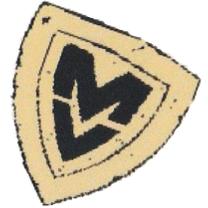




Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

Musical Notes



Sept. 9, 2015

Coming up:

- ◆ **Thursday, Sept. 10:** Pit auditions for [fall musical](#), 4 p.m.
- ◆ **Friday, Sept. 11:** 9/11 Tribute concert, 7 p.m., high school auditorium (see next page)
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 12:** Band invitational at Fishers High School
- ◆ **Wednesday, Sept. 16:** Fall concert for all middle-school bands and indoor band, 7 p.m., high school auditorium
- ◆ **Friday, Sept. 18:** Homecoming football game vs. Delta High School
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 19:** [Band invitational](#) at Lawrence Central High School
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 26:** Band invitational at Greenwood High School

Donations sought for snack wagon

The Mt. Vernon Music Boosters need donations to help restock the snack wagon so they can provide snacks for band members on competition days.

Snacks include fresh fruit, string cheese, water, and individually wrapped items such as granola bars and Little Debbie cakes.

If you haven't done so already, please visit [Signup Genius](#) to indicate what items you can provide.



The Band of Marauders performed parts 1 and 2 of its show, "Beneath the Surface," at the first home game of the season.

Band prepping for season's first contest

The Band of Marauders is getting ready for its first competition this season.

On **Saturday**, the band will make its first appearance at the Fishers Invitational, in one of the newest stadiums in Indiana.

The Fishers High School stadium seats 3,600, and its field is covered with synthetic turf. "We do not compete at invitationals unless the school has [synthetic] turf," said Mr. Ellinger, noting that ISSMA competitions are the exception.

Twenty bands are registered to compete in the [fourth annual Fishers Invitational](#). Mt. Vernon will compete

Fishers High School
13000 Promise Road
Fishers, IN 46038

Admission:
\$7 for adults
\$5 for children and students
Free for children age 5 and younger

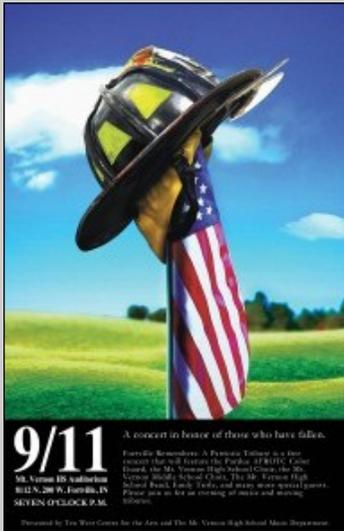
against four other bands in Class B. "We love that your band is coming!" said Jay Gabbard, invitational chairman, in an email. He said that gates open at 3:30 p.m., the first Class D band will hit the field at 4 p.m., and the entire show should wrap up around 9:45 p.m. And according to the schedule Mr. Ellinger received, Mt. Vernon

will perform at 5:45 p.m.

For the Fishers competition, the band won't perform "Beneath the Surface" in its entirety. Mr. Ellinger said he will determine how much of the show the band will perform—just parts 1 and 2, or parts 1, 2, and 3—before Saturday's performance.

He said that ISSMA mandates that a show must be between 6 to 10 minutes long, with 2 minutes to get on the field and 1 minute to get off the field.

"Most invitationals follow ISSMA rules but are incredibly lax on timing penalties," he noted, "because most schools will not perform their entire show in September." **GO MARAUDERS!**



Band to perform at tribute

The night before it competes at the Fishers Invitational, the Band of Marauders will participate for the first time in an annual 9/11 tribute concert.

On Friday, the fifth annual [Fortville Remembers: A Patriotic Tribute](#) memorializes those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, and honors local heroes who save lives every day. This free concert starts at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and will feature more than 200 performers.

The marching band (musicians only) will open the tribute by playing the national anthem. Students should arrive at the band room by 6 p.m. to get in uniform and warm up. They will perform at 7 p.m. and be dismissed by 7:15 p.m.

Other acts scheduled to perform include the Purdue University AFROTC Honor Guard, choirs from the high school and middle school, soloist Emily Trittle, and emcee Rick Garrett.

The tribute is co-produced by the Mt. Vernon High School Drama Department and Ten West Center for the Arts.

Tips for proper behavior in the stands at band contests

Now that the band is heading off to competitions, reviewing the following Do's and Don'ts would be a good idea. Mr. Ellinger distributed printouts of these at the beginning of band camp:

DO arrive early to get a good seat. Sit as high and centered in the bleachers as possible for the full effect. Try to sit with other MVHS parents so you can feed off of everyone's energy.

DON'T have one or two overzealous parents try to save a whole section of bleachers for just our fans. Seating is generally first-come, first-served.

DO share and converse with those around you (even those from other schools) between band performances.

DON'T talk during *any* band's performance. Also, avoid moving around in the bleachers during performances. This is essentially a concert. People around you want to hear every note and see every effect. Save your comments for



Using noisemakers is encouraged right before and right after Mt. Vernon performs.

between bands, and pick one band to miss as you go to the restroom or the concession stand.

DO wear your school colors proudly! (The show T-shirts should be in before the competition!)

DON'T wave pompons or pennants, or hold up big banners or signs. Doing so only distracts the performers and obstructs the view for others in the audience.

DO find the positives in each band's performance and applaud their efforts.

DON'T make negative comments while within earshot of other audience members. If you must point out flaws, wait until the drive home.

DO watch *everything* that's going on in our program.

DON'T just zero in on your child for the entire show. You will miss a lot!

Restaurant card sales generate easy money for band accounts

Like last year, the Band of Marauders is selling restaurant cards that directly benefit individual band accounts. Each card sells for \$10. If a band member sells five cards, that \$50 goes directly into that band member's account. Not one penny goes toward production costs.

Each card features five local restaurants. In McCordsville, the restaurants are Kinsey's Italian Cafe, The Grill 2, and the Subway on Broadway. Also included are El Cinco de Mayo Mexican Restaurant and Lincoln Square Pancake House, both in Fortville.

Subway's offer is a free 6-inch sandwich with the purchase of a 6-inch sandwich and 30 oz. drink. All the other restaurants offer \$5 off a purchase of \$25 or more. Present your

card when you pay your bill, and the server will mark off one of the \$5 notations at the bottom. Each card can be used 24 times. The cards pay themselves off in two uses. If you use the card all 24 times by the June 1, 2016, expiration date, you ultimately will save \$110.

Collection envelopes are available at the front of the band room, next to the chained red deposit box. After collecting the sales money, a student should put his/her name on the collection envelope and then slip it inside that chained box. The sales will be credited to the student on a spreadsheet and sent to the treasurer.

If you have any questions or need more cards to sell, you can email [Jim Smith](#), sponsorship coordinator.