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Hello, MTMB Students and Parents!

Friday was an exciting way to cap off a GREAT week of rehearsals. The field show continues to grow and develop confidence; your performance was the best of the year so far in many ways. I was also impressed with how everyone made our middle school band guests feel welcome and included at Youth Night! One middle school trumpeter thanked me in the fourth quarter for showing him just how much fun band was! Congratulations on a successful Week 4.

It is now that time of the season where we will be performing the field show nearly as often as we are practicing it. This week is where our first year members discover what is so special about performing at a band showcase, right here on our home field!. These next few weeks are critical in shaping the final production that audiences will see on the field at the end of the season...there is so much to do and so little time! This is where establishing and maintaining good rehearsal routines and etiquette is going to pay off!

Here are a few important MTMB updates for week 5 of the regular season (HALFWAY!) Please read this document thoroughly (it's longer than in previous weeks!) and contact [Mr. Siegel](#) with any questions you have.

CHEERING EACH OTHER ON!

- THANK YOU to the Equipment Squad, who came to a special rehearsal on Thursday to work with the new on field props. We appreciate your extra time, how quickly we were able to get the logistics worked out, and for the special part you now play in bringing the show to life!
- THANK YOU to everyone who spent time making one of our middle school band members feel welcome and included at Friday night's game. Whether you loaned them a flip book, helped make sure they knew where to be and when to be there, or simply said a kind word and shared a smile, THANK YOU. They are the future of the band and I think they saw a really GREAT example of what it is like to be in the marching band. Way to go!

Absences

Attendance at rehearsals and performances is mandatory for all student performers. The only exceptions are sudden personal illness (verified by a parent or doctor), medical or family emergency (verified by a parent or doctor), or religious obligations. *If you need to miss a band rehearsal or performance at the last minute due to a personal illness or emergency, please contact [Mr. Siegel](#) via email. THANK YOU.*

This Week's Schedule - Week 5

- Tuesday, September 16 - Practice 6:00-9:00 PM (Doors open 5:30 PM)
 - Today we will spend 90 minutes in split sectionals.
 - Woodwinds and Brass will be on the "Band Lot" learning the last of the choreography for the show.
 - Color Guard and Percussion will be in the stadium.
 - The final 90 minutes of rehearsal will be spent together in the stadium working ensemble visual w/ Mr. Paules.
- Thursday, September 18 - Practice 6:00-9:00 PM (Doors open 5:30 PM)
 - This is a big picture rehearsal, focused on review of Tuesday's work and improving the overall performance.
- Friday, September 19 - Football (A) @ Hempfield HS
 - **Report Time = 4:45 PM (Doors open at 4:15 PM)**
 - Instruments to Curb no later than 4:45 PM
 - Load Truck and Instrument Van = 4:45 PM
 - Team Meeting in Auditorium = 5:15 PM
 - Load Buses = 5:30 PM
 - Depart Time = 5:40 PM
 - Arrive at HHS = approx. 6:00 PM
 - Unload Gear and Move to Stadium Upon Arrival
 - HHS Band Performs Pregame = approx. 6:30 PM
 - Football Game Kickoff = 7:00 PM
 - MTHS Performs = Halftime
 - Approximate Return Time to MTHS = 10:30 PM
- Saturday - September 20 - Showcase @ Manheim Township HS
 - **Report Time = 12:30 PM (Doors open at 12:00 PM)**
 - 12:30 PM = Team Meeting in Band Room
 - 1:00 PM = Practice Begins
 - 3:30 PM = E-Squad REPORT TIME to Stadium
 - 3:45 PM = Practice Ends / Run Through
 - 4:00 PM = Clean Up - Preset Gear for Showcase - Get Uniforms

- 4:30 PM = Dinner (*Eating at Concessions / Food Trucks - bring \$\$\$*)
- 5:45 PM = Greet the MS Band (*Cheering Tunnel*)
- 6:00 PM = Show Begins (MTMS, E-Town, Ephrata, Tulpehocken, L-S)
- 7:15 PM = Intermission
- 8:00 PM = Show Continues (Solanco, LC, PM, JPM)
- 8:15 PM = MT Warmup Begins - Report to Warmup Area
- 9:00 PM = MTMB PERFORMS
- 9:15 PM = Mass Band Finale on "Hey Baby!"
- 9:30 PM = Show Ends, Clean Up Campus (*All Hands on Deck!*)
- 10:30 PM = Approximate Dismissal Time

Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you to all parents and student drivers for making drop off and pick up times safe for our students and staff. Parents: a quick reminder that you should park in the auditorium lot while waiting for us to return from away events. The car rider loop in front of the high school should remain clear of cars until the equipment truck is completely unloaded. Thank you for your continuing support.

Looking Ahead - Future Away Events

- Wednesday - September 24 - Ephrata Fair Parade
The Band Boosters will be providing dinner tonight. Details TBA!
 - **Report Time = TBD**
 - Load Instruments, Flags, Parade Banner = 5:45 PM
 - Auditorium Meeting = 6:00 PM
 - Load Buses = 6:10 PM
 - Depart Time = 6:15 PM
 - Approx. Return Time = 10:30 PM
- TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Subject to Change
Saturday, September 27 - Showcase @ Lancaster Catholic HS
 - **REPORT TIME = 12:00 PM** (Doors open at 11:30 AM)
 - 12:00 PM = Team Meeting in Band Room
 - 12:30 PM = Practice Begins
 - 3:00 PM = E-Squad REPORT TIME to Stadium
 - 3:15 PM = Practice Ends / Run Through
 - 3:30 PM = Load Instruments and Equipment
 - 4:00 PM = Team Meeting in Auditorium
 - 4:15 PM = Load Buses
 - 4:30 PM = Depart for LC
 - 4:45 PM = Arrive at LC and Unload Instruments/Equipment
 - 5:00 PM = Dinner (Food Trucks - bring money to buy dinner!)

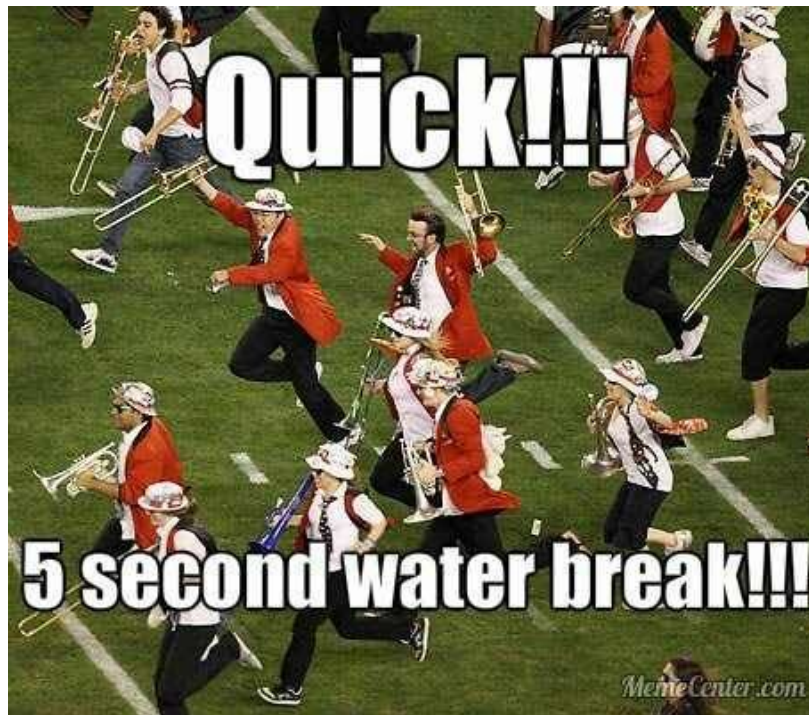
- 5:50 PM = Report to MT Seating Section
- 6:00 PM = Show Begins (Schedule TBD)
- 9:15 PM = Clean Up, Load Gear, Return Home
- 9:45 PM = Approx. Return to MTHS

Quick Scheduling Note: Thursday, September 25 is “Parent Night” at the high school. This is an OFF night for the band; no practice.. Take this time to ensure you are up to date with all academic work (for eligibility purposes) and that you get the rest needed to continue to be at your best for the Lancaster Catholic Showcase..

Final Thoughts

I am looking forward to a GREAT week ahead. Let's continue to focus, strive for excellence every chance we get, and make the most out of our performances this week at Hempfield AND at our first showcase of the season!

~Mr. Siegel



*“We forget: In life, it doesn’t matter what happens to you or where you came from.
It matters what you do with what happens and what you’ve been given.”*
— Ryan Holiday, *The Obstacle Is the Way: The Timeless Art of Turning Trials into Triumph*