

A quick recap of this week's parent meetings

1. Please take the time to look at mhsband.com and become familiar with the "News" and "General Info" sections. Students should become familiar with the "Documents" section.
2. Parents need to take some time and review mhstbb.com. Special attention should be given to the "News/Events" section as well as the "Calendar" section. The "Contact us" section is a great resource to ask specific questions to the appropriate people.
3. It is Imperative that everyone read the Parent Survival Guide (mhsband.com > general info) This is a wealth of information and will answer most of your questions
4. We need everyone to Sign up for the appropriate remind 101 class codes.
Parents are welcome to sign up for the Student instrument sections if they like
We need all parents to enroll in the "Parents" remind101
Students should enroll in their MARCHING band section
5. UIL Physicals were discussed and questions answered. Please review the information in the Parent Survival Guide regarding the Physicals. **All physicals must be completed before the first day of activity. (July 26)**
6. CutTime- We need everyone to ensure they have a cuttime account created and up-to-date. Please ensure your students instrument (listed as "position") and grade are correct.
Cuttime is used only by the bands. We do not share this information with the school.... So please make sure we have correct addresses, email addresses, and cell numbers.
We use the information on Cuttime in the case of emergency- please be sure it is 100% accurate.
Instructions on how to create a cuttime account can be found at mhsband.com > general info
7. The Band fees were discussed and explained. (Band fees to be paid at Band registration on 8/7)
8. Our biggest event of the year is the **Preview Of Champions** marching contest. This year's POC contest is on 9/25. We will need at least one parent from every family to work one shift that day. Please plan ahead now, and reserve some time that day to work a shift at POC.
We are looking for POC committee leads. If you are interested please contact Desha Hyde. (Her info can be found at mhstbb.com > contact us)
9. What needs to happen Over the summer:
 - A) We need all the kids to practice their instrument. We **do not have the luxury** of being able to regress in our musical abilities. This past Covid year has caused some major deficits in our musical abilities- and we need to use this summer to **GET BETTER!!** We ask that everyone practice and work to get better.
 - a. Work with your student leaders on the music
 - b. Sincere/honest practice with a clear objective (Tone, articulation, range, slurs, technique)
 - c. Work with your student leaders on marching
 - B) We need everyone to get used to being physically active in the heat.
 - a. Go outside and get used to being in the sun (start with a small amount of time and then expand the time)
 - b. Be physically active in the heat. (Take a walk, jog, mow the lawn...do something outdoors in the heat)
 - C) **Everyone** will need a hydration backpack to hold water. Please have this ready to go by 7/26.