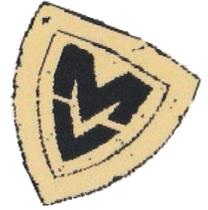




Musical Notes



Mt. Vernon Music Boosters

March 2016

- ◆ **March 10:** 8th-grade band ISSMA preview concert, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **March 13:** Daylight Savings begins (move clocks forward)
- ◆ **March 12-27:** Spring break
- ◆ **March 29:** Winter guard banquet
- ◆ **April 8:** ISSMA competition for 8th-grade band

8th-grade band presenting ISSMA contest preview

Now that Solo & Ensemble has passed, it's time to be thinking about ISSMA band contests.

The 8th-grade band will be competing April 8 or 9 (contest date and time will be determined closer to that weekend) at Greenfield-Central Junior High School.

Before doing so, however, the band will present a preview of its show to parents **Thursday** at 7 p.m. in the MVHS auditorium. The band will perform a march, a ballad, and a fun piece, in keeping with ISSMA requirements.

Before the 8th-grade band takes the stage, however, Mr. Day's 6th- and 7th-grade bands will perform as part of an independent event. Judges will grade each band and then meet with the students afterward for a quick critique.

The high-school band also will compete, but not until April 23. Its preview concert is Thursday, April 14.

New instruments, tower approved for band

It was like Christmas all over again for the band when boxes and boxes of brand-spanking-new instruments arrived Feb. 18.

The 103 instruments arrived courtesy of the school board, which approved their purchase at a meeting in January. Seven more instruments will eventually arrive from Muncie Music Center. "Some instruments are not manufactured until ordered, and some are in such high demand or commonly purchased they are on back order," said Mr. Ellinger. Overall, the band will receive 110 new instruments.

Concert winds: Wooden piccolos, bass clarinets, a contra-bass clarinet, bassoons, a soprano sax, bari saxes, double French horns, F-attachment trombones, valve trombones, euphoniums, and four-valve tubas

Concert percussion: High-octave and low-octave crotales, a vibraphone with vibrato motor, various-sized marimbas, various-sized snare drums, full set concert toms, various-sized crash cymbal pairs, various-sized suspended cymbals, and various-sized China cymbals

Marching instruments: Mellophones, baritones, snare

drums with sound projectors, tenor drums, graduated bass drums, and carriers, cases, stands, covers, and stick bags for all drums

Yet to arrive: An English horn, a flugelhorn, contras (marching tubas), 1.5-octave chime set, and a set of five copper-bottom timpani

The school board also approved the purchase of a permanent 28-foot tower that will be installed next to the practice lot sometime in the spring.



Some of the new instruments are replacements, some are in addition to the current inventory, and some are new inventory.

Students bring home gold from State Solo & Ensemble

MVHS sent nine soloists and nine ensembles to the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble contest Feb. 27. Of them, 16 came home with gold ratings and two with silver ratings—which equates to *two-thirds of the band earning gold*.

At North Central High School in Indianapolis, 46 Marauders competed as soloists and/or as ensemble members. All but two soloists earned gold ratings.

The following soloists received gold ratings: Roye Chae, clarinet; Emma Flick, oboe; Leah Klinestiver, flute; Andrew Roembke, trumpet; Nicole Schreiner, flute; Gavin Stamper, French horn; and Patrick Watson, four-mallet marimba

The following soloists received silver ratings: Mary Barnett, alto saxophone; and Evan Schacherer, trombone

The following ensembles received gold ratings:
Flute Trio: Leah Klinestiver, Jennifer McGowen, and Nicole Siefker

Clarinet Trio: Cassandra Bridges, Ian Carson, and Tara Paarlberg

Woodwind Trio: Jennifer McGowen, Tara Paarlberg, and Sabrina Woods

Flute Quartet: Sydney Blankenship, Jennifer McGowen, Nicole Schreiner, and Lauren Vest

Trombone Quartet: Nathan Casler, Jacob

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Brass Quintet: William Linville, Luken Rigsbee, Andrew Roembke, Evan Schacherer, and Gavin Stamper

Clarinet Ensemble: Hayden Bailey, Emily Bostrom, Cassandra Bridges, Ian Carson, Hannah Burch, Roye Chae, Jessica Flood, Samantha Foster, Holly Haney, Elizabeth McCleery, Tara Paarlberg, Ilana Rodriguez, Sabrina Woods, and Adison Wooldridge

Percussion Ensemble: Cole Bridges, Tristan Carson, Kenneth Cox, Emily Frost, Mackenzie Grinyer, William Linville, Robert Lockett, Victoria Miller, Brendan Mitchell, Benjamin Parke, Michael Pellom, Patrick Watson, Nathan Williams, and Jun Yang



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Briefs

Heading to college? Consider these marching bands

Graduating from MVHS doesn't mean your marching days have to be over. You can join the legendary bands at the following universities, and you don't have to major in music to do so.

IU's Marching Hundred

If you are heading to Bloomington to attend Indiana University this fall, consider

joining this 280-member band. By



participating in the Marching Hundred, you receive two hours of *tuition-free* credit. To find out more about this 120-year tradition, visit this [info page](#).

BSU's Pride of Mid-America

If you are heading off to Muncie for Ball State University this fall, consider joining the PDMA marching band. You don't have to audition to join PDMA, unless you want to be on the drumline or in the color guard. Audition dates for the [drumline](#) and [guard](#) are coming up in April. To find out more about PDMA, visit this [info page](#).

Purdue's All-American Band

The Purdue University All-American Marching Band in West Lafayette has been around since 1886—its big bass drum not as long. You don't need to audition to get into this band; however, auditions for the band's [Golden Silks](#) color guard are coming up in April. Visit the band's [info page](#).



At the ISSMA Jazz Festival at Whiteland High School over the weekend, the MVHS jazz band earned gold ratings from all three judges. "Other directors in the audience were very impressed with our level of performance," said Mr. Ellinger. "All judges had very complimentary comments on our score sheets."

Work at Speedway to benefit band accounts

As you've probably noticed from emails in your inbox, the Band of Marauders has a new fundraiser available to help pay for band fees.

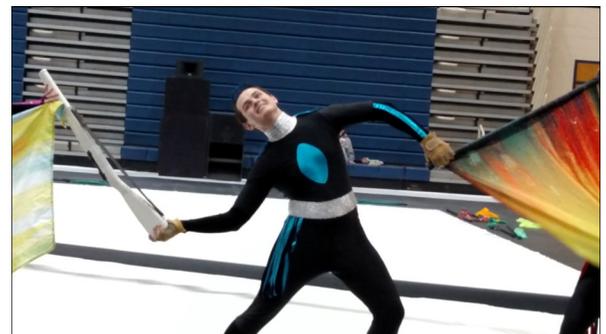
Parents and family members can now volunteer to work at



the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. This work is one of two mandatory fund-raising opportunities for the "My Fair Share" marching band payment plan. The other is Lucas Oil Stadium concessions, which will become available later in the year.

At the IMS, the jobs will be relatively simple and won't involve concessions or cleaning the stands after a race. Volunteers are needed for Carb Day, Legends Day, the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500-Mile Race, and the Brickyard 400. Each volunteer will receive \$75 per event, which will be credited directly to a student's band account.

Entry forms (attached to the emails) are due to the band room **THIS WEDNESDAY**. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!



Senior Evan Schacherer performs with the winter guard at Decatur Central.

Winter guard advances to finals

The season is winding down for the MVHS winter guard. And what a season it has been!

For the second year in a row, the MVHS varsity winter guard is advancing to the IHSCGA state finals. The team competed in Class A at the preliminaries over the weekend at Decatur Central High School. The team will head to Center Grove High School in Greenwood for its performance Saturday at 1:40 p.m. Last year, the winter guard finished 11th in the state finals.

Two weeks before the preliminaries, the winter guard competed in Scholastic Class A at its first Winter Guard International (WGI) regional contest. The team placed 18th out of 32 teams. Of those teams, 16 advanced to semi-state. Mt. Vernon missed making it to semi-state by only two places, but considering that this is the team's first appearance in WGI, this is still a great accomplishment!