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## Newsletter 2023.24.3

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Greetings! Congrats to the Marching Dukes on their Excellent Ratings at Avon! The MDM are getting ready for their eighth Football Game and our third Competition at Meadowbrook next Saturday.

### ALL Bands

Please look at attending our Booster Meetings. It is for the entire program - not just the High School. Our next meeting will be **October 17th at 7:00** in the HS Band Room. Please keep posted on all of our events at [www.marlingtonband.org](http://www.marlingtonband.org). For all ensembles, our first **Concert** will be **December 19th at 7:00 in the High School Auditorium**. Our Middle Schools students wear black on bottom and white on top. Dress clothes are expected. We are performing and need to look the part! Feel free to get clothes from the second hand stores as a way to save money - especially with growing Middle Schoolers! More details to come....

Our **Popcorn Fundraiser** will be delivered on **October 12th**. You can pick up the orders by the victory bell entrance to the High School from **4:15 - 6:30**. Afterwards, you could stay to see the MDM perform their **Family and Friends Show** at the Main Field starting at **7:00**. They will be performing both shows from this year.

## FOR ALL NEW BAND MEMBERS -

**Lessons are a requirement.** These students are very welcome to join our Band Family but are behind in their skills compared to the other students. They need individual help that I cannot provide during class. I have High School Students ready to start helping out and will be calling to make arrangements. I will be at all of the HS led lessons and will oversee the process. Other private teachers are also an option. I will just need to know who they are taking lessons from.

### 6th Grade Band

Reminder that ALL students need to have their instrument, Red "Traditions of Excellence" Book, Folder, pencil, and iPad at every class. We still have a few students without books!!!! Students will need to have headphones on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please encourage the students to practice at home (especially on the weekends) since our class time will not be enough to help them improve. In other classes we call it homework. Our first performance will be on December 19th. Students need to be there at 6:30. Students are required to stay until the end of the concert.



## 7th Grade Band

The group is progressing in the Blue Book and doing a nice job reviewing!  
*Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* **ANYONE SWITCHING INSTRUMENTS MUST TAKE PRIVATE LESSONS.** Please see the New Band Members section.

We will be performing for the last Football Game of the regular season on **October 20th**. Students should wear Marlinton clothes and dress appropriately for the weather. We will be there for the whole game and the students will get to play with the High School at half time. They will also receive food at the game but may wish to purchase extra. All students should be at the High School by **6:00**. The game starts at 7:00. Students should be done around 10:00.

## 8th Grade Band

The group is progressing well in the Blue Book and working on the HS Cheers.  
*Please make sure that all of the students have headphones.* We will be performing for the last Football Game of the regular season on **October 20th**. Students should wear Marlinton clothes and dress appropriately for the weather. We will be there for the whole game and the students will get to play with the High School. They will also receive food at the game but may wish to purchase extra. All students should be at the High School by **6:00**. The game starts at 7:00. Students should be done around 10:00.

## Guitar

We will be performing at the Winter Concert on **December 19th**. This is a mandatory performance. The students should be at the High School by 6:30 for the performance. Admission is free and the students are required to stay until the end.

## High School Band

Football Games - This **Friday**, we have the Homecoming Game and the alumni will be joining us. **RTG is 5:45**. Next week, we have a Football Game at Salem and RTG is 5:30. Our last Football Game is at home against Alliance. We will have our MS Band students joining us for the game.

Competitions - We have two more opportunities to qualify for States. That means only **6** more practices. Please help the students to stay healthy and please do not schedule appointments during these times. We are learning lots at practice and this puts the students really behind. **October 14th** is the *Meadowbrook Competition*. **RTG is 2:45**. Doors open at 1:00. We perform at 6:15. Awards will be at 9:15. **October 21st** is the *New Philadelphia Competition*. **RTG is 4:15** and doors open at 3:00. We perform at 6:45. Awards are at 9:45.

We may qualify for State Marching Band Finals which may also extend our season. Please stay up to date on the calendar.

Thanks to all of the Students and Parents for their hard work and willingness to get ready for this year's performances. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Musically Yours,

*Bret Rindergast*

