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“The schools and districts we recognize this year – both new and repeat honorees – represent a diverse group of urban, rural and suburban districts and demographics,” said Mary Luehrsen of The NAMM Foundation. “Along with a strong commitment to music education, there are two common traits that each program shares: consistent funding that anchors music education as part of the core curriculum and music programs that are located in communities where music education is viewed as a jewel of the school system. Parents, administrators and community members are proud of these local music programs and attend them regularly.”

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McCracken County High School Band Handbook

The purpose of this handbook is to serve as an operational guide for students, parents, and staff. This handbook will outline a systematic approach to the philosophy and organization of the McCracken Band program.

Whenever any questions may arise, please check this document first. If your question is not answered, please call 270.538.4000 ext. 5617 or email john.lovell@mccracken.kyschools.us and speak to the Band Director. You are also welcome to call Mr. Lovell's cell phone at 270.348.3038.

Keeping this handbook and other class handouts in one file or notebook will provide you with a reference throughout the year for all McCracken Band events, as well as McCracken Band Booster events and activities. Also, please check the Band website at mccrackenbands.org often for updates and information.

The Band program at McCracken County High School (MCHS) holds a very important role in both the school and the community. The McCracken Band is the most visible organization in the entire school district and it is each member's responsibility to exhibit a high standard of musical excellence, maturity, and professionalism. Appearances at concerts, sporting events, parades, contests, and community and civic events add color and life to the school and the entire Paducah/McCracken County community.

The primary role, however, of the McCracken Band program is music education through performance. Music is a unique combination of science and art. It can inspire both intellectual and emotional stimulation. The curriculum will seek to instill an awareness of music's important role in the enrichment of the human spirit.

COMMUNICATIONS

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<https://www.remind.com/apps>

Information app for the MCHS Band

Concert Band	Send text message @mchsc to #81010
Competition Band	Send text message @mchsma to #81010
Symphonic Band	Send text message @mchssy to #81010
MCHS Percussion	Send text message @mchsper to #81010
Wind Ensemble	Send text message @mchswi to #81010
Jazz Band	Send text message @mchhsjaz to #81010
ColorGuard	Send text message @8kafh3 to #81010
WinterGuard	Send text message @mchswinte to #81010

band

<https://www.band.com/>

Information app for the MCHS Band



website

www.mccrackenbands.org

The Band website is where you will find all things having to do with the McCracken Band including...

Band forms

Band calendar

Photos

News

Miscellaneous Information

These and more are added to our website on a regular basis.

our staff - Contact information on page 7-8

mccracken county band boosters

2019-2020 Booster Officers (Contact information on Page 34)

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Band App - <https://band.us/n/aea2z1VaEay9H> (iphone, android, tablet, desktop)

Booster Form - www.mccrackenbands.org/booster.html

(subscribe to receive Booster emails and see all of our volunteer information)



PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE BAND PROGRAM

To teach music through performance.

To teach excellence in life and music.

SECONDARY OBJECTIVES OF THE BAND PROGRAM

To develop performance skills on various wind and percussion instruments and pageantry arts.

To provide for the musical needs of the school and community.

To teach an appreciation for aesthetics in music.

To acquaint students with different periods and styles of music and how they relate to their culture.

To provide group experiences leading to the development of lifelong relationship and self-discipline.

To promote and foster good citizenship and virtues of ethical and moral behavior.

All rights go along with responsibilities. When you want to have the right of driving a car, you assume the responsibility of not running over stuff and paying attention when you drive.

There are many “rights” that go along with being a member of the McCracken Band/Guard. To you, the Band might be:

- learning and mastering an instrument
- a college scholarship
- free admission to ball games
- the thrill of playing in front of huge crowds
- a chance to learn and play high-quality music
- a credit in the Arts'
- a good line on your college application
- fun times with your friends on weekends, etc.

There are responsibilities that go along with these rights.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BAND MEMBERS

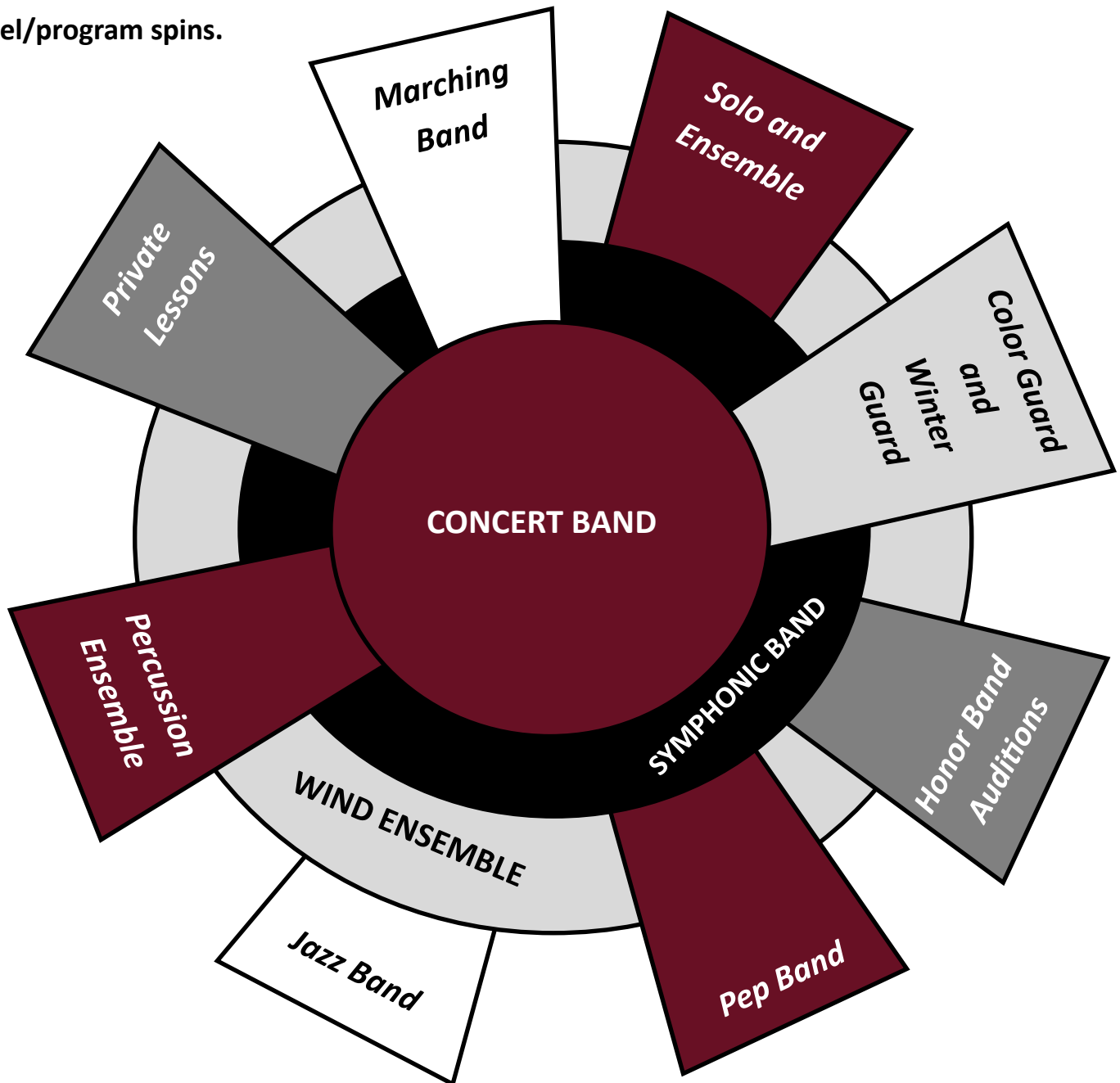
1. Be on time to all rehearsals and performances. This includes having all equipment and materials in working order. Our motto is 10 minutes early to every Band event is on time. To be on time is to be late.
2. Each member is responsible for his or her self. Don't assume that someone else has your stuff!
3. Make a real effort to become a better performer everyday.
4. Plan ahead and do not “double book” yourself. Keep a personal calendar and use it!
5. Be responsible for your actions.
6. Be helpful to fellow members; you all depend on each other!
7. During a rehearsal, only speak when invited.
8. Avoid negative chatter or gossip in person or on social media. Try to never start a sentence with: “I've heard that...” That's how gossip begins. Instead, begin with a proper noun, “Mr. Jones told me that...” or “Suzie asked me about...”
9. Respect staff, parents, chaperones, bus drivers, and directors.
10. Keep Band room neat and clean/rehearsal space should always be left neat, clean, and organized.

BAND CURRICULUM IN BRIEF

The following diagram represents the hierarchy of the McCracken Band program. You will note that the Concert Band/Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble is the nucleus from which all other facets stem. The stronger our Concert program is, the stronger all other areas may become. The success of each area leads to success in the other areas.

All students are required to be enrolled in a Concert Band class before taking elective classes (Marching Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble). Students not enrolled in concert band classes will not be allowed to participate in All District / All-State / Honor Bands as per KMEA rules.

**Each spoke is important
to how well the
wheel/program spins.**



OUR STAFF



John Lovell, Director

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John Lovell is currently in his nineteenth year of teaching and fourth as the director of bands at the newly formed McCracken County High School in Paducah, KY. Mr. Lovell earned his bachelor of music education degree and masters from Austin Peay State University.

Mr. Lovell oversees the 170 plus member band program at McCracken County High School which includes the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, beginning and advanced percussion ensemble classes, marching and pep-band, winter guard program and co-teaches a 200 member guitar program. Prior to his appointment at McCracken County High School, he was the band director at Todd County High School 2000-2005 and Hopkinsville High School from 2006-2014.

The bands under his direction have consistently received distinguished ratings at KMEA district and state concert festivals, while his marching bands have consistently competed at the state level. Mr. Lovell is a frequent guest conductor for area honor bands around the state.

Mr. Lovell currently resides in West Paducah, Kentucky, with his wife of nineteen years, Cara, and their two children, Landon and Kendall.



Kelley Ray, Assistant Director/Jazz

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Mr. Ray inherited his love of music and teaching from his talented family. His father sang in a gospel trio while his mother played piano, they were also both educators.

Kelley is in the sixth year as he manages and directs the **MCHS** instrumental Jazz program, teaching Theory and Improvisation, as well as directing the big bands and combos. He also teaches AP Music Theory and guitar classes. He assists with directing the overall band program and serves as the musical arranger and a computer for both the Mustang Marching Band and the Concert Band.

In his 20+ years as a musical educator, Mr. Ray has been a director at many institutions including the Fulton and Graves County School systems. Ballard Memorial and the former Lone Oak High School. Prior to his teaching career, Kelley worked both a professional touring and studio musician. He has earned advanced degrees in Vocal and Brass Performance also Jazz Studies from Campbellsville University and Stephen F. Austin State University. At Murray State University he received a Rank I Education Certification. Mr. Ray is a member of the Kentucky Music Educators Association and the National Association for Music Educators.

OUR STAFF



Ralph Matlock, Director of Percussion

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Ralph has been teaching percussionists for over twenty years and has taught at numerous schools in West Tennessee and Western Kentucky. He founded the percussion ensemble program at Lone Oak High School, and then upon the McCracken County school consolidation, continued the after school program at the new location. The Advanced Percussion Ensemble program gives an opportunity to push the students limits as well as create well rounded percussionists. Performing pieces of various styles and time periods as well as other non traditional pieces keeps students interested and learning, while also developing skills and appreciation for all types of percussion.

Under his direction, the McCracken County Advanced Percussion Ensemble was selected to perform at the 2018 Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference.

Originally from West Tennessee, Ralph Matlock attended Murray State University where he marched with the Murray State Racer Band under the direction of John Fannin and Dennis Johnson. Throughout the years he has had the privilege to study under great instructors such as James Powell, Dr. Eric Willie, and Dr. Tom Vanarsdel.



Jeremy Watwood, Guard Caption Head

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Mr. Watwood is in his 20th year in the McCracken County Public School System. During this time, he served as a social studies teacher for 11 years and has been guidance counselor for the last eight years. Currently, he is serving as a guidance counselor at McCracken County High School.

Mr. Watwood has been involved with marching bands and winter guards for over 20 years. He worked with the Lone Oak "Kentucky Colonel" Marching Band and winter guards for 10 years. Those groups were consistent state semi-finalist and Grand National Championships Class A semi-finalist. Since 2011, he has been on staff with Eklipse Winter Guard, an independent group from Nashville, TN. Eklipse is a prestigious Winter Guard International Open Class Finalist in 2019.

OUR STAFF



Stephanie Buchanon, Assistant MMB Director / Drum Majors

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Mrs. Buchanon is in her tenth year as an educator and her second year as the piano instructor for McCracken County High School. In addition to her piano teaching, Mrs. Buchanon also co-teaches the morning percussion ensemble class and instructs the front ensemble for the Mustang Marching Band.

A 1999 graduate of Ballard Memorial High School, she performed in the front ensemble for Ballard's marching band (serving two years as section leader), student conductor for band and choir in her senior year, and received the John Philip Sousa Band Award. Mrs. Buchanon received her Bachelor of Music degree from Union University in 2003 and her Master of Arts in Education from Murray State University in 2016. In her music career, she has taught music at all grade levels (pre-K through 12th), voice and piano as a private instructor and served as a church pianist.

Mrs. Buchanon resides in Grand Rivers, KY with her husband Matthew and daughter Olivia, as well as their five dogs.



Eli Case, Sound Manager / Assistant Percussion Instructor

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Eli is in his 3rd year of instructing the Front Ensemble and running the sound for Mustang Marching Band. He also runs sound for the Clemens Fine Arts Center, works as a composer/sound design specialist (having multiple shows published as of this year), and is the production manager at his church.

A 2017 graduate of McCracken County High School, he performed in all aspects of the McCracken County Band, as well as being the section leader in those ensembles.

He played as a percussionist throughout his middle school and high school career and has been part of group performances at the KMEA conference twice. Eli was a member of multiple honors bands throughout his high school career and played in the Blackman Wind Symphony.

As well as his high school instructors, Eli has had the pleasure of studying under Dr. Christopher Butler and Dr. Julie Hill.

CONCERT PROGRAM



The Concert Band setting is the most important part of the McCracken Band Program. Although membership is open to anyone, chair placements are held once in August and again in January. These ensembles perform frequently, but the dates are always known months in advance. See the Band calendar online. Performances are mandatory and count towards the students' grades. A typical performance schedule for the Concert Band would look similar to this:

Fall Concert — October

Christmas Concert — December

KMEA Concert Festival/Pre-Festival Concert — March

Spring Concert — May

AVAILABLE CONCERT BAND CLASSES

Grading Criteria see the next page.

Concert Band Camp One (1) weekend in the Spring semester, there will be a series of rehearsals/sectionals/performances scheduled to get a jump-start on festival music. A common date will be set and attendance is expected from every member of the section. This event will be on a Saturday in the Spring.

Sectionals Throughout the year, six (6) sectional rehearsals will be held after school. A common date will be set and attendance is expected from every member of the section.

Materials Each year, the bands will cover almost 15 pieces of music and each student is responsible for the original copies. Keeping us with this music is of huge importance because it is your "textbook" for the class. Students may be asked to replace his/her music at cost if lost or damaged due to negligence.

Concert Dress Required dress for all Concert Band performances will be all black or uniforms unless it is a costumed event. Black T-Shirts, jeans, and tennis shoes are not acceptable. When we perform, we need to look our best. Please do your part. When we perform in uniform, black socks, and shoes are needed. We will not wear hats, gloves, or gauntlets when in uniform for Concert Band. Any problems acquiring the above dress code should speak with Mr. Lovell in enough advance notice to solve the problem. Most problems with dress can be worked out if given appropriate time. Failure to fulfill performance dress code will result in loss of performance opportunity and/or lowering of grade.

Concert Band This ensemble is made up of students primarily from grades 9-10. This ensemble focuses on grade 3-4 music and further developmental techniques and exercises to enhance individual musicianship.

Symphonic Band This ensemble is one of the largest in the entire state of Kentucky. This Ensemble is made up of students primarily from grades 11-12. This ensemble focuses primarily on grade 4-5 music and further developmental techniques and exercises to enhance individual musicianship.

Wind Ensemble This is the premier ensemble of the McCracken Bands. This is an audition group only - with placement in the group being determinant on the student's performance in previous ensembles or recommendations from middle school or previous directors. This ensemble is primarily comprised of 11th-12th grade students with exceptions of musical ability on a case by case basis. This ensemble focuses on the highest grade level of band literature as utilized at the collegiate level. The Wind Ensemble also performs and competes in Regional, State and National music festivals and competitions. Wind Ensemble membership has more rigorous requirements: Students are required to perform at the following events: Solo/Ensemble assessment, All-District Band Auditions, Chair Placement Auditions, and playing tests (generally recorded and submitted).

GRADES

Each nine-weeks will have a specific grade outline. The outline is the official grading plan, use it and keep up with it! This will include playing tests, daily participation grades, music quizzes, pencil checks, and performance opportunities.

Playing Tests / Pencil Checks / Music Quizzes

There will be playing tests given throughout the semester. Grades will be based on knowledge of music and quality of musicianship and performance; as well as, music fundamentals and technique exercises as part of the 4 year McCracken Band course of study. These may be live tests, or recorded utilizing each student's individual laptop with Garage Band, Google Apps, Sight-Reading Factory or SmartMusic software. These playing tests will be kept in individual digital portfolios. A playing test will occur in late September each year to determine chair placement for Concert Bands. Students may later challenge higher chair placements in order to move up the section. A challenge form is required for this procedure to occur—See director.

Daily Participation Grades

Daily class grades are based on performance, participation, preparedness and attendance. This also carries over to after school events including rehearsals and sectionals. In a group education setting, such as band, everyone's effort is crucial! Of course, having your music, your instrument, and all working parts is part of this, too.

Parades

Veterans Day Parade Friday, November 10 (During School) and Christmas Parade first Saturday in December.

Pep Band (Football and Basketball)

Schedules will be released prior to the season on the Band website at www.mccrackenbands.org. Dates on the pep band are subject to change based on the basketball schedule. District and Regional Pep-Band dates will be added to this schedule as the season progresses and are required for all members.

Performance Opportunities

Performances are much like tests, they are the culminating experience of the different units covered in class and should represent the highest standard of achievement. **Attendance at all performances is absolutely vital to the success of the Band and your personal growth as a musician. All major performances are mandatory graded events—See Band yearly master calendar. Posted on www.mccrackenbands.org.**

The McCracken Band schedule is given to you at the beginning of the year, is available @ mccrackenbands.org on the calendar and in .pdf form so that you can plan around these events. If a problem arises, the situation must be discussed with the director as soon as the issue is know. Formal documentation using the Band form for excused attendance is required at least two (2) weeks in advance. Waiting until the last minute or day of performance to inform everyone is NOT ACCEPTABLE and will result in lowering of grade. Of course, family emergencies will be taken into consideration.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REQUESTS FOR ABSENSE THROUGH <https://www.mccrackenbands.org/requestforabsence.html>

REHEARSALS



1. All rehearsals are **mandatory**. A parent must submit a request for absence form to the band director a week prior to the needed absence. Absence from practice whether approved or not may result in being removed from the week's performance.
2. **Come to rehearsal on time and ready to work, with all necessary equipment, i.e. instrument, reeds, music folder, drill, and pencil.** You should be mildly warmed up and ready to play promptly at the scheduled start of the rehearsal.
3. The use of electronic devices (computer, cellphone, etc.) during rehearsal is **strictly forbidden** unless the device is being used for the purpose of tuning.
4. **Do not talk or play during rehearsal** while the director is working with the band, as both are distracting to yourself, the director, and others. If you cannot play your part, in between runs is **NOT** the time to practice. Whether the director is working with your section or not, you should be attentive.

MUSTANG MARCHING BAND (#mmb)

The marching band aspect of the **MCHS Band** program is the most visible part of the program, possibly the most visible and noticed part of the entire McCracken County Schools. Performing as a marching band, the **MMB** will play at all home football games, several contests, and local parades.



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MMB Rehearsal Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3:30-6pm
Friday with Football Games until game
Dinner served after Friday rehearsal.

Scheduled Absences

The Band Director should be notified **IN ADVANCE** if a student is going to be absent from or late to a rehearsal. (<https://www.mccrackenbands.org/requestforabsence.html>) Absences from rehearsals are unexcused unless due to (a) personal illness, (b) death in the family, (c) an emergency or (d) special permission obtained by the director in advance in writing on the excuse forms. **DO NOT** make appointments during a scheduled rehearsal. Students are expected to meet the demands of marching band. They will be asked to memorize music and learn drill. If a rehearsal is missed without prior permission, that member is subject to be taken out of the next performance and/or miss the next trip/or be taken out of the ensemble all together. Attendance is taken electronically at each rehearsal. Three (3) or more absences will result in removal from the group.

Required Dress Reference Page 17 for MMB Uniform Requirements.

Sectionals Throughout the competition season there could be sectionals scheduled for practicing technique as well as music. Sectionals could be added on Wednesdays if needed. Attendance is encouraged.

Commitment Attendance for both weeks of **MMB** Camp during the month of July. Full group after-school rehearsals will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, as well as each Friday there is a home football game. Occasionally there are sectionals as well as full band rehearsals scheduled on Saturday's before competitions. Those additional rehearsals will be announced in class, during **MMB** practice, as well as through the Remind app. The **MMB** also performs for **MCHS** pep rallies and during the year will travel to perform for the middle school 8th graders for an **MMB** tour along with the annual Music In Motion marching competition held by **MMB**. We will also participate in all regional and state championships. **Students are expected to be at all sectionals, practices and performances.**

NEW FOR THE 2019 COMPETITIVE MARCHING SEASON incoming freshman students completing the fall season will receive **PE/Health Credit** for the class.

MMB Camps

July 8-12, 2019

Times to be Announced

Colorguard/Percussion Camp
@ MCHS

July 15-19; 22-26, 2019

8:00am-5:00pm

Full **MMB** Camp @ MCHS

**ALL CAMPS ARE MANDATORY. FAILURE TO ATTEND
COULD RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE GROUP.**

Fee Requirements

Band Fees — \$250.00 — This money goes to cover student, t-shirts, staff, equipment, uniforms, music, drill, and costs associated with travel. If a student is unable to fulfill this financial responsibility, it is their responsibility to discuss this with the band director. A fee schedule is set up to collect all monies by the first day of band camp and can be found on the registration form in this document.

Additional Fees

Marching Shoes — If your students needs marching shoes those will be ordered before our first show and cost \$40.00.

Drum Corp International (DCI)

Tickets — The **MMB** will attend the DCI competition in Murfreesboro, TN on 07/26/19 as a group. The charge for tickets is \$50.00. All band fees must be paid prior to purchasing tickets.

AUDITIONS

Drum Major auditions will be held in the Spring of the previous year April/ May and will consist of conducting excerpts of music, basic conducting skills, vocal commands, comprehensive interview process.

The role of Drum Major is generally reserved for upper-classmen students that have served a minimum of one (1) year in the Competitive Marching Band and possess the highest qualities that embody the Spirit and Pride of the McCracken Band program. Drum majors must also possess a high level of musicianship and demonstrate strong leadership skills.

Drum majors are responsible for conducting the McCracken Band during public performances, conducting during rehearsals, and managing sound equipment for the Band Director, and accepting awards at contest.

Selected students will be required to attend a Drum Major camp in the summer - generally in June.



Drum line Auditions Clinics will be offered in April to help students learn audition material. Final auditions will be held in late April. Students may audition for front ensemble or marching percussion. Acceptance into this group bears the responsibility of extra specialized rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

Color Guard Field Season

Auditions will take place in the

Spring of the previous year. (April/May) Auditions are open to non-band students grades 9-12 and select band students. There will be a uniform fee associated with membership into this group with the possibility of fundraising to help offset cost.

The color guard is a direct part of the Mustang Marching Band and will participate in all events as required by the Mustang Marching Band. (competitions, football games, parades)



Winter Guard Season takes place from late December-April and generally consists of 5-6 competitions and basketball game half-time performances. Auditions will take place in late Nov/Dec. This a specialized group that is just stand alone color guard. Group membership is usually capped at 20 or less. This group competes in the Southeastern Color Guard Circuit (SCGC) and will compete at championships. There is a separate fee of \$150.00 for this group and a uniform fee to participate. There could be fundraising opportunities available to offset cost.



A REMINDER OF WHAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR BAND CAMP



All Band Camp days and times are **required** for all members of the marching band/guard. Students are expected to make arrangements with vacation and work schedules to keep these dates open. **All members (winds, percussion, and guard) must attend all sessions.** This will be our time to learn the music and the entire drill for our fall show and to begin putting it all together. We can't do that without 100% attendance! If you do need to miss any of these dates you may still participate in some way, but you will begin the year as an alternate and "shadow" other player's positions. You will not be guaranteed a position on the field if you do not have 100% attendance.

Some additional notes on Band Camp:

YOU MUST BRING IN A WATER BOTTLE , SMALL COOLER (LABEL WITH NAME) FILLED WITH WATER, THROUGHOUT EVERY REHEARSAL! THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO WATER AT ALL TIMES.

The final payment on your Marching Band Fees are due the first day of full band camp.

You must attend each rehearsal for the entire time!

Rehearsals begin as listed on the schedule—all students should arrive 10 minutes early to prepare for rehearsal!

EAT A NUTRIOUS BREAKFAST BEFORE ARRIVING EACH DAY—this is a must! If you don't, your risk getting sick! If you do not normally eat breakfast, then please change your habit for the band camp weeks! If you do not eat, you are putting your health and safety at risk!

Avoid "dieting" during band camp. You will burn lots of calories and you need all you can get during this strenuous time.

Wear comfortable clothing—light in color and loose fitting / dress code appropriate / see handbook.

Athletic shoes (low top, rounded heel) and socks are required! **No sandals, flip-flops, "skater" OR flat-bottom shoes, etc.**

If you wear long pants for rehearsal, they must not drag the ground or cover the sole of your shoe. Long, baggy trousers are a trip hazard on the marching field and are NOT allowed.

Wear a hat—a wide brim and/or some type of protection for the neck would be best.

Wear sunglasses

Wear a high SPF sunscreen or sun block. Work on your tan some other time—we need you now!

Lunch will be provided for each student during camp. You MAY NOT leave campus during camp hours for any reason. This is a security issue and falls under school guidelines.

YES, we do sometimes rehearse in light rain, so check weather daily to prepare in advance.

Bring black band binders with music/pencil and lanyards to practice each day.

Finally, begin getting acclimated to the heat before camp—start off with 30 minutes outside and gradually build up to longer time periods before camp begins. The MMB's first priority is student safety! We abide by KHSAA and McCracken County High School rules for heat index and related practice guidelines.

Band Camp

Band Camp is held the three weeks before school starts on most years. It is required for all MMB members. During camp, students will meet daily at MCHS according to a set schedule (students will have a copy of the schedule.) This is an intense period of instruction and is vital to the production of an outstanding performance.

Thousands of dollars are spent each year to hire a top-notch teach staff for band camp. Because of this, your attention and attendance is required. Please do everything that you can to be present at each moment of rehearsal!

The drill and music are the focus of the camp. However, much is gained through interpersonal relationships and a sense of unity and cooperation. It is upon this foundation that the polished, finished product is built.

At the end of the MMB Camp there will be a parent show at Marquette Stadium. The MCHS Band Boosters holds a fundraising Fish Fry for all to enjoy.

The MCHS Band Boosters prepares and serves a full lunch (including meat, veggies, fruits, dessert and beverages) each day for MMB Camps. Students should bring sunscreen and a water jug filled with ice and water for hydration. Ice is limited so it is suggested that your student fill their container at home.



Football Games

The MMB general attends all home football games. It is our role to help contribute to the spirit and excitement of the game. The Band will perform the national anthem before the game and a half-time show. During the game, the Band will perform as much as possible to add to the atmosphere. The Band normally receives the third quarter off to get a drink or use the restroom. **This right will be taken away if students cannot handle the responsibility of returning before the 3rd quarter is over.** The Band will march to the auditorium as a unit and will march back to the band room as a unit.

Rules for Football Games

1. Each section will be assigned a designated area to sit.
2. Members are to sit with their section only.
3. Non-band members will **NOT** be allowed in the band seating area.
4. No food in the band seating area, water only.
5. No un-sportsman like conduct.
6. Pay attention to the game and the Band Director to know when and what to play.



Parades

The MMB marches the Paducah Veterans Day Parade as well as the Christmas Parade. The Concert Band program joins the MMB for these parades and Mr. Lovell holds parade practice days prior to these events. Parades are **mandatory** graded events as per the yearly McCracken Band calendar.



MUSTANGS MARCHING BAND COLOR GUARD



The McCracken Mustangs Band Guard plays an important role in the visual presentation of the **MMB** and is comprised of approximately 30 members. The **MMB** Color Guard performs at all home games in Marquette Stadium and travels with the band to all **MMB** competitions.

Auditions take place in the Spring of the previous year—generally April. Non-Band students are allowed to audition.

There will be an additional uniform fee for all guard members—fundraisers may be provided to cover cost.

There is a mandatory Guard Camp in July — see the Mustang Marching Band page for camp information.

MUSTANGS WINTER GUARD



After the fall marching band season, all students have the option of joining the McCracken Mustangs Winter Guard. This group is open to any student registered at McCracken County High School; music membership not required. The Winter Guard develops an exciting production to taped music, which enables the members to further their Color Guard experience in this unique indoor pageantry art.

Auditions are held in November or December of each year and approximately 10-20 students are selected. Each member selected will be asked to pay a \$150.00 fee to be a part of this group.

UNIFORMS



Each marching band member will be issued an MMB Uniform during MMB Camp or shortly after. Announcements will be made for Freshman fittings and re-sizing for Sophomore and upper-classman days will also be made available.

Uniforms are a significant expense for the district (\$50,000-\$60,000) and how we care for them is a reflection of the band program. Students are expected to treat them as a significant investment.

MMB Uniform Requirements

- **MMB show shirt** - These shirts are printed each year and are typically specific to the marching show concept. Each MMB student receives one shirt as part of their fees. You might want to purchase another. Show shirts are to be worn to all competitions as part of uniform.
- **Socks** - Students (excluding color guard) will need to wear ankle length black socks for full uniform performances. Students are responsible for their own socks. If you have to use extra socks because you have forgotten yours, your account will be charged.
- **Black Marching Shoes** - All students will have the opportunity during band camp to purchase a pair of black marching shoes. Keeping them clean are the student's responsibility. Students will be responsible for the purchase of these shoes and you will own these.
- **Gloves** - These will be available from the "uniform parents." Their cost is part of your band fees. If you have to use extra gloves because you lose yours, your account will be charged.

Uniform Rules

1. Only water can be consumed in uniform. No pop, food, or candy.
2. The uniform tops are to be all on or all off. You cannot wear them around unzipped. Staff will decide when it is appropriate to remove the tops. Because of this option, everyone must have their show shirt on underneath. Uniforms tops will be folded properly when not worn.
3. To show respect and dignity for the uniform, there can be no running, jumping around, PDA, or yelling when in uniform. Each moment that we are wearing the uniform, we are "performing" as a member of the McCracken Band.
4. Hang your uniform correctly on the clothes hangers that are provided at the end of the performance.
5. Hair — Both males and females should wear hair up inside of the hat with no hair lying on the collar.
6. All students are to remain in full uniform and look professional for the entirety of all football games/contests unless instructed otherwise by Band Directors.

Casual Performance Wear (CPW) Many times throughout the year the MMB will have performances where full uniforms may be impractical due to weather conditions or performance situations. During these times, the MMB will wear official Casual Performance Wear.

- **MMB Show Shirt** - Shirts are to be tucked into the pants at all times. They should be cleaned before each event.
- **Khaki Shorts or blue jeans** - These will be depending on the weather. Everyone should be dressed the same; therefore this will be announced by the director.
- **White Socks and Tennis Shoes**

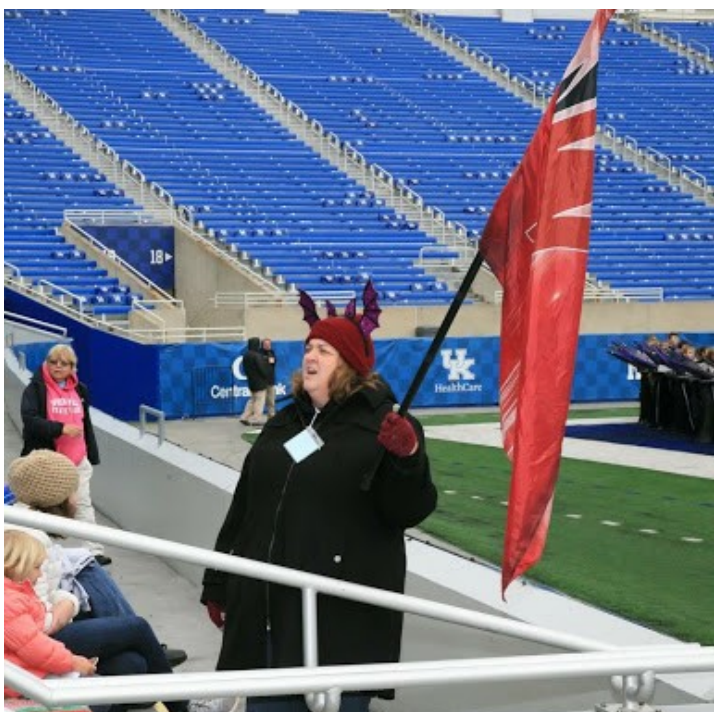


MUSTANGS MARCHING BAND (#mmb) SPIRIT WEAR



**WE GOT SPIRIT YES WE DO!
WE GOT SPIRIT HOW 'BOUT YOU!?**

If you're in the stands cheering for your favorite Band then you are going to need some spirit wear. Each year the McCracken Band Boosters makes the current spirit wear available for purchase on an online store. The new show shirt, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and more will be showing up soon!



MMB Show Shirt

These shirts are printed each year and are typically specific to the marching show concept. Each MMB student receives one shirt as part of their fees. You might want to purchase another.

McCracken Band Shirt

These shirts have the McCracken Band logo and will be available in a variety of styles: t-shirt, sweatshirts, and more.

McCracken Band Jacket

Will be made available after the start of school.

Watch the all Facebook accounts, mcrackenbands.org and email for all designs to go live.

JAZZ BAND

Jazz Band is an after-school group open to any students, Grade 9-12. Jazz Band will meet one day a week. The Jazz Band will perform in December, at a Spring Concert, and travel to a Jazz Band Festival in the spring. The Jazz Band also represents the school and band program at community events including mall performances and the Lowertown Arts & Music Festival and various performances that the jazz ensembles are requested to attend for donation.

Available Jazz Band Courses

JAZZ THEORY &

IMPROVISATION class meets before school from 7:00am-7:40am every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The focus in this class mainly involves techniques and the theory behind jazz improvisation, or the ability to come up with a solo on the spot. Each year a student spends in the class will give them 1/2 of a credit for fine arts classes.

Graded Course: Yes

THE DEVELOPMENTAL

JAZZ BAND (D-Band) is for students who want to develop their skills in the world of jazz. This ensemble meets after school and focuses on grade 2-3 music and exercises to help develop a student's skills in jazz.

Graded Course: No

MCBIG BAND is the highest jazz ensemble in the school. This is an audition group with placement being determinant on performance in previous groups. This ensemble usually travels to events such as the Murray State Jazz festival and State Jazz Festival. The band works on jazz music of all types and grades and collaborates with the McVoices vocal ensemble.

Graded Course: No



Concert Dress Required dress for all jazz band performances will be all black unless it is a costumed event. Black T-Shirts, jeans, and shoes are not acceptable. When we perform, we need to look our best. Please do your part.

Any problems acquiring the above dress code should speak with Mr. Ray in enough advance notice to solve the problem. Most problems with dress can be worked out if given appropriate time. Failure to fulfill performance dress code will result in loss of performance opportunity and/or lowering of grade.



MCCRACKEN PERCUSSION



There are two percussion ensembles at MCHS. One is a class during the day and the other meets after school. This ensemble involves music involving only percussion instruments with occasionally some wind players playing solos.

2017-2018 Percussion Ensemble was chosen to perform for educators at the February 2018 Kentucky Music Educators Association Convention.

PEP BAND



The McCracken Pep-Band typically performs at approximately 5 double-header home basketball games. When a varsity team advances to post-season tournament play, the Pep Band will travel to support the team. In December, the band students will be divided into the Crimson band and the Black band. You must make arrangements to be there on your band's 4/5 game nights. Schedules will be released prior to the season on the band website at www.mcrackenbands.org. Dates on the pep band are subject to change based on the basketball schedule. District and Regional Pep-Band dates will be added to this schedule as the season progresses and are required for all members.

Regional Pep-Band at Murray State University and State Pep-Band at Rupp Arena will be based off of McCracken Mustang Pep-Band regular season attendance and available tickets. Students that have missed regular season Pep-Band games will not be allowed to attend these special trips.

This policy remains in effect for the post-season games. Students that miss games will not be allowed to travel with the McCracken Band to District, Regionals, or State games.

Pep-Band Rules

1. Be on time. Ten (10) minutes early is on time.
2. Members are responsible for their music, don't lose your flip folder!
3. Members are to stand in designated area with their section.
4. Only sportsman-like behavior is acceptable.
5. The band room will close 30 minutes after the end of the game. Make sure you have made arrangements for a ride home. Any student who is frequently picked up late may not be allowed to participate in future events and will be required to complete an alternate assignment to receive a grade.
6. Always wear Pep Band shirts to all games.

TRIPS

Throughout the year, the band will need to travel quite frequently. Because of away football games, post-season basketball games, contests, concerts, honor bands, etc. the McCracken Band leaves campus 20-30 times each year. Because of the different purposes of the travel, some specific rules apply to each function. However, these go along with each trip:

1. An adult chaperone will be on each bus, they should be respected. (All chaperones must complete and pass a **MCPS** Background Check at their expense. See included form in the forms section of this document.)
2. Students may not change buses on a trip.
3. Be on time for each departure.
4. Follow the bus driver's directions.
5. Buses are to be kept clean. Make sure that you remove all personal items and pick up any trash before leaving and signing out. Band section leaders/drum majors will inspect.
6. Students will not be able to drive their vehicle unless pre-approved by the school.
7. All school rules and regulations apply on the trip.
8. Only exemplary behavior is acceptable from the McCracken Band. Members are to be on their best behavior at all times. Become a great representative of the McCracken Band.
9. Ladies and gentlemen that cannot act as such while riding together on a bus will be separated.
10. District policy states that all Male/members and Female/members sit on opposite sides of the bus for all trips. Any students involved in personal relationships will not be allowed to sit together on any duration of the trip.
11. No extreme noise will be tolerated on the buses or at any inappropriate place such as motels or warm-up areas.
12. The McCracken Band will travel as a unit on all trips. If a member has a good reason to return from the trip by other means, that student's parents must submit a written note to the bus chaperone.
13. Students will not be allowed in the hotel room of a student of different gender.

Any infraction in the above could result in a student being unable to participate in future band trips!

Spring Trip

As funding and interest allow, the McCracken Band will take a Spring Trip in April or May each year. The Band Director and the McCracken Band Boosters will determine the location and nature of the trip. There are many positive results of a trip: 1) It allows the Band to experience some of the great music ensembles of the world, 2) The band is able to play in a higher-level concert atmosphere than at local festival. The feedback is from nationally renowned conductors and the other bands are some of the nations finest, and 3) Spending time away from home builds closer relationships with other band members and it helps foster personal discipline and responsibility.

Although much of the trip is student funded, the McCracken Band Boosters will help cover some of the expenses to help offset the cost of travel. A rough planning guide would include a smaller, less expensive trip (1-2 days) on even numbered years and a larger, more extensive trip (3-4) days on odd numbered years.

**SPRING
BREAK**

**2020 Washington DC / New York City
National Cherry Blossom Festival Performance**

2022 Los Angeles, California

Each May the McCracken Band Boosters sponsor a Band Banquet in honor of McCracken Band Seniors and students. All McCracken Band members are invited to attend this event and it is hoped that families will be able to attend as well.

Senior Recognition Each senior will be presented with a gift in appreciation for his or her commitment to the McCracken Band program along with graduation cords if there is four (4) years of participation in band.

McCracken Band Scholar Through a system of reward points, students will earn recognition for their participation, performance, and service. Their names will be included on a perpetual plaque that will stay in the band room. Plaque—Gold, Silver, Bronze. The Rubric Sheet for this is included in the forms section of this document.

Achievement Awards Students and sections will be awarded the following achievement awards based on merit and the Band Directors selection:

- John Philip Sousa Award* - Awarded to outstanding senior bandsman
- Louis Armstrong Award* - Awarded to outstanding senior jazz musician
- MMB Spirit Award* - Awarded to a senior that has displayed personal dedication and selflessness to the McCracken Band program.
- Kentucky All-State Band—A certificate will be given to any member of that year's Kentucky All-State Band.
- District 1 All-District Band—A certificate and a patch will be given to each member of the District 2 Honor Band.
- Most Improved Concert Band Member*
- Most Improved Concert Band Section
- Most Improved Symphonic Band Member*
- Most Improved Symphonic Band Section
- Most Improved Wind Ensemble Member*
- Most Improved Wind Ensemble Section
- Farah Ervin Award
- Ed and Margaret Lovell Memorial Scholarship — \$500.00 awarded to an outgoing senior based on service.

Letters/Bars The criteria for receiving letters is the completion of one (1) year of marching band or color guard and for each subsequent year of marching the student will receive one (1) bar.

INSTRUMENT CARE



School owned instruments become the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. Students using school owned instruments are to complete a School Instrument Loan Form. Any damage incurred other than normal wear will be the responsibility of the student. Whenever an instrument is damaged it is the responsibility of the student to notify the Band Director Immediately. Instruments should always be handled with care and respect.

Students owned instruments should also be kept in top performance condition. It is the student's responsibility to acquire reeds, valve oil, etc. Instrument maintenance should be performed before rehearsal begins!

For personal repairs or the purchase of needed equipment contact the following:



2918 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38111

901.323.8888
270.210.1374 Direct
901.325.6407 FAX
amromusic.com

Reece King

Educational Representative
reeceking@amromusic.com

HONOR BAND OPPORTUNITIES

In order to provide an extra incentive and challenge to students, there are honor bands that students can audition/apply for throughout the year. These are all highly encouraged and supported as good educational opportunities and a lot of fun!

All - State Band This is one of the highest honors available to a high school musician. Competition for this band is very tough! Just being able to get through the audition music is often a challenge! Less than 50% make the second round and less than 30% of that actually make the group. This group is comprised of the top 3% of all instrumentalists in the entire state.

Commitment

1. First round auditions for All-State Band will be in mid-November as a part of the Symphonic Band ACLD's
2. The final round of auditions will occur in December.
3. Attend practice and performance in early February.

Audition Fee: Yes, students are responsible for a \$7.00 fee due at the December auditions. This may be paid by cash or check made payable to the McCracken Band Boosters and placed in the black box on the wall located in the band room.

Audition music from the Band Director in early September.

All-District Band Each year the KMEA District 1 holds an honor band clinic. MCHS usually places 20-30 students in this band. Typically 50% of the students that audition, actually make this band and the music is usually playable by most high school students.

Wind Ensemble students must audition for this ensemble as a part of his/her class graded requirements.

Commitment

1. Students wishing to audition must sign-up for an audition time in November for Symphonic or Concert Bands.
2. Auditions held early January.
3. Attend practice and concert held the first full weekend in January.

Audition music from the Band Director

Audition Fee: Yes, students are responsible for a \$7.00 fee due at the January auditions. This may be paid by cash or check made payable to the McCracken Band Boosters and placed in the black box on the wall located in the band room.

Band Description Symphonic Band—Top group consisting of 11th & 12th graders; however, all grades may audition. Concert Band—Consists primarily of 9th and 10th graders not interested in All-State Bands.

Quad-State Senior High Honor Band Each year MSU holds a band clinic in late February. There is one (1) top band and three (3) other, equally divided, bands with all four bands being good experiences.

Commitment

1. Students wishing to participate must fill out an application in December.
2. Members are selected by director nomination, not audition. However, there is an audition once there for chair placement in one of four bands.
3. If chosen, attend practice and performance in late February.

Criteria for Director Nomination 1) Grade (usually Junior or Senior), 2) All-State / All-District, 3) Distinguished rating at Solo and Ensemble, 4) Chair placement in MCHS ensemble, 5) overall attitude, performance and attendance in MCHS band and work ethic.

Audition music from the Band Director in early September.

Audition Fee members provide money for registration, meals, and split two nights in a hotel. The \$25.00 registration fee is covered by the McCracken Band Boosters when money is available in the general fund.

West Kentucky University (WKU) Honor Band Each year WKU holds an honor band clinic and concert in mid-January. The most dedicated and accomplished players from the McCracken Band, who meet the director nomination criteria, are chosen for the WKU Honor Band.

Commitment

1. Students who receive a director's nomination to participate will register and audition in mid-January. In case of weather travel delays, late arriving the clinic director will place late-arriving students will be placed in bands based on prior accomplishments.
2. Members are selected by director nomination, not audition. However, there is an audition once there for chair placement.
3. If chosen, attend practice and performance in mid-January.

Criteria for Director Nomination 1) Grade (usually Junior or Senior), 2) All-State / All-District, 3) Distinguished rating at Solo and Ensemble, 4) Chair placement in MCHS ensemble, 5) overall attitude, performance and attendance in McCracken Band and work ethic.

Audition music from the Band Director in early September.

Audition Fee members provide money for registration, meals, and split two nights in a hotel. The \$35.00 registration fee is covered by the McCracken Band Boosters when money is available in the general fund.

MCCRACKEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND EVENTS

Music In Motion

Each year in September the McCracken Band is host to their KMEA sanctioned marching band competition, Music In Motion. The competition event is held in Marquette Stadium at McCracken County High School in Paducah, KY.

Sounds of the Season

The McCracken Bands (the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensembles (McBig Band, DBand and McCombo), as well as the Percussion Ensemble) spend this evening at Christmas time sharing musical selections, both new and well loved, movie themes and classical to popular; from the Christmas season.

Family, friends and the community of all ages join together to celebrate the season, the McCracken Band students as well as the musical selections at this free event at the MCHS C-Plant Performing Arts Center.

Music for a Darkened Theater

The McCracken Band event of the year is our Halloween concert and you and your family will not want to miss it! Music For a Darkened Theater is presented at the C-Plant Performing Arts Center in McCracken County High School and it is transformed, for one evening, into a hauntingly, spooktacular time for adults and children.

Always a standing room only event, Music For A Darkened Theater welcomes children to attend in costume and for all to enjoy the spooky tunes and fun time. Come early for the McCracken Bands' largest fundraiser event of the year.

All That Jazz

All That Jazz is an evening filled with music performed by the McCracken Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Combos and special guests. The event features dinner and dancing that bring together music loving students, families and community members. This is a fundraising event for the McCracken Band program. Tickets will be pre-sold for All That Jazz 2019 and made available through this website.

Pep-Band Alumni Nights

McCracken County High School, Heath High School, Reidland High School and Lone Oak High School Band Alumni come together for an evening of Pep-Band. These events are promoted on all social media and the McCracken Band webpage. If you like to subscribe to receive event information by email visit [mccrackenbands.org](https://www.mccrackenbands.org)

view photos and videos of these events and more at online <https://www.mccrackenbands.org/2017-2018-band-in-pictures.html>

facebook www.facebook.com/mccrackencobandboosters/

email mchsbandboost@gmail.com



The **McCracken County High School Band Boosters** is a 501(c)3 entity and this organization's purpose is to provide encouragement, support, cooperation, development, and recognition for each part of the McCracken Band program.

All efforts of this organization are for these purposes and we hope that each of you (freshman parents to senior parents) will give your time and efforts to helping the McCracken Band Boosters to do this for your teens. All are welcome to jump in and use your talents, even if you have never been a Booster or helped out before.



BECOMING A BOOSTER Most active, thriving school band programs have the support of a dedicated group of band parents working behind the scenes, and the McCracken School Band is no exception!

YOUR SUPPORT Each parent has different talents, skills, and abilities that can enhance the MCHS Band Booster organizations' service to the McCracken Band and our ultimate desire is to include each parent in the support of the students and their efforts. So all are invited to speak with one of the McCracken Band Booster Officers to see how you can get involved.

JOINING There are no membership dues to join the McCracken Band Boosters but in order to know that you are joining with us in these efforts please complete our Membership Form in the form section of this handbook.

ANNUAL MEETING Join the McCracken Band at our annual meeting in July to get more information about the McCracken Band Boosters.

BYLAWS A copy of the current McCracken Band Boosters' Bylaws is located in the Appendix of this Handbook. Please direct any questions to the Band Boosters' President.

What does the McCracken County Band Boosters do?



support for our directors



equipment transport



cheerleading

Is it hard work? Sure it is!



band meals



uniforms and costumes



football concessions



fundraising

But We Love



the
MUSTANG BAND!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP

Parents are an important part of the McCracken Band Program. Without continued involvement and efforts of band parents, the McCracken Band would cease to maintain its high level of success. There are many things parents can do to help:

1. Attend Band Booster Meetings. The McCracken County Band Boosters meet monthly.
2. Volunteer for parent committees. There are many different tasks with which assistance is needed.
3. Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:
 - a. Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal.
 - b. Notifying the director whenever an absence is unavoidable.
 - c. Encouraging your child to practice at home and help them find a place to do so.
 - e. Purchasing a folding music stand, tuner, and metronome.
 - f. Showing interest and enthusiastically attend every performance possible.
 - g. **ASK YOUR STUDENT WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN BAND!**
4. Help with fundraising activities. The band is almost totally funded by the McCracken County Band Boosters. The funds are used to purchase instruments, music, equipment, repairs, instruction, staff salaries, transportation, etc.

MCHS BAND BOOSTERS MEETING

Every month the McCracken County High School Band Boosters will schedule a regular meeting. These meetings begin promptly at 5:45pm and all efforts are made to have you out within an hour with exception of committee meetings that may be scheduled. All meeting minutes are distributed within a week of our meeting and will be delivered via email from the McCracken Band Boosters.

These meetings begin with our annual meeting in July and continue throughout the school year. Your attendance and voice at all of the meetings is vital to this Band program and this does not end when football season is over. The concert season brings many more opportunities for the MCHS Band Boosters and the funds raised during this time are very much needed to meet the annual budget. Since our budget goes to not only help with MMB competition season expenses but also expenses for the concert, jazz, and percussion ensembles the discussions have to continue on how to perform the business of the MCHS Band Boosters.

Everyone is encouraged to come to these meetings, to discuss, and to ask questions. The Executive Board meets once a month to discuss and prepare for the upcoming business meetings for the MCHS Band Boosters but more times than not those discussions stem from a discussion or idea that is brought up in meeting from a Booster. So please do not be shy about offering up your suggestions or ideas because they are very much appreciated.

You may be a participant on whatever level you choose and there will be no brow beating but always know that we would love to have you come be a part of a group of people who loves all of our kids and wants to see them succeed not only in Band but in all aspects of life and will do whatever we can to see it happen.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE MCCRACKEN MUSTANGS BAND

Each year the **McCracken County Band Boosters** are charged with the responsibility of raising the funds necessary to maintain the quality of the McCracken County Band program. This includes paying for some of the following necessities for the **McCracken Bands (Mustang Marching Band, Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Various Ensembles, and Winter Guard)**:

Music	Uniforms	Registration Fees	Transportation (Semi, Box Truck, Fuel)
Concessions	Drill	Meals	Instrument Repair
Special Educational Instruction			Instrument Purchases

Although **MCHS** and the **McCracken County Board of Education** do contribute financially to the band program, it is less than 20% of the needed funding. This means that equipment and instruction are funded by the **McCracken County Band Boosters**. This financial responsibility equals a budget in excess of \$100,000.00 for the **MCHS Band Boosters**. It is critical to our success as an organization that we **ALL DO OUR PART** to raise these necessary funds.

Primarily the **MCHS Band Boosters** raise the annual budget through fundraising efforts such as Bingo volunteers, restaurant fundraisers and various student fundraising efforts such as spirit cards, bottle cap collection, cake rolls, popcorn, and more. There are also fundraisers ran by the band director that raise funds specific for him to use toward band expenses but do not meet any portion of the MCHS Band Booster budget but may indirectly affect the budget by decreasing the needed funds.

Each year the MCHS Band Booster Executive Board determines the annual budget for the coming year and a projected program for fundraising is established for approval by the **MCHS Band Boosters** at a regular scheduled meeting. All fundraising options are considered based on the required time commitment for all and the potential financial impact on the budget and these efforts are kept to the absolute minimum that we can due to the bands' schedule. We understand your family needs your time and the expectations from our organization and possibly other organizations that your student(s) are involved in are asking the same of you and it may seem to much.

Because of different neighborhoods, family dynamics, and other opportunities, the ability of some students to fundraise is easier for some than for others but everyone's efforts either small or significant can help reach our budget goal. There will always be incentives and prize programs, but the best motivation should be to support the organization that is so important to our lives and community. With that purpose in mind we only ask for everyone to try to help with these efforts.

If you are unable to fundraise and would consider paying a portion of the annual MCHS Band Booster budget that contribution would be very appreciated and with the **MCHS Band Boosters** being a 501(c)3, your contribution would be tax deductible.

The overall budget is \$100,000.00 and there are 200 students involved in the Mustang Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band. Each students contribution to the budget would be \$500.00

If you have questions regarding the annual MCHS Band Booster Budget, fundraising or a tax deductible donation to the MCHS Band Booster please contact one of the MCHS Band Booster Officers (see page 33).

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

The McCracken Band Boosters are offering Corporate Sponsorships for the upcoming 2018-2019 Competitive Marching and Concert Seasons. All promotions offered under the Corporate Sponsorship Contract will be observed from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Set up your Corporate Sponsorships via mccrackenbands.org or contact a member of the McCracken Band Boosters Executive Board or Mr. John Lovell for information regarding these sponsorship opportunities.

Crimson Level \$5,000+

2019-2020 concert program (full page)	All-That Jazz Dinner & Dance (8 tickets & table hosting)
Front Page Website (logo)	MMB show shirt (watermark logo)
Band Trailer (logo)	Music For A Darkened Theatre (Halloween concert) (2 tickets) - Overhead Promotional Jumbo Slide at this event
Band Tower (name only)	1 Friday Night MMB Halftime Show Sponsor
Concession Banner (logo)	Concert Season Program Sponsor Listing (logo)

White Level \$2,500 - \$4,999

2019-2020 concert program (1/2 page)	2 tickets for one of the following events
Sponsor Page Website (logo)	Music For A Darkened Theatre (Halloween concert)
Concession Banner (logo)	Music In Motion 2018
MMB show shirt (name)	1 Friday Night MMB Halftime Show Sponsor
Fall or Spring Fish Fry (2 tickets)	Concert Season Program Sponsor Listing (logo)

Black Level \$1,000 - \$2,499

2019-2020 concert program (1/4 page)	2 tickets for one of the following events
Sponsor Page Website (logo)	Music For A Darkened Theatre (Halloween concert)
Concession Banner Sponsor Promotion (logo)	Music In Motion 2018
Concert Season Program Sponsor Listing (name)	1 Friday Night MMB Halftime Show Sponsor

Friend of the Band \$100

Sponsor Page Website (logo)
Concert Season Program Sponsor Listing (name)

MCCRACKEN COUNTY BAND BOOSTER POSITIONS

There are two sets of positions within the McCracken Band Booster organization. There are five (5) elected officers that make up the McCracken Band Booster Executive Board:

President - Vice-President - Treasurer - Secretary

There are also numerous committees that have a chairperson(s) that are appointed to their roles by the President and Executive Board. These positions include, but are not limited to:

Concessions	Publicity/Website	Band Camp
Corporate Sponsorship	Video/Photo Committee	Bingo
Program Printing	Pit Parents	Uniforms
Grant Procurement	Fundraisers	Chaperones
Band Banquet	Student Meals	Student Accounts

The elections and appointments are handled each year in April for the following year. More specific information can be found in the Booster By-Laws (found at mccrackenbands.org and paper copies by request) or through the Band Director. If you are able to serve in one of these roles, or are interest in serving in the future, please make that known! *The band program would not survive without parents willing to help!!!*

DO YOU WANT TO BE A MCHS BAND BOOSTER AND JOIN THE TEAM VISIT WWW.MCCRACKENBANDS.ORG/BOOSTER.HTML.

MCHS BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS 2019-2020



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Band App - <https://band.us/n/aea2z1VaEay9H> (phone, tablet, desktop)

Booster Form - www.mccrackenbands.org/booster.html

(subscribe to receive Booster emails and see all of our volunteer information)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering to serve in one of these areas of the McCracken Band program please contact any of the MCHS Band Officers or visit <https://www.mccrackenbands.org/booster.html>

Football Concessions

The McCracken Band Booster run the Mustangs Football Concessions throughout the fall football season for all JV and Varsity games. All aspects of concessions are organized by the MCHS Band Booster Concessions Committee which is facilitated by its' chair. Event concessions are shared between the Band and soccer with the majority being fulfilled by the Band.

Mustangs Football' Concessions is a large part of the McCracken Band Booster income; and therefore it is very important that we have a strong volunteer base for these events. The first game of the season requires approximately 60 band parent volunteers in concessions to fill the required positions. This game in particular has the largest attendance with a full stadium because we rotate between Tilghman and Mayfield vs. Mustangs. For other event concessions the volunteer need is smaller and with a strong volunteer base these positions could easily be rotated.

The positions in concessions include but are not limited to:

Cashier	Food Preparation	Grill	Drinks	Popcorn Machine
Dippin' Dots	Food Runners	Back Line	Snow Cones	Ice Runners

Uniforms

Uniform fitting, cleaning, sewing, and purchasing needs are organized, by the McCracken Band Booster uniform chair and implemented by volunteers.

Uniform needs include but are not limited to:

1. Fitting dates for all incoming freshman marchers,
2. Sophomore and upper classmen fittings at another scheduled time,
3. Fittings for all Band students who do not march MMB; which are necessary to march parade,
4. Cleaning uniforms; and
5. Organizing the uniform room.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Band Meals

Meals are planned, prepared and served many times during the Mustangs' Marching Band competition season beginning with Band Camp in July. Weekly the MMB is served meals on Friday evening when there is a home football game as well as each Saturday upon arrival at competition sites.

To serve our MMB hot delicious meals we need volunteers to purchase, prep food, transport, cook, clean-up, and serve. On occasion, band parents will be asked to bring in desserts or some portion of a meal to help with meal planning.

Hosted Meals

The McCracken Band Booster regularly schedules fundraiser dinner events (i.e., ice cream social, fish fry, spaghetti dinner, Christmas with the Band) and requests are made for desserts (either homemade or purchased) to be brought in by band parents. These items are distributed as part of a purchased meal and proceeds go to benefit the McCracken County Band program.

Prop Construction

The MMB stage prop design, construction and volunteers for this project are overseen by our director, Mr. John Lovell.

Pit Crew

Getting' the Band where we are going and fast. The Pit Crew helps transport the Band's equipment from band room to trucks, from trucks to venue parking lots, and from lots to sideline. It is kind of like being a rock bands' roadie; it is a lot like that because our Band does rock! Movers and shakers are needed to get us from point A to B in a flash (keep it safe) whether it is at competition or at home football games. We would love for you to be part of the Crew.

Music In Motion

Music In Motion is the Mustangs' Marching Band KMEA sanctioned marching competition held in September. This is the MMB's largest hosted event with bands for all over the state of Kentucky performing and adjudicators from the surrounding area attending. There are many areas providing volunteer opportunity including: hospitality, band hosts, ticket office, programs, advertising, concessions (including all concessions volunteer positions), stand hosting, runners, videographers, water, and more.

BINGO!

Each year the McCracken Band Booster works the bingo games at the Reidland Bingo Hall. These games requires anywhere from 6-12 people (both students and adults can volunteer at most games but some require adult only). This is a fundraiser activity for the McCracken Band Booster and supplies a significant portion of the Booster budget. There are some perks for volunteering to work the bingo games and the food is great!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Band Posse

Who doesn't need a posse? Sometimes parents are working in other areas of service and cannot be there for our favorite Band member(s) but there is a group of people who have formed relationship with the kids are there for every parade, competition, and football game to serve their every need (within reason). The Band Posse has their back when they are sick, headaches, twist an ankle, need a shoulder, or to snap up a hem. Thank you for having their backs!

Event Decoration

There are various events throughout our competition and concert season: Band Banquet, All That Jazz, and Music In Motion that requires just a little bit more shine. If you have experience or a willingness to learn how to prepare table centerpieces, stage design, and more then we would love to have you join us.

Hosted Events

All of our hosted concert events have volunteer needs with ticket sales, occasional silent auctions, programs, and more.

Photography and Videographer

Whether your skills are hobby or professional the MMB would be happy to have your talents on their side; their good side of course. :) Come on out and join us for band camp, practice, football half-time, marching competitions and take as many pics as you want. There is only one catch, please share with us and maybe let us share the pics on our site so others can share in your talents. We will happily give you credit. Tag us #MMB!

Graphics Design

The MMB spends long hours on the practice field to excel at performance. Portraying a professional image in promoting the MMB is our #1 priority and to do that we need great designs. If you have graphic abilities and would like to offer your time and talents please see the McCracken Band Booster President.

Publicity and Social Media Presence

We want the community talking about the McCracken Band; in a good way, of course. If you have skills to get those people talking and listening we could use your help. There are always events, fundraisers, concerts, and competitions going on with the Band that need to be seen and talked about so if you have some time to give us we promise you will be richly rewarded; with the smiling faces of teens who can't believe the stadium and auditoriums are full. That is enough, isn't it?!

It cannot be all fun and games, right? There is some responsibility for helping to monitor the Bands' social media presence and beyond for negative discussions amongst both parents and students of the McCracken Band. These infractions are taken very seriously as the McCracken Band's reputation is at stake.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Grant Procurement

If research and paper writing is your thing then this is our lucky day. The McCracken Band is a large organization and the funding that is provided for this program does not come close to meeting the Band's needs. We could benefit from a person that would enjoy looking for grants where our organization meets the specific criteria, can organize and meet deadlines throughout the year, and excels at writing grant proposals. If you meet all of these then you are one awesome volunteer! Maybe you are great at one or two of those things and not so much the other, we are happy to work with you too.

Transportation Committee

These people keep the MCHS Band moving by overseeing the McCracken Bands' transportation including purchase, maintenance, and insurance. This committee also organizes volunteers to get the McCracken Band from Band room to the trucks and down the road. This involves movers and shakers to load equipment, instruments, uniforms, food, as well as licensed drivers and those who have obtained a CDL.

First Aid (throughout the year) Are you certified in CPR/First Aid? Are you a healthcare professional?

Hair and Make-up The colorguard needs volunteers to help with hair and make-up prep for competition marching and Friday night football shows. If you enjoy playing with hair designs and make-up techniques let us know.

Colorguard and Winterguard Seamstress (throughout the year) If you have skills with a needle, sewing machine and scissors. If you are not intimidated by the thought of sewing flags and mending guard uniforms. Our guard adds a lot of something to the MMB and we need someone just like you to keep them looking their best.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS Any person working, coaching, student teaching, observing or volunteering in McCracken County Schools is REQUIRED to have a current background check on file. (If your service in McCracken County Schools has been dormant for a period longer than 6 months you must complete a NEW background check). **Background Check Procedures** Call Ellie Egner to schedule a time to have your fingerprinting completed at the Board of Education office. The number to call is 270-538-4222.

*NEW-EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2018 - ALL EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A STATE AND NATIONAL BACKGROUND CHECK. IN ADDITION, PER KRS 160.380, ALL EMPLOYEES AND STUDENT TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CHECK. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE FEE FOR BOTH BACKGROUND CHECK AND CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CHECK IS \$42.00 TOTAL.

CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY MADE PAYABLE TO MCCRACKEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

For volunteers wanting to volunteer with parties, school activities, etc. Please complete the attached form below and submit it to Ellie Egner at the Board of Education for processing. The address is 5347 Benton Road, Paducah, KY 42003. Fee for processing volunteer background checks is \$10.00 check or money order only.

http://mcweb.mccracken.kyschools.us/employment/Background_Check_Procedures.html

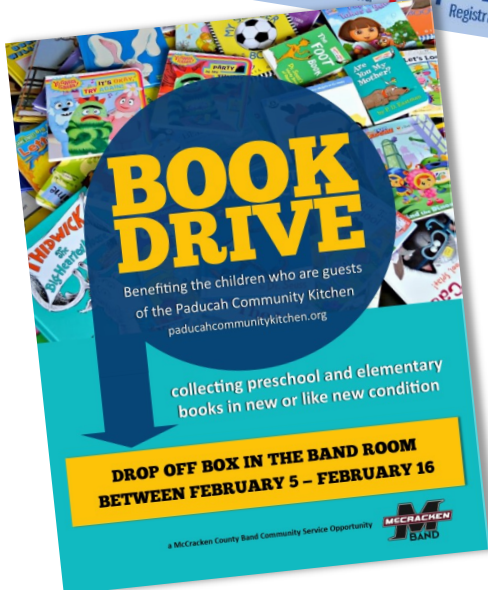
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Participation in the McCracken Band program teaches you many things including but not limited to: Music. Neurological multi-tasking. Discipline. Teamwork. Camaraderie. Time management. Sacrifice. Resilience. Flexibility. Problem solving. Manners. Respect. Generosity. Education. History. Proprioception (Body Awareness). Trust. Lots of practice hours = Success.

Through the Band program students practice and learn skills that reach far beyond the music or the instrument. These life-skills prepare our students to be a part of community, giving back, and enriching the lives of others through music as well as through our physical efforts.

The McCracken Band will continue our efforts to be the change in the McCracken County and Paducah city area and beyond so that our students may positively impact our community now and in the future as adults.

These are some of the past and future projects that the band is looking to participate



The MCHS Band is looking for other potential activities to be a part of in our community. If you know of an organization that we could partner with to be a part of their change or a need for an organization that we could meet such as a Book Drive we would love to hear about it. Please contact us through the band's website at www.mccrackenbands.org.

BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES

Responsibility to the group is essential to the McCracken County High School Band program. An individual's behavior and performance have a major impact on the other members of the Band. Students are expected to exhibit their best behavior at all times. Occasionally, we have visitors in our classes and many people will see our concerts and festival performances. One incident of poor behavior can ruin the public's good impression of our band program and our school. Consequences for behavioral infractions will be handled on an individual basis and are based on severity.

Controlled Substances

As outlined in the Code of Conduct <http://www.mccracken.kyschools.us/StudentCodeofConduct.aspx> no use of controlled substances will be tolerated in the McCracken Band program. Should a student show for rehearsal or any other event intoxicated, possessing, or using controlled substances all guidelines outlined in the Code of Conduct will be followed and the student will be immediately removed from the program.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is taken electronically at each rehearsal. Three (3) or more absences will result in removal from the group.

Grades

If students are academically ineligible they will not be able to attend performances for any McCracken Band ensemble. To maintain eligibility a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA or a minimum of 3 or more F's.

Negative Publicity

Negative comments regarding the Band are subject to student disciplinary actions by the Band Director and are taken very seriously. We want the community and our school to view this program in its' best possible light and in order for that to happen its' members should be willing to guard the Bands' reputation. Speech or written word through social media by parent or student that reflects negatively on the MCHS Band may result in disciplinary action or removal from the Band program.

Behavior Concerns

Students that have behavior concerns and serve In School Detention (ISD) lite or heavy will have to conference with Mr. Lovell. Repeat offenses will result in loss of performance and trip privileges and may result in being removed from the McCracken Band.

School Policy

School policy as outline by the McCracken County School Board and the Administration of McCracken County High School will be enforced at all Band events.

McCracken County Bands Scholar Points System

More than 1 absence 3 points

Gold Scholar = 30pts
Silver Scholar = 25pts
Bronze Scholar= 20pts

Student Name: _____

School Year: _____

Marching Band Attendance

Solo & Ensemble

Perfect Attendance 5 points
One Absence 4 points
More than 1 Absence 3 points

Qualify for State S/E 5 points
Distinguished Rating 4 points
Proficient Rating 3 points

All-District/ All-State Band

Community Involvement

Member - All-State Band 5 points
2nd Round 4 points
Member - All-District Band 3 points
Audition for All-District 2 points

Summer Music Camp 5 points
PSO Concert 4 points
Youth/Church Orchestra 3 points
Community Performance 2 points

Pep-Band Attendance

Fundraiser Participation

Perfect Attendance 5 points
One absence 4 points

Goal Sales in all 4 points
Participation in all 3 points
Bingo/Concessions 2 points

Jazz/Percussion Ens/ Winterguard

Perfect Attendance 5 points
One Absence 3 points

Total Points: _____

