class B at the Fishers Invitational over the weekend.

At the fourth-annual event at Fishers High School, Decatur Central won first for Class B. Plainfield came in third.

"Our performance was right where it should have been in certain spots, and a bit rough in others," said Mr. Ellinger, after the excitement wore off.

The day of the competition was somewhat cloudy and warm, but very windy.

Concert to feature all middle-school bands for first time

Even though the 8th Grade Academy is considered part of the middle school, the 8th-grade band has performed its concerts separate from the other middle-school bands. Until now.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., the 8th-grade band will perform in concert with the 6th- and 7th-grade bands in the high-school auditorium. This is the first

Coming up:

Lawrence Central Marching Band Invitational
Saturday; gates open 3 p.m.
Itinerary to come

Greenwood Marching Band Invitational
Saturday, Sept. 26
Itinerary to come

Of course, wind can affect the color guard's performance, but it also "pushes sound waves around, which can diminish the overall perceived sound output of the band," he explained. "This was the case for //

bands throughout the day, and not just Mt. Vernon."

But the wind wasn't the only problem Mt. Vernon faced. Mr. Ellinger was concerned that the band's size—nearly half that of competing bands in Class B—would have more of an impact on performance quality.

However, he and the students are happy with the result. "They are working extremely hard," he said, "and I am glad they had a strong first showing to validate their efforts."

time all middle-school bands have performed together since the school restructuring of 2011.

As Mr. Ellinger explained it, he and Mr. Day wanted to collaborate on concerts because it's the right thing to do.

And by using the high-school auditorium instead of the middle-school gym, parents won't have to sit on uncom-

fortable bleachers or worry about finding a decent parking spot.

The concert will include the middle-school "Fun-K" band, which combines the jazz and pep bands, and the "indoor" band, which is for high-school students who want to be in band all year without participating in marching band.