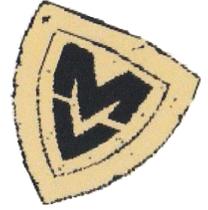


Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

# Musical Notes



June 2016

- ◆ **Friday:** End-of-camp ice cream social, 9 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday:** Car wash, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Neal Tire and Auto Service
- ◆ **Monday, June 13:** Jazz band concert, 6:30 p.m., plaza behind courthouse, Greenfield
- ◆ **June 13-17:** Color guard camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Memorials planned for Tristan

As the band continues to mourn the loss of Tristan Carson, the Music Boosters are considering ways to create a lasting memorial to him.

At the moment, nothing has been finalized. However, memorial contributions made to the band in Tristan's name will be put toward a tribute of some kind.

One idea is to establish a scholarship in his name. The boosters have received approval from Tristan's parents to do just that. The details are still being worked out, however, but will be explained in a future issue of *Musical Notes* when they are finalized.



For the graduation ceremony, a chair with a bouquet and a pair of drumsticks on it was placed in front of the band in memory of Tristan Carson. Here, the band plays "Black Granite."

## Seniors toss mortarboards

The band said good-bye to the Class of 2016 at MVHS's graduation May 27.

The ceremony wasn't easy, considering the passing of senior Tristan Carson the day before, but through the tears the band soldiered on, playing "Heaven's Light" in his honor. The graduating seniors—including Tristan's twin, Ian—joined the band briefly to play "Black Granite."

The following band students received their diplomas during the ceremony:

- ◆ **Cassandra Bridges** (clarinet)
- ◆ **Ian Carson** (clarinet)
- ◆ **Tristan Carson** (percussion)
- ◆ **Roye Chae** (clarinet)
- ◆ **Jessica Flood** (bass clarinet)
- ◆ **Lucas Lee** (bari sax)
- ◆ **Will Linville** (baritone)
- ◆ **Emily Neuendorf** (bassoon)
- ◆ **Jessica Patrick** (alto sax)
- ◆ **Evan Schacherer** (trombone)
- ◆ **Tristan Sutton** (French horn)
- ◆ **John Upchurch** (trumpet)
- ◆ **Leanza Valenti** (bassoon)
- ◆ **Sabrina Woods** (oboe)

## Students receive annual awards

During Extravaganza, Mr. Ellinger passed out awards for most improved and outstanding students for each grade level, as well as the Louis Armstrong Jazz and John Philip Sousa Band awards. The following students received certificates for their achievements:

### 8th grade:

- ◆ Benjamin Emery (French horn), Most Improved
- ◆ Gavin Blankenship (trombone), Outstanding

### Freshmen:

- ◆ Logan Moore (tuba), Most Improved
- ◆ T.J. Bass (alto sax), Outstanding

### Sophomores:

- ◆ Sydney Blankenship (flute), Most Improved
- ◆ Grace Miller (percussion), Outstanding

### Juniors:

- ◆ Emily Frost (percussion), Most Improved
- ◆ Luken Rigsbee (tuba), Outstanding

### Seniors:

- ◆ Roye Chae (clarinet), Most Improved
- ◆ Cassandra Bridges (clarinet), Outstanding

### Louis Armstrong Jazz Award:

- ◆ Sophomore Andrew Roembke (trumpet)

### John Philip Sousa Band Award:

- ◆ Senior Evan Schacherer (trombone)



8th-grader Benjamin Emery

Dr. Andy Smith passed out awards to the following members of the steel pan ensemble during Extravaganza:

- ◆ Kenneth Cox, Most Improved
- ◆ Emma Flick, Outstanding

And at the 8th-grade promotion ceremony May 26, Mr. Ellinger gave out departmental awards to the following students:

- ◆ Gavin Blankenship (trombone)
- ◆ Anastasia Deimling (flute)



Briefs

Celebrate end of Band Camp #1 with an ice-cream social

To celebrate the end of Band Camp #1, the Music Boosters will set out ice cream and toppings Friday night so students and their families can build their own sundaes.

For admission to the event, families are asked to bring a half-gallon container of any flavor ice cream. The boosters will provide toppings, bowls, and spoons.

The social will start outside the cafeteria shortly after camp ends at 9 p.m. It should conclude around 10:30 p.m.

Car washes to benefit band

This Saturday, students will get all sudsy as they wash cars to raise funds for their band accounts.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Neal Tire and Auto Service will host the car wash. The business is located at 13894 E. 96th St., behind the gas station at 96th and Ohio Road. The students will wash cars for donations only, and the proceeds will be divided among the students who work.

The color guard will also wash cars at Neal Tire on June 18 and July 30.

Meals available for purchase for Band Camp #2

Because each day at Band Camp #2 will last eight hours and run through the dinner hour, students need to bring their own meals. Or they can purchase a simple meal for about \$3-\$4. If you are interested in this service, please fill out a form during this week's camp.

On Fridays during Camp #2, the Music Boosters will provide a meal to all students free of charge.

Band earns "All-Music Award" for 2015-16

All that hard work this past school year has paid off handsomely. As announced by Mr. Ellinger during Extravaganza, the MVHS band was awarded an ISSMA All-Music Award for its achievements during the 2015-16 school year.



Mt. Vernon was one of 68 high-school bands to earn the honor this year. MVHS also earned it for the 2006-07 and 2012-13 school years.

To earn this distinction, MVHS earned gold ratings at the following three

ISSMA events:

- A marching band event: The Band of Marauders received a gold rating at the Scholastic Class A preliminaries in October, which enabled it to move to the final competition two weeks later.

- Jazz Festival: The jazz band received a gold rating in Group III.

- Organizational Festival: The concert band received a gold rating in Group I.

MVHS also had to have at least one soloist and one ensemble advance to the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble contest in February. Nine soloists and nine ensembles from MVHS advanced to the state finals by earning gold ratings in Group I at the district ISSMA competition in January.



Viewing tower built

Mr. Ellinger won't have to drive that cherry picker to and from its storage area for marching practice any more.

As mentioned in the March Musical Notes, the school board voted to invest in the band by approving the purchase of 100+ new instruments and a permanent viewing tower to be built next to the practice lot.

The tower is 28 feet tall and metal. It was built by Educational Steel Products of Noblesville.



Clip and collect Box Tops to benefit band

If you got into the habit of collecting those Box Tops labels from various grocery products for the elementary schools, here's your chance to re-establish that habit.

The 8th-grade band is now enrolled as a beneficiary of this program. The Box Tops for Education program benefits only kindergarten through 8th grades, so only the 8th grade band can receive the proceeds from this program. But that doesn't mean that high-school families can't contribute.

You can find Box Tops on various brand items from General Mills, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, and other companies.



Each Box Tops clipping is worth 10 cents. Occasionally, you might find bonus Box Tops coupons or eBoxTops of a higher value. For example, Sam's Club has a special going on until July 31 that when you buy three or more Box Tops for Education items in one transaction, you will earn 100 eBoxTops.

Look for the collection box set up in the band room to drop off your clippings.