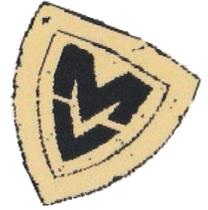




Musical Notes



Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

July 2015

Coming up:

- ◆ **Friday, July 24:** Sip and See, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Friday, Aug. 21:** Home football game vs. Hamilton Heights
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 5:** Band competition at location TBA
- ◆ **Saturday, Sept. 12:** Lord's Acre festival parade in McCordsville (following rehearsal)



Working out the drill formations during Band Camp Part II. During the preview Friday, sections will be color coded.

The following are the officers for the Mt. Vernon Music Boosters this year:

- ◆ **President:** Christy Bovard
- ◆ **Vice President:** Cindy Hill-Guy
- ◆ **Secretary:** Patti Sutherlin
- ◆ **Treasurer:** Erin Flick
- ◆ **Volunteer Coordinator:** Amanda Fronek
- ◆ **Hospitality Coordinator:** Beth Smith
- ◆ **Communications Coordinator:** Susan Dunn

Band's 2015 show takes a trip underwater

This year's show, "Beneath the Surface," represents life underwater. The band and guard will use various methods to depict this:

- ◆ The guard will represent four "schools" of fish, with each school of four guard members wearing a unique uniform.
- ◆ The front ensemble will represent a sunken ship. The show will also incorporate ghosts from the sunken

ship.

- ◆ A treasure chest will appear at the end of the show.

Chris Frick developed the field drill. (He has worked with MVHS for many years.) Craig Fitzpatrick wrote the musical score, basing it on Francis McBeth's "Of Sailors and Whales."

"While marching band shows typically utilize multiple selections of music, I felt this piece has more than

enough solid material to create a show," Mr. Ellinger explains. "This original music tells the story of *Moby Dick*. Using this as the basic inspiration, we decided to focus on the generalities of underwater life."

Mr. Ellinger reports that the marching band grew by 25 percent. Last year, 59 musicians and color guard made up the band. This year, that number is 73: two drum majors, 16 guard, and 55 musicians. **GO MARAUDERS!**

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



If you haven't done so already, you should install the Remind app on your smartphone and sign up to receive notices from Mr. Ellinger. Many parents already have Remind installed because other Mt. Vernon teachers use the app.

To receive Remind updates specific to the band, text @mvbandhs to 81010 or sign up online at <https://www.remind.com/join/mvbandhs>. If you don't have the app installed, you'll received the notifications via text messages.



In the Spotlight

Over the summer, several band members excelled in various endeavors.

- ◆ Junior **Gavin Stamper** has been playing mellophone with the Madison (Wis.) Scouts drum and bugle corps since May. He took his sophomore finals two weeks early so he could join the group as it rehearsed in southern Indiana. He will miss the first two weeks of school as the Scouts finish up the season. (That means he's not practicing with the Band of Marauders just yet.) The weekly Fortville/McCordsville Reporter plans to publish an article on him (and former MVHS drum major **Logan Whitehouse**) soon.
- ◆ Sophomore **Nathan Williams** worked at Camp Belzer this summer as a shooting sports counselor to the Cub Scouts. A Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 236 in Mount Comfort, this was his first summer working at camp. This is also his first year in marching band; he participated in the concert band as a percussionist last year.
- ◆ Sophomore flute player **Erin Dunn** participated in the Hancock County 4-H Fair queen pageant last month. Pageant organizers invite girls ages 16 and older to go through the application and interview process to try to become queen or a member of her court. (The queen herself must be at least 18, per state rules.) All queen candidates in Hancock County also must be active in 4-H; Erin has been in 4-H for seven years.

Help support the band with a simple shopping change

The Mt. Vernon Music Boosters have set up various fund-raisers to help support the band and to increase student accounts. One simple fundraiser involves enrolling your Kroger Plus loyalty card in the company's Community Rewards program.

By enrolling your loyalty card, a percentage of your Kroger purchases will go toward the band's general fund and help with expenses.

To enroll your card, log in at www.kroger.com. From the Community menu, select Community Rewards.

Find your Organization

Enter the organization's number or at least 3 letters of your organization's name and click 'Search'.

Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

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Other fund-raisers, such as scrip cards, will be detailed in future issues of Musical Notes.

Band makes presence known online as well as on the field

The Band of Marauders has an online presence as well as an on-field presence.

The main website, at mvhsmusic.org, covers MVHS's entire music department. Mr. Ellinger and the choir director, Miss Anderson, keep it updated.

You can eventually use this website to make payments to your band member's account. The payment feature is currently under construction but is expected to be functional soon.

Another important area of this site is the band-specific calendar, which you can view by selecting Band Calendar from the Band menu. Mr. Ellinger keeps this calendar up-to-date to reflect all rehearsals, performances, and other band activities. Because it's through Google Calendar, you can copy events to your personal calendar. Don't wait for this newsletter,



Remind messages, or emails to know what's coming up.

Another way to keep tabs on what's happening is to like the Band of Marauders Social Page on Facebook. This page was set up so that all band members, families, and instructors have a place to upload photos and videos of performances, practices, social events, and even selfies.

The third site, My Music Office, can be accessed through the Parents menu of the main website. It enables parents to view their kids' band accounts.

Parents updated their My Music Office usernames and passwords during the parent meeting in May. If you forgot your logon information, usernames for freshmen (and all new students from here on) follow a simple formula:

mv + (first initial) + (last name) + (graduation year)

So a freshman by the name of John Doe would have this username:

mvjdoe2019

The password for everyone should be *student*.