



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND  
FAMILIES TO MHS  
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC!



# HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONSISTS OF:

- Marching Band - Starts in the summer and goes until the end of 1st quarter.
- Symphonic Band - Meets after marching band is done and goes through the next 3 quarters of school.
- Extracurricular ensembles that meet at various times of the entire school year.





# What are the Extra-Curricular Ensembles?

- **Jazz Band**  
(auditioned group)
- **Pep Band**  
(open to everyone)
- **Drumline**  
(auditioned group)
- **Color Guard**  
(auditioned group)
- **All-State Ensembles**  
(state level auditions)
- **Show Pit**  
(auditioned group)





# FIRST UP - MARCHING BAND!





# MARCHING STAFF

- Ryan Stahle  
Director of Bands
- Joel Van Peursesem  
Assistant Director
- Kim Bruguier  
Color Guard Advisor
- Marissa Abts  
Color Guard Advisor
- Jesse Dodd  
Battery Percussion
- Hannah Wehlander  
Frontline Percussion





# Marching Band Terminology!



# COLOR GUARD

The members of the marching band that perform with equipment such as flags, rifles, sabres and use elements of dance.





# BATTERY

The members of the marching band that march on the field with drums. Bass drums, snare drums and quint drums.





# FRONTLINE

The members of the marching band that play percussion instruments in the front of the field that do not march.





# WIND PLAYERS

The members of the marching band that play wind instruments and march on the field.





# DRUM MAJORS

The members of the marching band that conduct (wave their arms in time to keep the band together)!





# WHAT DO WE TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO DO IN MARCHING BAND?

**WE TEACH THEM HOW TO MARCH!**

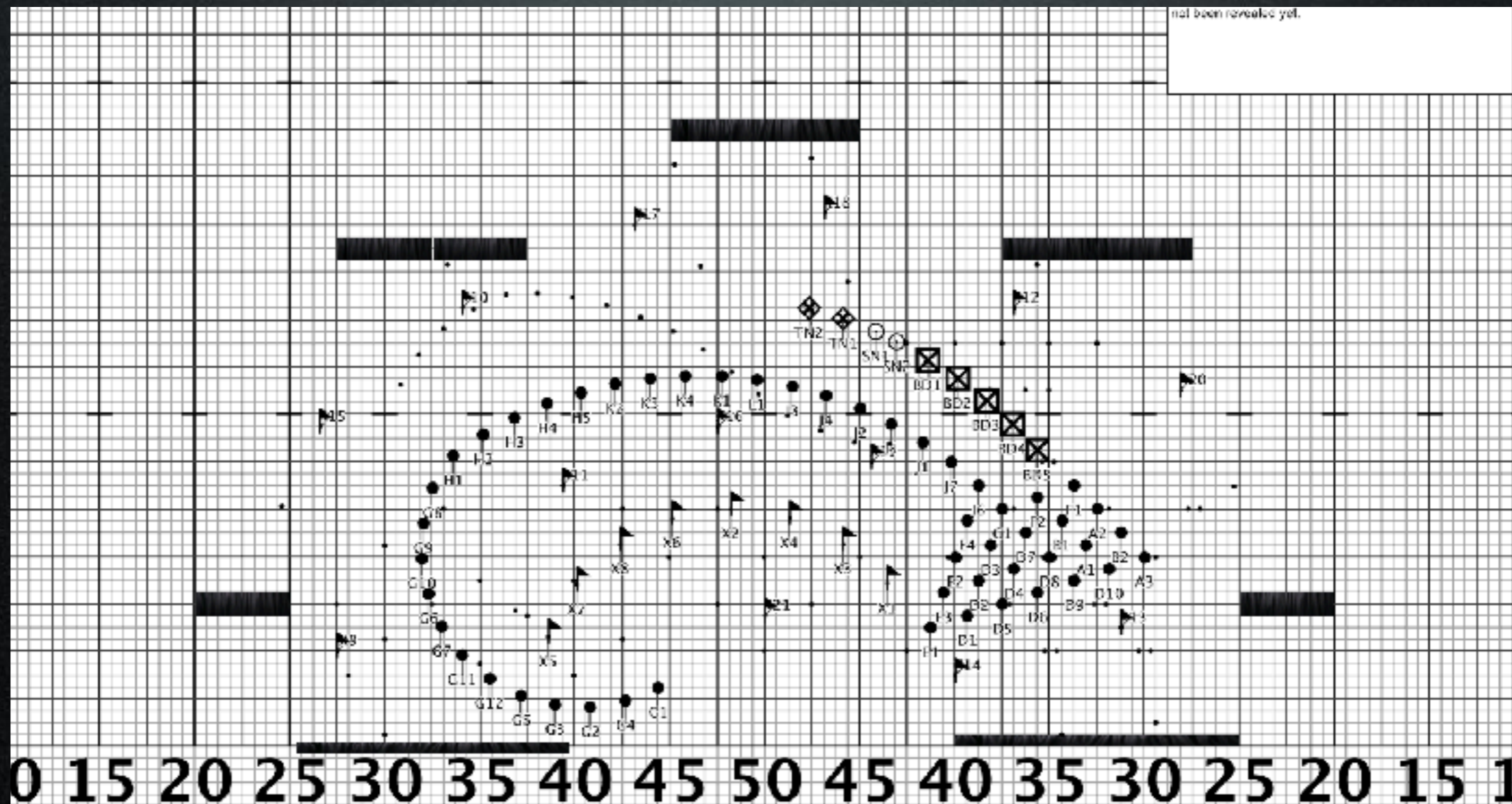
We show them proper horn carriage, how to stand at attention, how to face their instrument when playing and more. They learn this at new member training. Those dates are June 14 and 21 and also on July 12 and 19.





# WE TEACH THEM COORDINATES ON THE FIELD!

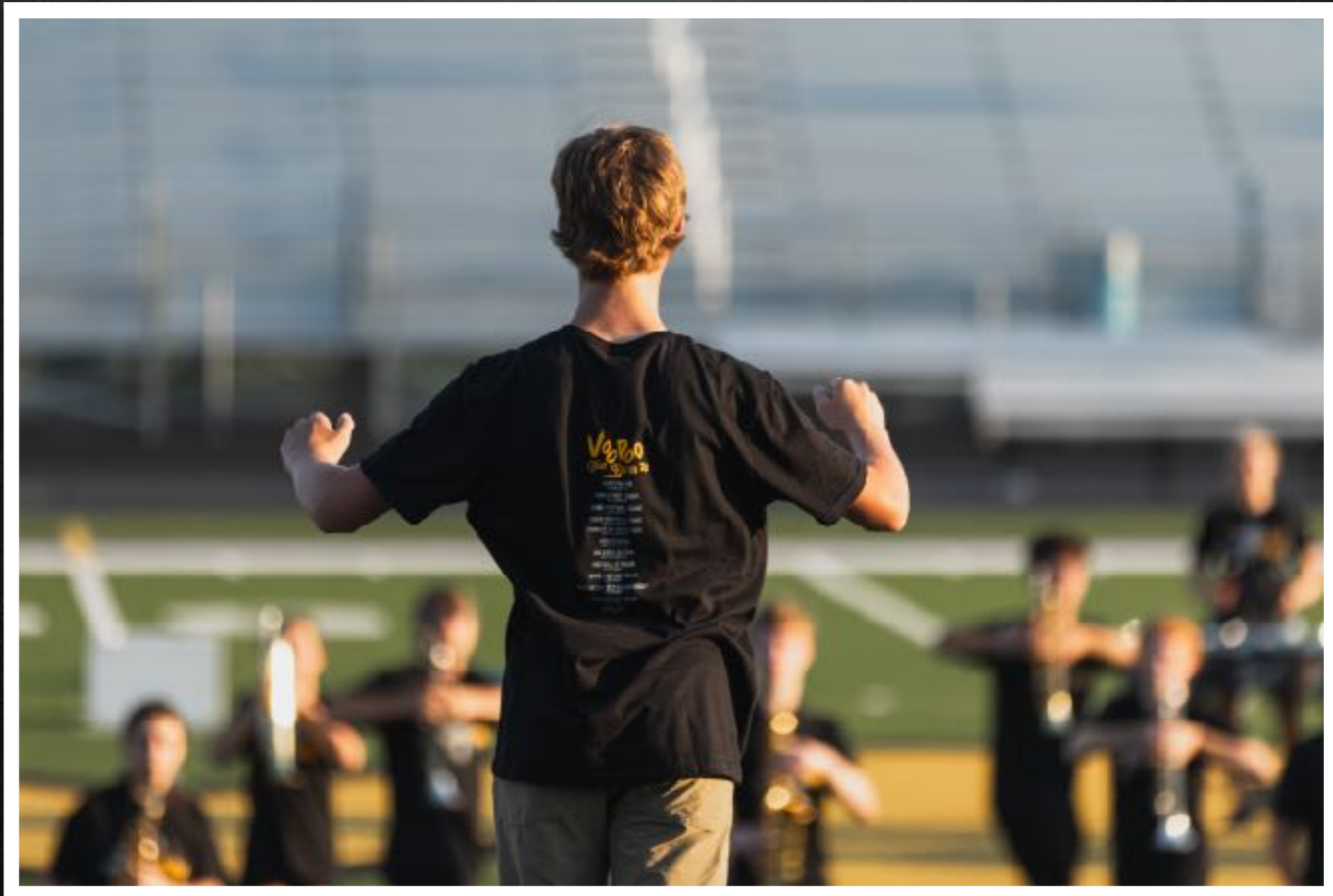
During marching band camp, we slowly go through each set or coordinate and show them where they are on the marching field, how that fits into the picture or design and how to move from set to set! We average around 50-60 sets in a show! That is why we rehearse before school starts!





# WE TEACH THEM HOW TO PLAY THE MUSIC!

During summer sectionals, music rehearsals, camp, etc....we teach your children how to play the music of the show. Music is so much more than notes on the page....we teach them how to play accurately, intelligently and emotionally!





# Is Marching Band a Class?

- This activity is both curricular (graded and part of the school day) and extra-curricular (not graded and outside the school day).
  - We grade on attendance at rehearsals, home football game performances (similar to concerts), playing assignments and effort in class. We do not grade on attendance at competitions and early morning practices...however there are participation penalties for not attending. Much like a sport, if you don't show up on time and participate in practice, you don't play...in this case - perform!
  - The 2023 schedule outlines EVERY event we have outside of the school day. Attendance at these events is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to the success of the group and is required!



# 2023 MARCHING SCHEDULE



- Full schedule is included in handout and is at this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hB2kr3kbCkKS442KREJi6HXktK5QAiCVRfqWWg9wmfY/edit?usp=sharing> Some important dates to mention are:
  - Sectionals on Wednesday mornings are optional but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! These are a great opportunity to not only work on music but meet kids in the band before camp starts. Each section rehearses for an hour on Wednesday mornings from 10-11AM.
  - Drumline/Frontline/Guard mini-camps are July 24-28 (music is learned/memorized at this camp).
  - Camp Dates for everyone are: July 31-Aug 4th /Aug 7-8 /11/ 14-15.
  - We perform at football games (primarily Fridays) and competitions are in Marshall, MN (9.23) / Brandon Valley (9.30)/ Sioux Falls (10.7) / Orange City, IA or Minneapolis (10.14). Indoor show on November 2nd.
  - Please use conflict Google Form for any reason you need to miss. This allows the staff to stay up to date on where everyone is at! The link to fill out this information is at: <https://forms.gle/BX6Zk4uTc8GqmLMx6>



# Couple items on the schedule...

- In the summer - if you have family vacations that are already scheduled, please just communicate with me...we have worked around things before! :-)
- DON'T reschedule family vacations around sectionals. I have two kids and KNOW HOW IMPORTANT family vacations are!
- If you can reschedule an event that conflicts with camp, please make every effort to do that!
- If you have to miss a football game performance for another activity, this is excused!



# Uniforms

- Uniform checkout for freshman is Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30PM.
- Everyone will receive a marching uniform that will include a jacket, pants, hat and hat box. We keep the jacket and pants, you keep everything else. You will be in charge of keeping your hat, hat box, gloves, gauntlets, shoes and socks. We pass out plumes (the feather piece on top of the hat) on performances only.
- Please wash your gloves, t-shirt, socks, etc on a consistent basis! If your child doesn't already own a pair of black knee high socks, maybe purchase a couple pairs. No short socks allowed.





# Accessory Checklist

- All incoming freshman will need to purchase the following items:
  1. \$30.00 - Marching Shoes
  2. \$16.00 - Band T-Shirt
  3. \$10.00 - Dry-Cleaning Fee
  4. \$4.00 - Black Gloves



*All of this will be available to order online in Mid-July. Links will be sent out via the Remind messaging service!*



# DOCTOR PHYSICAL

- **PLEASE SCHEDULE A DOCTORS PHYSICAL BEFORE July 24th! Most doctors offices will be filling up FAST in July....so dont wait! Schedule this now!**
- Everyone that is in ANY activity needs a doctor's physical before that activity begins! This includes marching band and show choir!
- If this is not completed, your child will have to sit on the sidelines and watch until they have this completed. Missing camp activities such as learning the drill would be disastrous to the learning process of the group!
- Once this is done, please visit link to complete your activity registration: <https://mitchell-ar.rschooltoday.com/>





# MEDICAL STUFF

- Please visit the following link BEFORE CAMP begins to let us know if we can give your children over the counter medication. This permission is primarily for when we travel out of town but is useful for us when we practice in the summer (bee stings, abrasions, headaches, etc) <https://forms.gle/mF4a6U2pKdYc8d3y7>





# Donations/Volunteering

- The school provides our salaries, half of the drill writing cost, competition entry fees, travel expenses and some equipment purchases.
- The school does not cover the cost of additional summer staff, music arrangements (\$2500) copyright agreements (\$1500), props (varies year to year but are in the thousands), percussion arrangements (\$1500), color guard choreography (\$2000), color guard equipment (\$1000+), etc.
- Our annual budget is around \$15,000 to put on a show every year. Sioux Falls Lincoln is closer to \$50,000!
- Fundraisers like Indoor Show and Boat Parade help...but don't cover our expenses completely.
- There are two ways to help out:
  - Donate to the program financially
  - Sign up to help with various events!



# SIGN UP GENIUS!

- Helping with Uniform Fitting Nights on July 25/26 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-marching1#/>
- Boat Parade on August 11th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c45a8a92aa7f49-boat#/>
- Lake Retreat on August 11th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c45a8a92aa7f49-lake#/>
- Helping with Discount Card Sale - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c45a8a92aa7f49-discount#/>
- Helping at Home Football Games - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-help3#/>
- Helping with the Marching Band Competitions - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-help3#/>
- Helping with the Indoor Marching Show on November 2nd - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-help3#/>
- Helping with the Holiday Jam on December 12th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-holiday1#/>
- Helping with the Palace City Jazz Festival on Feb 6th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-palace2#/>
- Helping with the Palace City Jam on April 30th - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044aaca2aa4ff2-palace3#/>



# Commitment

- The drill costs us \$4000 to have someone create for us. Once it is written, it can cost thousands more to alter and fix if we lose someone.
- Once the drill is finished and a student quits, it is **INCREDIBLY** difficult to adjust intervals, forms and shapes if that person is not on the field.
- Please remind your children once they commit to being a member, they need to see out that commitment. If they dont, the progress of our group will be severely compromised. An example of this is taking precious time **EVERY SET** and adjust the forms for that missing person!



# After marching band is over...

- We just meet on B1 from 8:15AM-9:45AM. There are NO MORE early morning practices.
- We all prepare for the winter concert as one big group which is in December.
- Once second semester starts, we then break into two concert bands (one is composed of primarily 9th and 10th graders and the other is of 11th and 12th graders). Younger band meets on G1 from 8:15AM-9:45AM.
- Both bands prepare for a spring concert in March, large group contest in March and a Pops Concert in May.
- If your child does not try out for any extra-curricular groups, this is all they would have the rest of the year. If they do try out for one of the groups we have at MHS....



# Fundraising

- Every student has a band student account. All money is stored at First Dakota Bank and is managed by an off-site accountant and volunteer parent.
- Our primary fundraiser for 2023/2024 will be our Band Discount Card.
- Program fundraisers include:  
Community Performance, Boat Parade, Indoor Marching Show, Palace City Jazz Festival, Palace City Jam and Holiday Jam





# COMMUNICATION APPS

I use the Remind system to communicate to parents AND students. Occasionally, I will send out emails but will use the Remind system for the vast majority of my communications. To sign up to receive messages to the Band Parents group and the Marching Band group, see instructions below. Make sure you have installed the app and make sure notifications are enabled.

Marching Band Group



**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/23mbmhs](https://rmd.at/23mbmhs)

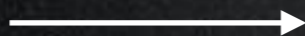
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Join 2023 Marching Band

Full Name  
First and Last Name

Phone Number or Email Address  
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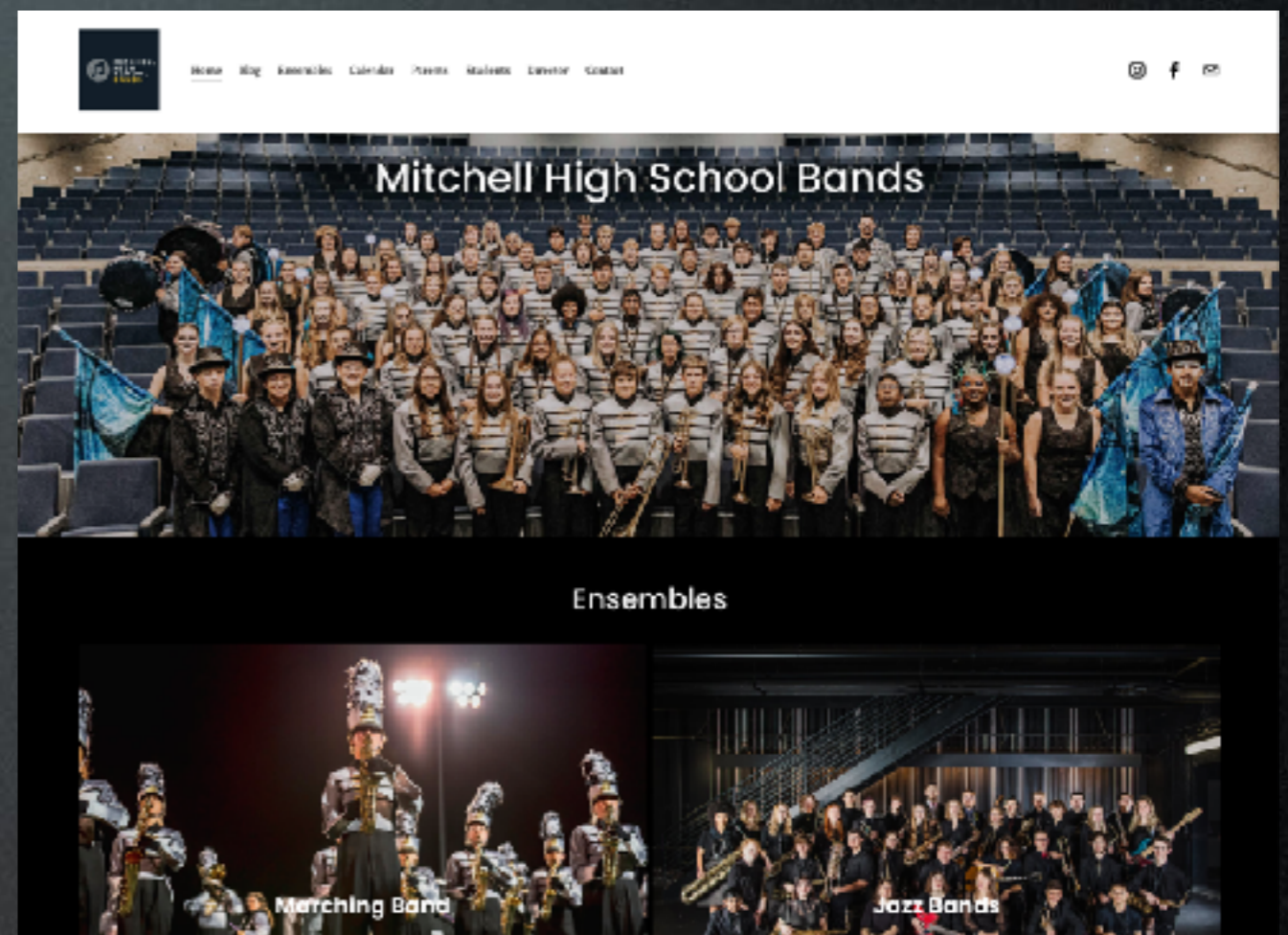
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- Longer messages will be posted in blog posts here





# Questions?

I don't bite! :-)

THANKS FOR COMING  
TONIGHT!

