



## President's Message: Welcome!

*by Trish Olson, President*

Dear Supporters of the Arts,

The school year has kicked off with a blast! As you will see in this newsletter the Marching Band, Drama, Musical, and Broadcasting have been busy. We invite you to join us in supporting these award-winning programs at MPHS. **Our school benefits from them, our students thrive because of them, and our community is entertained by them.**

Your membership provides manpower and funding to keep everything running smoothly because the show must go on! Face the music - it's time to join MPPAPS! Contact Membership Chair, Melissa McElwain (melissamcelwain@gmail.com) to join today!

Sincerely,  
*Trish*

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# Season-End: Marching Band

by Sue Opderbeck

Midland Park High School Marching Band's annual "Music In The Park" was held on Sunday, October 6th and was a great success. Music In The Park is the Marching Band's most important fundraiser and allows the band to showcase their talents and the families that support them.

This event draws crowds from throughout the region. This year we hosted 16 bands with both Bergenfield Marching Band and our own MPHS Marching Band performing in exhibition. The 50 plus parent volunteers who make it all happen deserve an enormous thank you for making the day run smoothly and ensuring our guests have a wonderful experience.

The MPHS Marching Band is a member of the New York State Field Band Conference (NYSFBC) whose end-of-the-season championship was held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Syracuse University. The championship was the final performance of a two-month long competition season ending with the band members attending the performance of the National Class Championship.

Midland Park competed against nine other bands in the Small School 3 category. The results were historic -- our marching band returned home with first place! **Congratulations to the students, administrators, teachers, volunteers and parents, both past and present, that helped our marching band become a CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM.**



Order **CHAMPIONSHIP GEAR** this holiday!  
<https://teamstore.gtmsportswear.com/MPHSBAND>

## MARCHING BAND INFORMATION:

**MPHS Marching Band Homepage:**

<http://mphsarts.org/marchingband.html>

**Competition Results (Full Season):**

<http://mphsarts.org/marchingband19.html>

**NYSFB Championship Scores:**

<https://nysfbc.org/scores/>

**Championship Gear for Purchase:**

<https://teamstore.gtmsportswear.com/MPHSBAND>

# Staged: Drama Production

by Jennifer Triolo

Over the weekend of November 15th, Midland Park High School presented *A Lighter Shade of Noir* by Patrick Derksen originally published in 2014. Archetypal detectives - with a twist - discovered "who done it" as in the classic films of the 1940s and '50s. Those attending recognized famous names (and mustaches!) as they followed the investigation unfolding on stage. But was it all as it truly seemed? It was a lighter shade after all, so it wasn't all black and white!

**Congratulations to the cast and crew for a wonderfully entertaining production!**



## DRAMA PRODUCTION CONTACTS:

**Contact:**

Director: Ms. Hayne (lhayne@mpsnj.com)

Assistant Director: Matthew Umamo (student)

Producer: Mr. Whelply (Jwhelply@mpsnj.org)

**Visit:**

MPHS Drama Production Homepage:

<http://mphsarts.org/theatre.html>

# Rehearsals: Musical Production

by Joanna Van Vliet

Mrs. Halliwell is back!! This year the Midland Park High School will present the musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. The musical itself is a parody of musical comedies of the 1920's played out as a man reflects on his favorites by playing an old recording to soothe his sorrows.

## Showtimes are as follows:

- Friday, March 27th, 7:30 pm
- Saturday March 28th matinee (time TBA) and 7:30 pm
- Sunday, March 29th at 12:30 pm.

All tickets will cost \$16. There will be a ticket pre-sale for cast members at the end of February. Tickets will be available to the public in early March and at the door. Stay tuned for specific dates. *To keep with the Sustainable New Jersey Initiative, all pre-sale ticket requests will be completed and submitted digitally.*

**GIVE THE GIFT OF SONG THIS HOLIDAY  
ORDER CHRISTMAS CAROLERS TO YOUR DOOR  
PERFORMED BY THE MPHS MADRIGALS  
CONTACT COLLEEN KEEGAN  
@CMK3BYZ@GMAIL.COM**

## MUSICAL FUNDRAISERS:

**King's Cards:** \$20.00 (cost)- receive \$10.00 each purchase of \$75.00 at the Midland Park King's Store. Contact Madeline Umano for more information (umano0810@gmail.com)!

**Raffle Tickets:** \$10.00 (cost) - Chance to win \$500 Visa Card, \$300 Visa Card, Four Tickets to any performance. Contact Madeline Umano for more information (umano0810@gmail.com)!

## **Performances:** **Hold the Date**

### **CHORUS CONCERT:**

*Thursday, December 12th, 7:30 pm*

*Midland Park High School*

*Memorial Hall*

### **BAND CONCERT:**

*Thursday, January 15th, 7:00 pm*

*Midland Park High School*

*Memorial Hall*

## **Ways to Get Involved:** **Considerations**

### **BECOME A MEMBER (\$20.00):**

*Contact Melissa McElwain:*

*melissamcelwain@gmail.com*

### **ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

*Contact Trish Olson:*

*tpolson@optonline.net*

### **BAKE FOR EVENTS:**

*Contact Joanna Van Vliet:*

*joannavanvliet@yahoo.com*

### **WRITE AN ARTICLE:**

*Contact Catherine Pigg:*

*mphsartscat@gmail.com*

### **MAKE A DONATION:**

*Contact Bobbie Stevens:*

*bobimack@optonline.net*

# **MPHS PERFORMING ARTS PARENTS:**

## **2019-2020 Executive Board**

**President:** Trish Olson

**Vice President:** Bobbie Stevens

**Treasurer:** Catherine Pigg

**Recording Secretary:** Dina Statuto

**Corresponding Secretary:** Madeline Umamo

*The Midland Park High School Performing Arts Parents is an organization dedicated to enriching the experience of the arts for Midland Park middle and high school students participating in Marching Band, Concert Band, Chorus, Theater Arts (drama/musical) and Broadcasting.*

# MPHS Performing Arts Parents Membership Form (2019-2020)

**MUSICAL \* MARCHING BAND \* DRAMA \* CHORUS \* CONCERT BAND \*  
MADRIGALS \* JAZZ BAND \* BROADCASTING**

- **Who we are:** Parents with children in the Performing Arts programs at MPHS who are dedicated to enriching the experience of the arts for all of our students.
- **What we do:** We advance the arts at MPHS as liaisons between the faculty/administration and parents; provide critical manpower to help our programs run, grow, and thrive; fundraise to support our performers and staff financially. If you wish to become a member of PAPS, please fill out the following form, along with family dues of \$20.
- **Payment Methods:** Contact Melissa McElwain, Membership Chair (201) 835-7153
  - **Checks:** Payable to "MPHS PAPS" delivered to 42 Hiawatha Ct. attn. Melissa McElwain
  - **Venmo:** @mmcelwain (Melissa McElwain, Membership Chair)
  - **Paypal:** @Midland Park High School Performing Arts Parents, Inc.

## MEMBER DETAILS:

- Parent or Guardian Name:
- Address:
- Email:
- Cell Phone:
- Student(s) Names/Grades:

**Please circle any events in which you would like to assist:** Musical \* Music in the Park \* Chorus  
Concerts \* Drama \* Madrigals Concerts \* Baking \* Raffle Sales \* Plant Sales \* Concession Sales \*  
Fundraising

## SENIOR PARENT REMINDER:

In order for your student to be considered for the annual scholarship, you must be a registered member of the MPHS Performing Arts Parents.