

and
Midland Park High School Performing Arts Parents
present

MUSIC IN THE PARK

XXIX

Sunday, October 11, 2026
1:00 pm
Midland Park High School
Midland Park, NJ

Midland Park Public Schools
Midland Park, NJ

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Dear Marching Band Fans,

Welcome to the 29th annual "Music in the Park" marching band competition! On behalf of the Midland Park School District, it is my distinct honor to extend a warm greeting to all of the talented student performers, dedicated directors, families, and community members joining us today. For nearly three decades, this showcase has stood as a beloved tradition, bringing our neighborhood together to celebrate artistic excellence, discipline, and the extraordinary energy of the marching bands.

This year, we are thrilled to host 13 spectacular bands, including our very own musicians from Highland School and Midland Park High School. We are particularly excited to present Midland Park High School's 2026 field show, "Hear and Now." Through a creative musical journey featuring the timeless melodies of Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel alongside original compositions by Taylor Goodson, the production explores how sound shapes a typical day.

An event of this scale is only possible through the incredible vision and work of our community partners. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our Event Chairperson, Lauren Butler, for her incredible leadership in bringing this competition to life, as well as Midland Park PAPS President Jackie Drexler and our dedicated parent volunteers for their tireless work behind the scenes. Thank you to our Band Director, David Marks, for his unwavering leadership and devotion to our students. Finally, to all of our visiting performers, supporters, and spectators: thank you for being an essential part of this musical tradition. Best of luck to all the bands, and enjoy the show!

Sincerely,

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Kevin Ulmer
Superintendent of Schools

MIDLAND PARK JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

250 Prospect Street
Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

Home of the Panthers

October 2026

Dear Guest,

I welcome you to this annual fall event, *Music in the Park XXIX*. This year's Midland Park Marching Band theme is "Hear and Now." The show takes us through a typical day and the wide range of emotions we experience as part of daily life.

There will be eleven bands performing today in addition to MPHS and Highland doing exhibition performances. Each musician has put their greatest effort forward and has come together to perform as one common unit. Through discipline and dedication this event will enable young performers to shine.

I congratulate all the student performers and band directors for their commitment and hard work that has enabled them to reach this point. It takes pride and perseverance to be successful and at the end of the day everyone is a winner!

A special recognition goes to Midland Park High School's Marching Band Co-Directors, Mr. David Marks and Mr. Chaz Sheridan and their staff, MPPAP President, Mrs. Jaclyn Drexler, Music in the Park Competition Chairperson, Ms. Lauren Butler and the Midland Park Performing Arts Parents. Thank you for supporting the students! We look forward to a memorable day enjoying the music of our young performers.

A special recognition and commendation goes to the entire music program. The NAMM Foundation has recognized the Midland Park Public Schools for a twelfth year for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation.

Today is a day of pride, smiles and success. We hope you enjoy the music!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Capuano

Nicholas J. Capuano
Principal

The Midland Park Public School District identifies harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB) as serious offenses. To report an alleged HIB incident, please contact the school principal, the school's Anti-Bullying Specialist, and/or the District's Anti-Bullying Coordinator. Contact information for these staff members may be found on our district website:
www.mpsnj.org

Midland Park High School Band Program

250 Prospect Street
Midland Park, NJ 07432

October 11, 2026

Dear Guests and Band Family,

For the past 30 years I have had the good fortune to lead the Midland Park Band Program. During that time we have had groups performing at all levels. There were the great years and there were building years. No matter what, the bands all came together to prove to the audience exactly why they love the activity so much. The students and their instructors have spent countless hours preparing each of these shows in their own way but they all have one thing in common, they communicate through the marching arts.

Music is sometimes described as "organized sound." This year the MPHS Marching Band explores sound in a whole different way. Each of us experiences sound from the moment we wake up until the moment we fall asleep. It affects our emotions, our moods, our productivity and even our health. How often do we actually stop and recognize what is happening?

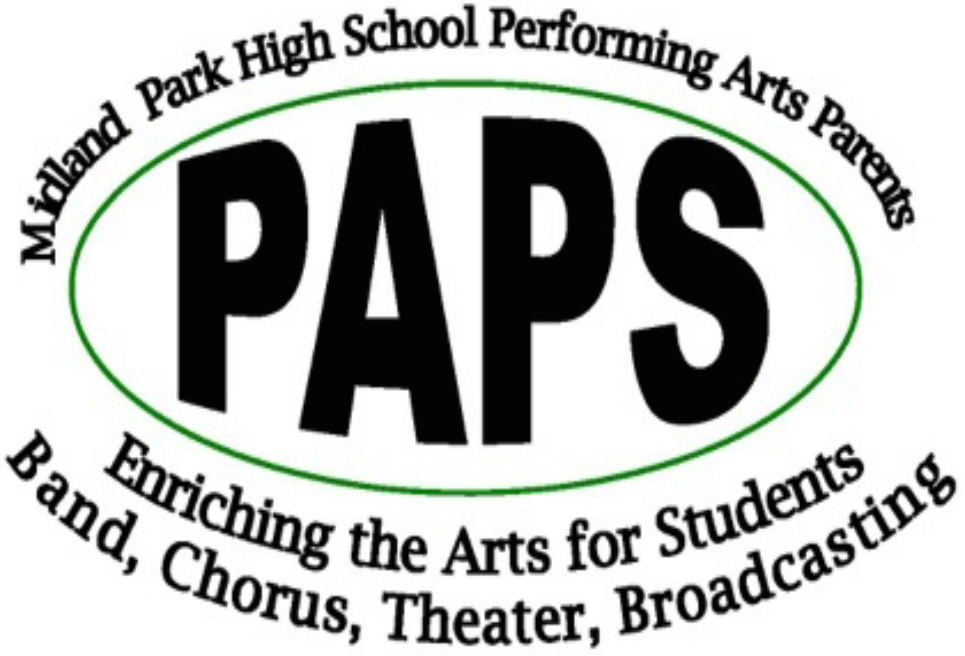
The sound these bands produce on the field today will strive to do the same thing to each of you today. They will take each of you on a 10 minute journey through a story they want you to live with them. Allow yourself to tune out the world and focus on the art that is occurring in front of you. You can be amazed when you see these shows in their totality instead of just the work of one child or one instrument.

Today we will welcome 12 local bands to our stadium. These bands represent schools that want their students to learn how to communicate through the marching arts. Their directors have helped them learn those lessons. Most importantly, they will all entertain us and allow us to escape reality for a few hours. Their efforts are to be applauded.

Here at MPHS we are excited to present our 2026 show "Hear and Now." Today we invite you to Hear with us in the Now. Feel the emotions that music creates and understand that music is fundamental to every part of our lives.

Thanks to everyone who made today possible. The Board of Education and Administration for their continued support of the arts and our program. To Midland Park Performing Arts Parents for their amazing devotion to our students. To Lauren Butler for doing an amazing job making Music the Park the great day we have all come to love and expect. To the performers, staff members, and parents of the visiting bands for sharing your talents with us. And most of all to all the bands that have played on this field over the past 29 years for reminding us that Music is something that we should all cherish. Enjoy the afternoon!

David Marks
Director of Bands



Thank you to all our members who generously donate their time and participate in fundraisers to help keep the Performing Arts thriving at MPHS. Celebrating 69 years of excellence both in and out of school and both on and off the field!

Special shout out to Mr. Marks, Mr. Sheridan and Staff for your continued years of dedication to marching band students!

To our marching band students, good luck for a successful season. Exhibit your best and reach for the stars!!!

VISIT THE BAND ONLINE AT
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Thank you to the entire competition committee and all of today's worker's for a great day! You are the people that make this day happen!

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All of the proceeds from today's 50/50 will be split between the following two scholarships:

Christopher McGarry Performing Arts Scholarship - Given in honor of marching band parent Chris McGarry who believed that every student should have the opportunity to participate in the arts and be given the chance to excel to the highest level.

John Mulé Color Guard Scholarship - Given in honor of Visual Assistant John Mulé who dedicated 13 years to the MPHS Color Guard and worked each year to provide the students of Midland Park with a remarkable marching band experience.

Donald S. George Trophy

Donald S. George, was the band director at Midland Park High School from 1957-1968. During his tenure the band grew to prominence and was known as "The Band That Never Stood Still." After leaving Midland Park, Dr. George moved to Wisconsin. He was professor emeritus of music and Director of University Bands at UW-Eau Claire beginning in 1968. He was an active member of the faculty, conducting the Symphony Band, teaching clarinet and conducting, and serving as director of University Bands until his retirement in 1995.

During his tenure, UW-Eau Claire's band program grew to more than 250 students. The Symphony Band played premiere performances of many major works and was selected twice for performances at the Wisconsin State Music Convention and in 1985 performed at the American Bandmasters Association convention. George also was elected to the American Bandmasters Association and was a member of the National Band Association and the International Clarinet Society.

In 1993 George helped found the Chippewa Valley Concert Band. He also served as director of church choirs and was a foster parent for more than 20 years.

A native of Newark, N.J., George served in the U.S. Air Force and was a solo clarinetist in the Air Force Base Band from 1951 to 1953. He earned his doctorate, master of arts and bachelor of science degrees from Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. He also studied at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio; Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.; and Mannes College of Music in New York City.

Today's Judges

Clifford Bialkin - Music Effect

Mr. Bialkin retired in 2020 after serving as the Director of Bands at Ramsey High School in NJ for 32 years. During his tenure, he led numerous award-winning ensembles, including the jazz band, marching band, wind ensemble, and pit orchestra. His groups had the opportunity to travel extensively, performing in parades and concerts across Europe, including in London, France, and Italy. After retiring, he founded Clifford Bialkin Designs LLC, a company specializing in custom music arrangements, drill design, and performance coaching for marching arts ensembles across the United States. The company also offers soundtrack creation, live audio production, custom mixing, and audio engineering for musical theatre. Mr. Bialkin is a respected music arranger for both band and drum corps, including the world-famous Hawthorne Caballeros. He is a freelance trombonist in the New York metro area and has a studio of students, where he shares his expertise in brass performance. Mr. Bialkin is also a frequent clinician and adjudicator, offering his insights to ensembles both domestically and internationally. He and his wife, Sabrina, also an teacher, live in Ramsey, NJ, where they share a deep passion for educating students, as well as a love for music and the arts.and is also the assistant coordinator for Tournament of Bands (TOB) Region10. Mr. Bialkin has been actively teaching in the drum corps world since 1996. In 2003 he joined the staff at Hawthorne Caballeros for their championship run. Since then he has been teaching, designing, programing, coordinating and consulting multiple all age, and junior drum and bugle corps. Mr. Bialkin has a full private studio of low brass players, and is a freelance trombonist in the NY/NJ Metropolitan area.

Mr. Bialkin currently resides in Ramsey, New Jersey with his wife Sabrina, a teacher in the Wayne Township Public Schools in Wayne New Jersey, and his 25-year-old son Joshua, who is a Trumpet player attending Yale School of Music as a Masters of Music Performance Candidate.

Teddi Sotiropoulos – Music Ensemble - Winds

Theodora "Teddi" Sotiropoulos is an accomplished music educator and conductor who currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at the Cali School at Montclair State University. As well as teaching Elementary Conducting, Sotiropolous also directs the Campus Band. Throughout her time in education, she has made a significant impact on both her students and the wider musical community.

Before joining Montclair State, Sotiropoulos served as Director of Bands at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, New Jersey as Midland Park High School in the mid 1990's.. During her time at Northern Highlands, she led the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and the award-winning Highlands Regiment Marching Band. These ensembles, under her direction, performed at venues including Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Disney World, and Universal Studios!

Sotiropoulos holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Illinois, as well as a Master of Music in Conducting from the University of South Florida. Her expertise and leadership continue to inspire the next generation of musicians and conductors at Montclair State and beyond. She is also currently the conductor of the Teaneck Community Band.

Martin Griffin – Music Ensemble - Percussion

Martin Griffin received his bachelor's degree in Music Education from William Paterson University where he performed with the NJ Percussion Ensemble, and he also has a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Kean University. Marty has been a Band Director in NJ for 33 years and he is currently the Director of Bands and Coordinator of Fine Arts at Monroe Township High School. He directed the Marching Band for 17 years and currently directs the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble. The MTHS Marching Band was crowned NJ State and National Champions in 2013 and they were selected to represent New Jersey at the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 2016. In addition, the MTHS Wind Ensemble has received multiple Gold and Superior ratings and they have performed at NJPAC and Carnegie Hall and have been selected to perform at the NJ State Band Gala. Under his direction, the MTHS Percussion Ensemble has also received numerous superior ratings and they have been a WGI Percussion Regional Champion.

Marty performed for five seasons with the Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps, and he has been a percussion arranger for high school bands throughout NJ since 1987, including JP Stevens High School, a BOA regional finalist. Marty currently judges for numerous organizations including Winter Guard International, Bands of America and Drum Corps International. Marty has judged the Drum Corps Japan Championships held in Yokohama, Japan and he is currently the Percussion Caption Head for Drum Corps Associates as well as judging coordinator for The Mid Atlantic Percussion Society and the NJ Marching Band Directors Association. Marty has served as a member of the WGI Percussion Advisory Board, and he was on the percussion staff of the Music for All Honors Band which performed in the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade.

Micheal Thompson – Visual Effect

Michael began adjudicating in 2004 and has been an active adjudicator with WGI and DCI since 2008.

Michael has cultivated over 30 years of Marching Arts experience as an Instructor, Designer, Clinician and Adjudicator. As a performer of the acclaimed Miller's Blackhawks Winter Color Guard from Dayton, Ohio, Michael had the opportunity to serve as an instructor and designer for numerous Marching Bands and Winter Color Guards in the Ohio area including Scholastic A Finalist Lexington, HS Color Guard, Scholastic World Finalist Northmont, HS and BOA Grand National Finalist Westerville South High School.

After relocating to the New York City area, Michael had the opportunity to perform and choreograph numerous stage and video performances including productions for Off Broadways

Shango, FAMA Awards Lincoln Center, Soul Solution, MTV and Sony Entertainment. Michael was also an international presenter for Hip-Hop and Jazz Dance master classes in Tokyo, Japan and Italy.

Michael is currently the Artistic Director and Designer for the Roxbury HS Marching Band and Fort Lee HS Marching Band. He has also served as the Indoor Percussion and Winter Color Guard and Color Guard Director and Designer for JP Stevens HS, Guard Designer for Verona, HS and Color Guard Instructor for the Rutgers University Marching Band. Michael has designed indoor and outdoor Marching Arts programs at every competitive level since 1990, including SA and SW WGI Finalist and Bands of America Grand National Finalist.
In addition, Michael brings over decades of Dance arts and Education performance to students and directors. Having had the opportunity to present Jazz and Hip-Hop master classes in Italy and Japan was an exceptional experience.

James Riley – Visual Performance

James Riley is an active adjudicator and clinician for USBands, Cavalcade, East Coast Judges Guild, Drum Corps Associates, and was the youngest examiner ever to be appointed to the Royal College of Examiners. His marching experience includes the New York Skyliners and World Champion Star of Indiana. He has worked as program designer, music and marching clinician, and consultant for several area high schools and drum corps including the Hawthorne Caballeros and Fusion Core. He has also served as Manager, Co-ordinator, and Auditions Chair for both the Bergen County Music Educators and North Jersey Area Band.

Mr. Riley resides in Pompton Plains with his wife Kristin and sons Liam and Aedan. Formerly the Department Chair, Director of Bands, Musical Director, and varsity golf coach for Pequannock Township High School, and the Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts in Nutley, NJ, he is currently the Business Administrator for the Verona School District. He holds his Doctorate in Educational Leadership as well as a Bachelor of Music, Magna cum Laude, from the Hartt School of Music; Master of Music from SUNY Purchase; Artist Diploma from the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto; and a Masters of Administration and Supervision from Montclair State University.

Judging Calculation:

Music Ens. – Winds	**100 pts.**
Music Ens. – Perc	**100 pts.**
Music Effect -	**100 pts.**
Visual Performance -	**100 pts.**
Visual Effect -	**100 pts.**

Total divided by 5 = Final Score.



Please welcome the:

HIGHLAND SCHOOL BAND

GRADES 5 & 6

Performing

The Star-Spangled Banner

JEFFREY PETERS, DIRECTOR

HAWTHORNE HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BEARS
PRESENT

LA VIDA LOCA

DRUM MAJOR
ERIK KONIGHT
DRUM CAPTAIN
CAMILA RODRIGUEZ
BRASS CAPTAIN
THOMAS ALLEN
WOODWIND CAPTAIN
BRIANA LOPEZ
COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN
FERNANDA PALOMINO SOSA

LET'S GET LOUD

EVIL WAYS

LIVIN' LA VIDA LOCA

IHHS Marching Braves



Drum Majors:	Aidan Creamer & Benjamin Wuensch
Music Field Captains:	Katelyn Douma & Henry Seavers
Marching Field Captain:	Joseph Arditti
Band Manager:	Brody ONeal
Facilities Student Supervisor:	Cali Vander Eems
Public Outreach Panel:	Sena Iyamaya & Ashlan Leach
Principal:	Dr. Gregory Vacca
Band Director:	Jason Clark
Assistant Band Director:	George Creegan
Visual & Color Guard Instructor	Kristin DiNapoli
Percussion Instructors:	Keith Warfield & Michael Sasson
Marching and Music Instructors:	David Marks, Evan Wasek, Eric Tashji, Joel Noonan & Emily Brackenbury
Music and Percussion Arrangements by:	Gordon Fisher
Drill written by:	David Marks

The Indian Hills Braves are excited to present this year's show, "NOT ANOTHER TEEN ROMANCE!" The performance begins with Joan Jett's "Bad Reputation", portraying a rebellious self-loathing teenager. But then, they fall in love with the most beautiful person in their class and "Can't Keep My Eyes Off Of You" by Frankie Valli will keep playing in their head. (shhhh! No ONE can know about this of course! It would ruin their reputation!) Of course, their besties discover their secret, but quote the GoGos "Our Lips Are Sealed" to reassure their silence. After a magical time spent dating finally, The Cardigans "Lovefool" leaves us knowing that this romance did not last forever unfortunately…….until the sequel is released!

The Braves would like to thank Mr. Marks and the Midland Park Marching Band for their amazing hospitality, and we would also like to wish all of the other performers a great show!

Garfield High School Marching Band

Name of School: GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Address: 500 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ 07026

School Colors: Purple & Vegas Gold

Mascot: Boilermaker

Enrollment: 1,258

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Richard Tomko

School Principal: Mrs. Dorotea D'Amico

GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

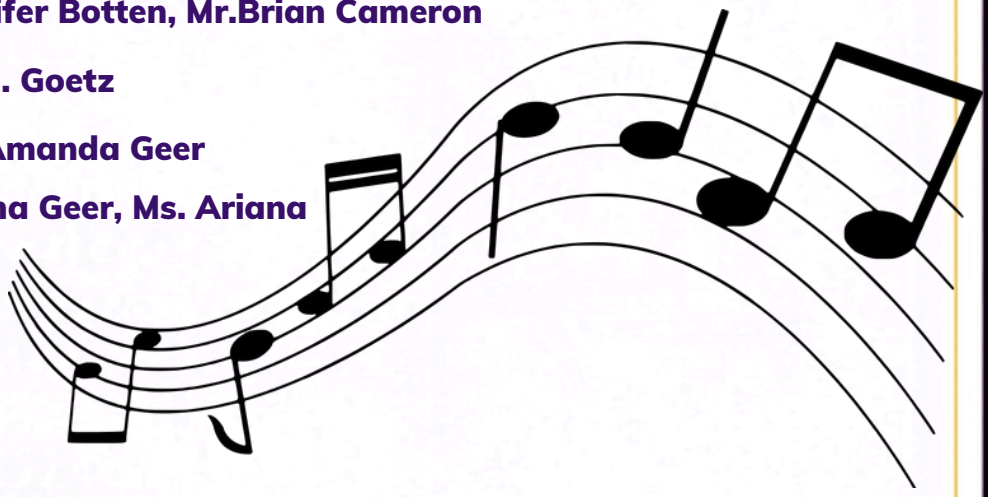
"GROWTH WITHIN ONESELF, QUALITY IN PERFORMANCE, PRIDE IN BAND FAMILY"

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Jennifer Botten, Mr.Brian Cameron

Band Director: Mr. Matthew R. Goetz

Color Guard Instructor: Mrs. Amanda Geer

Color Guard Techs: Ms. Brianna Geer, Ms. Ariana Hernandez-Madero



Total Band Members: 23

- **Musicians: 14**
- **Color Guard: 9**

Drum Majors: Audrey Paredes, Miranda Dransfield

Color Guard Captains: Danica Dransfield, Emma Alvarado

Repertoire:

"PANDORA'S BOX"

Mvt. 1: The Box

Mvt. 2: What's Inside?

Mvt. 3: Close the Box



WESTWOOD REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCHING BAND

Westwood High School Marching Cardinals:

Present:

20th Century Rock

Selections:
Take On Me
Can't Take My Eyes Off You
Livin' On A Prayer

Drum Majors: Zoe McGregor & Nick Asfar

Section Leaders:

Flute: Zoe McGregor
Clarinet: Eli Chung
Alto Sax/Mello: Elle Pereira
Trumpet: Daniel McDermott
Low Brass: Ava Comunale
Percussion: Madelyn Ivey

Drill Captain: Olivia Morales
Secretary: Juleimy Reyes
Social Media Manager: Connor Molyneaux
Librarian: Liz Toscano
Equipment Manager: Jacob Mahtaban, Anthony Murad

Band Members: 41

Band Directors: M. Daniel Peña & Joseph Fritz

Color Guard Director: Eileen Nagle

School Population: 830-840

Superintendent: Dr. Patrick McQueeney

Principal: Frank Connelly

Supervisor: Karen Ann Forgione

The 2026 Pascack Hills Marching Broncos present

DANTE



Student Leadership

Senior Drum Major: Kandace Po

Junior Drum Major: Violet Walsh

Drum Captain: Carson wolpov

Color Guard Captains: Mathilda Oosting & FIANA Fitzgerald

Brass Captain: Kandace Po

Woodwind Captain: George Miller

Band President: Antonia irmes

Band Staff

Director: Ryan Dore

Assistant Director: Abby Aska

Color Guard Instructor: Adria Warfield

Percussion Instructor: Buddy Fox

District Administration

Superintendent of Schools: Sarah Bilotti

Principal: Christine Pollinger

Assistant Principal: Tara Skiba

Assistant Principal: Derek Piccini

Athletic Director: Steven Papa

The Marching Broncos wish to thank the District Administration and the pascack hills music parents association for their support of the Marching Band program.

Teaneck High School Marching Band & Flag Twirlers

present

JAZZ

featuring

FEELING GOOD AFRO BLUE

FLY ME TO THE MOON

Student Leaders

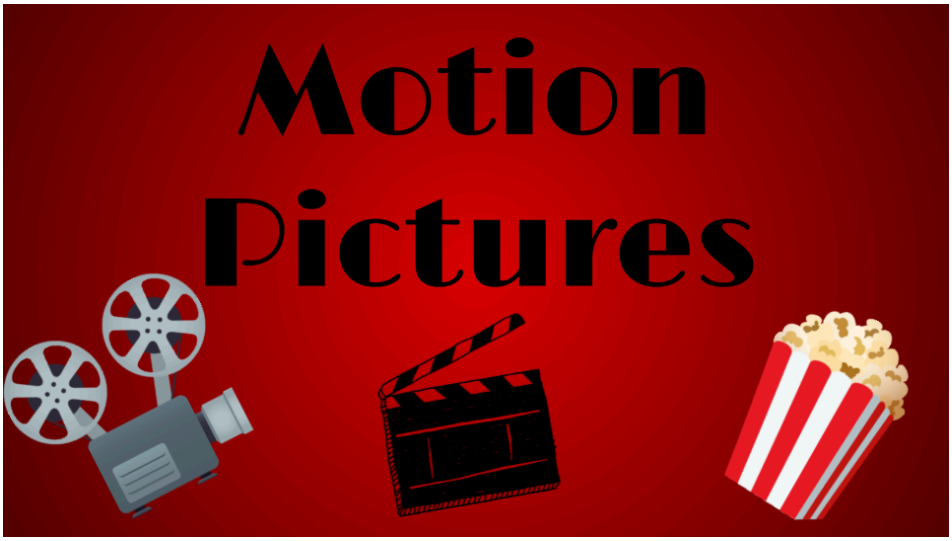
Drum Majors: Allure Fields, Johan Reyes
Brass Captains: Patrick Wong, Jackson Trindidad
Woodwind Captain: Julia Chavis
Pe**rcussion Captains**: Gabriel Portes, Xavier Charles
Secretaries: Manuela Gallego-Gonzalez, Saja Awadallah
Twirler Captains: Ava Jones, Micaela Gomez, Adriana Balmant, Maliyah Grant, Alison Amaya, Melanie De la Cruz, Shary Tirado, & Sophia Torres.

Band Staff

Director: Luke Short
Asst Directors: Samantha Sigal & Joey Hochgesang
Flag Twirler Director: Angela King

2026 Newton High School Marching Braves

present-



Movement 1- *Mission: Impossible*
Movement 2- *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
Movement 3- *Jurassic Park*
Movement 4- *Wicked*

Band Officers

Drum Majors- Jordan Fogelson and Kaitlyn Steinwand
Assistant Drum Majors- Jess Clark and Miles Livigne
Field Captain- Danica Platt
Woodwind Captain- Wesley Soloman
Brass Captain- Matthew Silva
Drum Captain- Abraham Soloman
Color Guard Captain- Josalina Canniff

Band Staff

Director- Justin Rothstein
Assistant Director- Andrew Jones
Color Guard- Patricia and Tom Darnsteadt
Percussion- Stephen O'Toole

Thank you to the parents and the NHS community for all that you do to support our students and our Band!

Newton High School, 44 Ryerson Ave. Newton, NJ 07860

Hackensack High School Marching Comets



Opener: Immortals
Second Selection: Demon Slayer Mugen Train
Third Selection: Hallelujah
Closer: Holding Out For A Hero

Group Size: 35 (31 musicians, 4 guard)
Colors: Navy Blue and Gold

Drum Majors: Marianna Calderon Amaya, Vicente Chavez Perez, Sophia Duchi
Field Captain: Ariana Perez

Section Leaders:
Flutes: Brendalee Valladares
Clarinets/Bass Clarinet/Alto Sax/Mellophone: Griselda Pucuna, Naomi Tenezaca
Trumpets: Matthew Nunez
Lows: Preston Ciscool, Dario Valladares
Drumline: Amauri Humes, Jonalvy Perez, Kevin Rubio

Staff: Mrs. Lisa MacVicar, Director
Mr. Marc Perdon, Assistant Director
Mr. Jeison Campoverde, Color Guard Instructor
Mr. Michael MacVicar, Drill



The Ramapo Raider Marching Band presents its 2026 Field Show: Under the Big Top

Featuring:
ATMADJA, URBAN, KA: PURSUIT, A LA LUNE

DRUM MAJORS
NATALIE WOO AND JACK SPINA
ASSISTANT DRUM MAJOR: MIA NARULA

STAFF:

DIRECTOR: ERIK SLOEZEN
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS: MATTHEW HARDER, CRISSY SHANNON AND DANIEL D'AMICO
PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR: SPENCER PIGG
COLOR GUARD INSTRUCTOR: CAITLIN MCCARTHY
DRILL DESIGN BY: DAVID MARKS
COLOR GUARD DESIGN BY, CAITLIN MCCARTHY

STUDENT LEADERS:

WOODWIND CAPTAIN: PATRICK RICCOBENE
BRASS CAPTAINS: ALLIE FEIG AND LOGAN PUZIO
DRUMLINE CAPTAINS: ADRIANA NEAL AND MATTHEW CAPORUSCIO
PIT CAPTAIN: DAPHNE PURISIMA
COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN: LOEGAN WICKE
BAND MANAGER: CHLOE VANDERMOLEN
FIELD CAPTAINS: DANIEL PALKEWICK AND LOGAN FLETCHER

The Pride of Paramus

PARAMUS HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN MARCHING BAND

Student Leadership

Drum Majors: Sae Hosoi & Lily Shachar

Field Captain: Addison Bradish

Section Leaders: Edward Sabik III & Samuel Sleeper

Drumline Captain: Marc Thomas

Color Guard Captain: Yehyun Lee

Librarians: Arya Dogra & Joshua Song

Spartan Marching Band Staff

Director: Tyler Adel

Assistant Directors: Chrysten Angderson and Bob Gizzi

Color Guard Instructors: Talia Kates

Drumline/Percussion Instructor: Eric Borghi

Drill Design: David Marks

Paramus High School Administration

Superintendent: Sean Adams

Principal: Dominick J. Miller

Vice Principals: Tom Montouri and Amy Leiva

Creative Arts Supervisor: Dennis Dalelio

Our 2026 “Latin” halftime show **¡Viva Espartanos!** features an incredible mix of spicy Latin pop, jazz, and dance music from Malagueña to Bad Bunny, and everything in between!

The **“Pride of Paramus”** Paramus High School Spartan Marching Band is the 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2023 and 2025 Music in the Park Marching Band Competition winners. The Spartan Band can also be seen at PHS football games, parades, and community events.

Wayne Hills High School Patriot Marching Band Presents...



The Witching Hour

Featuring Music Selections From:
Danse Macabre - Saint-Saëns
Eleanor Rigby - The Beatles
Night On Bald Mountain - Mussorgsky

PRINCIPAL	MICHAEL REWICK
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	RYAN BAYLEY
BAND DIRECTOR	ANNIE PASCALE
ASSISTANT MARCHING BAND DIRECTOR	GRANT SIPPEL
BAND MANAGER	BEVERLY COLEMAN
PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR	JAMES NELSON
ASSISTANT PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR	CARLOS NAVARRO
GUARD INSTRUCTOR	BRANDON ANDERSEN
MUSIC AND MARCHING TECH	HEATHER BRUNO, SEAN MOEBIUS
	JESS PAKCES, JASON WHITAKER
BAND OFFICERS	
DRUM MAJORS	MOLLY KLAETSCH & CAMERON PEREZ ALCALDE
DRUM CAPTAIN	MASON IRWIN
PIT CAPTAIN	JASON SHULMAN
GUARD CAPTAIN	OLIVIA MARNICK
GUARD LIEUTENANT	KAYLA VILLAFANA
PRESIDENT	VIBHOR BHATI
VICE PRESIDENT	PRESTON WANG
SECRETARY	NADIYA KOVTUN
PUBLICITY	NINA BALLETTO
LIBRARIANS	DURU COSGUN, ZAINAB GHALYAN
	EMILY IRWIN, COLLEEN MULL
RECRUITING OFFICER	ELIOT MAHMUDI
EQUIPMENT MANAGERS	SAWYER HINDS, DANIEL KOVTUN
	ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ, KIERAN SREEPADA
UNIFORM MANAGER	SYDNEY WOODARD
ROOKIE REPRESENTATIVE	MADELINE VANDENBERG

TOTAL MARCHING UNIT: 56

MUSICIANS: 48 COLOR GUARD: 8



The 2026 Midland Park Marching Band will present their show "Hear & Now"

Throughout the show we will explore the way in which we are affected by sound during the course of a typical day. Along the way we will hear music by Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel as well as original music by Taylor Goodson.



The Band would like to thank the community of Midland Park, the Alumni and the Parents, for support and efforts.

Midland Park High School - 250 Prospect St. - Midland Park, NJ 07432
www.mphsarts.org

Thank You Seniors for 6 Wonderful Years!!!













The 2026 MPHS Marching Band



The Officers

Drum Major: Aiden VanBeekum

Drum Major: Melanie Stein

Field Captain: Joey Vrsalovic

High Brass Captain: Jasper Parlegreco

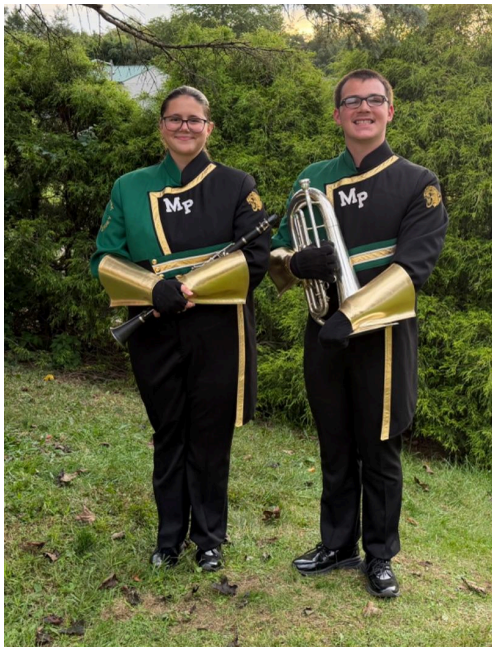
Low Brass Captain: Madison Teitsma

WW Captain: Terrance Illevski

Drum Captains: JD Borowski

Pit Captain: Johnny Scarpa

2026 Midland Park High School Marching Band



Drum Majors

2026 Competition Schedule

September 20, 2026 - Brentwood, NY (NYSFBC)
September 26, 2026 – Ramsey, NJ (USBANDS)
October 4, 2026 - Roslyn, NY (NYSFBC)
October 11, 2026 - Music in the Park (IND)
October 17, 2026 - Wayne Hills, NJ (NJMEA)
October 26, 2026 - Kingston, NY (NYSFBC)
October 31, 2026 - Norwich, NY (NYSFBC)
November 1, 2026 - Syracuse, NY (NYSFBC Championships)

Band Staff 2026

Co-Directors - David Marks and Chaz Sheridan

Assistant Director (Visual) – Crissy Capote

Assistant Director (Music) – Spencer Pigg

Color Guard Director - Elly Tsarkova

Music Arr./ Consultant - Taylor Goodson

Percussion - Brian Prokop

Music Assistants – Shane Peterson, Jeffrey Peters

Visual Consult. – TJ Marks

Band Nurse - Kayleigh Capote



The 2026 MPHS Marching Band

The Seniors



Marching Band Performances

Dome 2021 - SS2 - 5th Place (Record High Score)
Dome 2022 - SS2 - 6th Place
Dome 2023 -SS2 - 9th Place
Dome 2024 - SS2 - 9th Place
Dome 2025 - SS3 -3rd Place
Dome 2026 - SS3 - ???

The 2026 MPHS Marching Band

The Brass Section



The Woodwind Section



The 2026 MPHS Marching Band

The Percussion Section



The Color Guard



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Love the MPHS Marching Band?

Come support us at the
Dome at Syracuse University
on November 1, 2026 at 1:24 pm
as we compete in the
New York State Field Band Championships.

Even better, if you are a student,
come march with us in 2027!

Thank you to our 2026 Music In the Park Sponsors!!

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- ★ Stop & Shop - Wyckoff
- ★ Uncle Guiseppe's - Ramsey
- ★ Valley Tent Rental
- ★ Wegmans - Montvale
- ★ Wish Upon a Pastry
- ★ Yella's
- ★ Zuidema's Septic Service

Logan Wilson

Class of '27















Keep marching to the beat of your own drum, play every note with confidence, and never be afraid to make your own music.

We can't wait to hear what beautiful things you compose with the next chapter of your life.

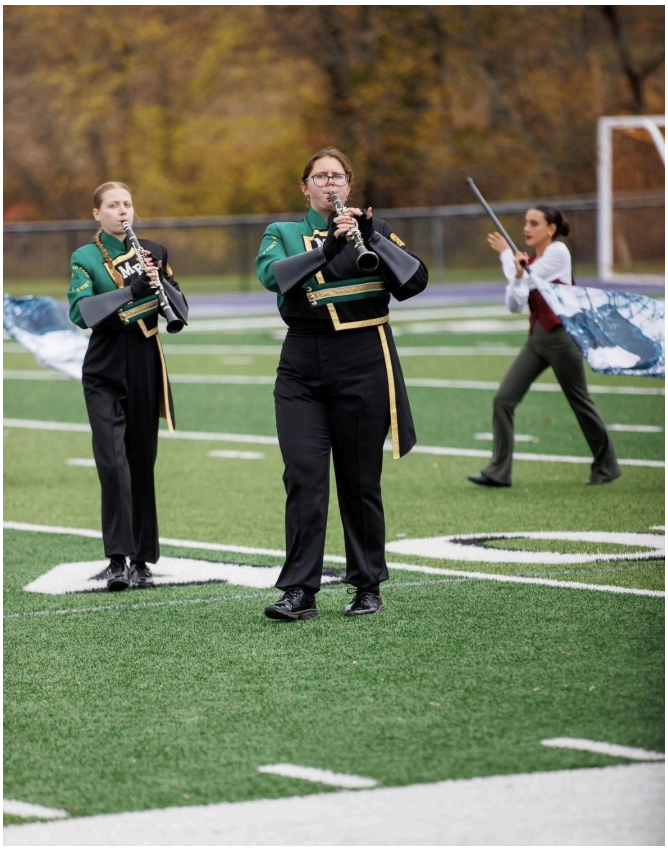
We love you and are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Andrew, Lyla, Caleb



Melanie,

Watching you step up as an inspiring leader in your role as drum major this year has been amazing! You lead with incredible poise, fierce dedication, and a deep passion for music that brings the whole band together. We are so proud of you. Continue to have confidence and remember to have fun! Hope you have a great band season!

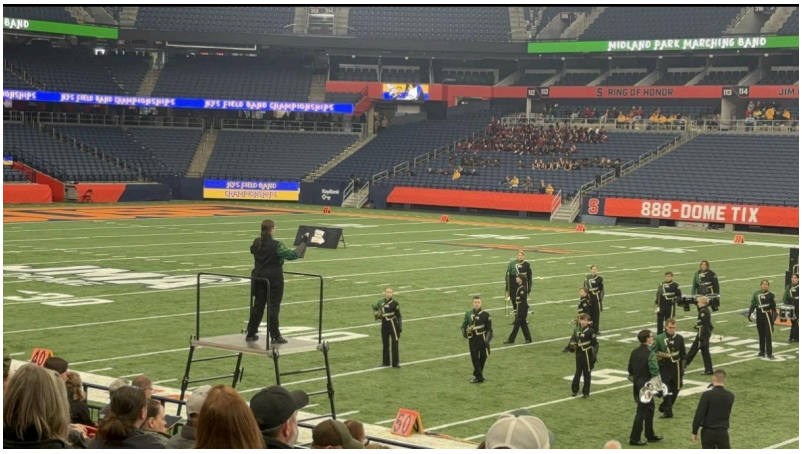


Love,

Mom, Dad,

Corey, Bailey,

and Kady









It's hard to believe that it has been five years since you began your Marching Band journey but Senior year is **"Hear and Now".** It has been a pleasure to watch you grow into the strong, capable, kind and creative person you are today. We know your final season will be amazing - just like you! We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished!



Love,
Mom, Dad and Matthew







Your Marching Band journey starts **“Hear and Now”**! We can’t wait to watch you on the field. We know you will do amazing! Looking forward to many more years to come! So proud of you always!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Olivia



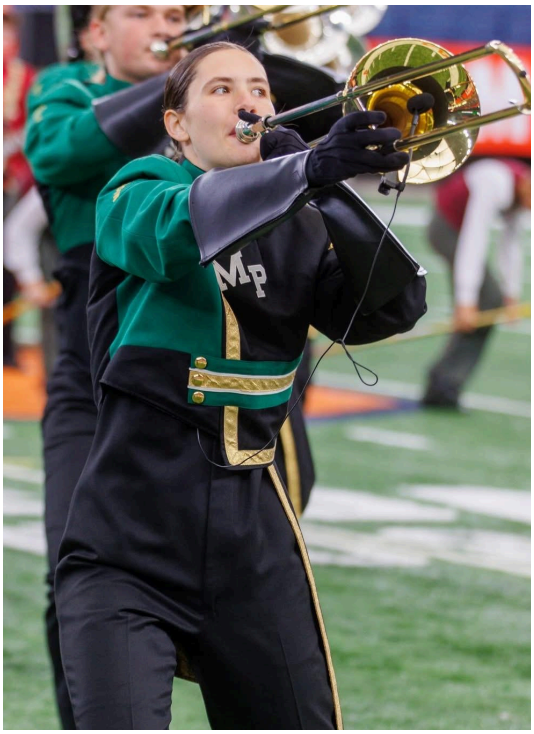
Dear Amanda,
Good Luck in your fourth year of Marching Band. All your hard work and dedication are shining through. You make us so proud every time you take the field.

Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Matt & Chris



Wishing Amanda and all members of MPHS Marching Band a great season! A special thank you to Mr Marks, Mr Sheridan and the entire staff for always bringing out the best in our kids!
💚 The Canellas Family

Madison Teitsma



Junior year!! Enjoy your 5th year in marching band--we have loved every performance over the years and are IMMENSELY proud of you! Good luck with the rest of marching band season!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ollie, Stick, and Opal

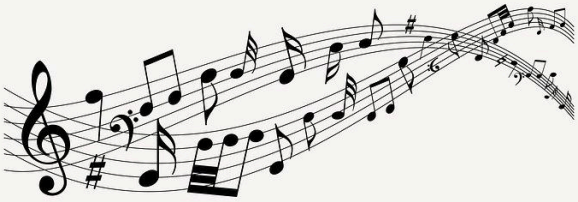


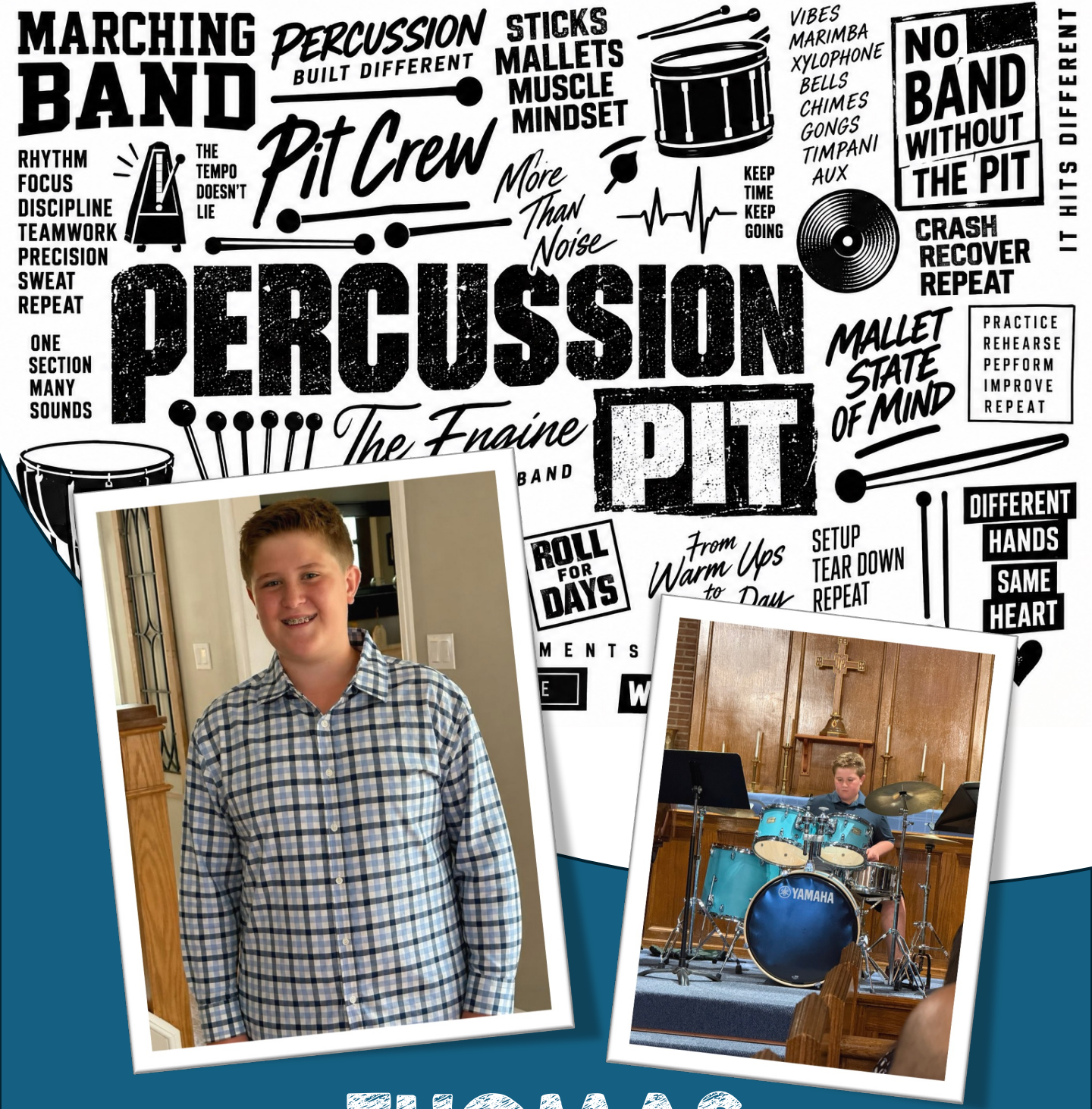
Dear Madison and Jake,

May your lives always be filled with music❣️

So proud of you both,

Love Grandma and Grandpa T.





THOMAS

Your spirit and love of life makes you an amazing person.

We are so proud of you! We'll be cheering you on at every step.

Love You Forever Mom & Dad

Dear Christian,

We are so proud of you and all of your dedication and commitment to learning the saxophone and being a member of the Marching Band.

Keep up the great work! Always be true to yourself and continue being the great friend and caring person you are. Shine brightly!



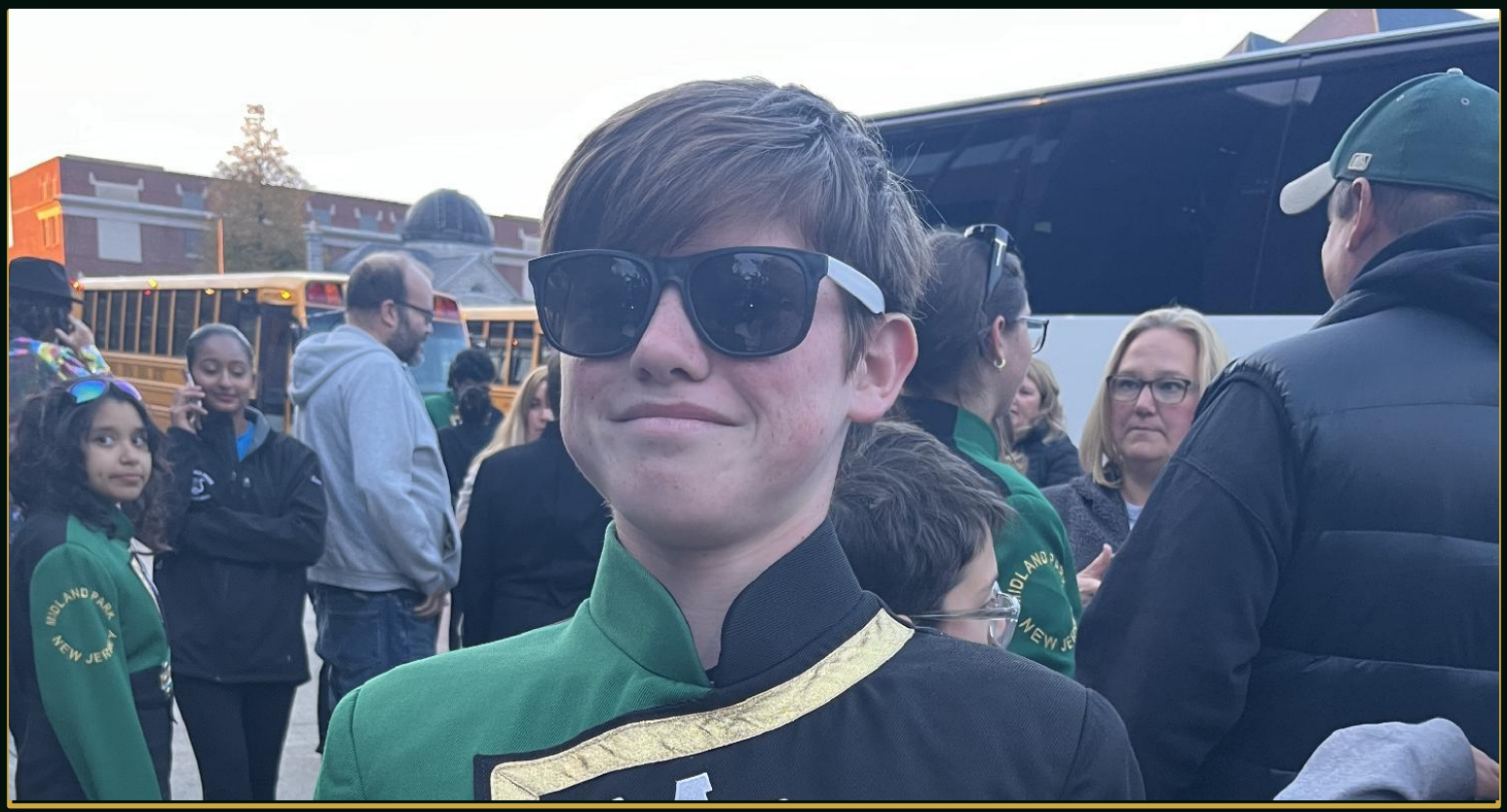
We love you to the moon and back, always,

Mom, Boppy, Grandma, Uncle Chris, and Aunt Stephanie

Wishing the entire band a PHENOMENAL season!!

CHRISTOPHER

3 YEARS. 2 INSTRUMENTS. COUNTLESS MEMORIES.







We love watching you play, perform,
and do what you love.

Have an amazing season!

♥ Mom & Dad ♥

STEPHEN

Drumsticks. Loud music. Good friends.

What else do you need?







Stephen, keep being curious, trying new things,
and having fun along the way.

We’re so proud of you! Have an awesome season!

Love, Mom & Dad

Henry Wallace









Henry,

we are so proud of you and all your hard work. We look forward to following you on your marching band journey.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Oscar

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2026

Proud of You Always♡


We are so incredibly proud of you!
We love you so much!
Enjoy every moment of Marching Band as a Freshman!
Bell Serviees



Shane Butler

Best of luck at Music In The Park and in the 2026 season to you and the band!!

Your passion for music and your determination to get it right as well as your positive attitude will get you far. Keep it up!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jules, Riley, and Angie

Zachary,

We are excited to watch you progress this season. Your first year in marching band has not started the way you hoped, but keep your head up, your heart in it, keep showing up, and give yourself some grace. You will be able to look back at how much you have accomplished in the end. We know you are capable of amazing things.

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Chewy, and Bandit



Keep Going...


Brandon,
Three years of marching band! Your discipline, focus, and teamwork make us so proud to watch. Keep challenging yourself and you will continue to grow, as a musician and band member. We cannot wait to see what this season brings for you and your bandmates. Have an amazing season.
We love you,
Mom, Dad,
Chewy, and Bandit
Keep Marching!

Lily Lee



We are so proud of you!

Watching you discover something you truly love in band has been such a joy.

As you begin your high school years, we hope you always remember how much we admire your dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to work hard at something that makes you happy.

Keep playing. Keep marching. Keep making memories. And most of all, keep being you.

We love you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Class of 2030 • Mellophone

Jenna & Hanna Osman

Jenna & Hanna,
We have seen you work so hard in Practice and can't wait to see what you guys have done. Keep shining bright and Good Luck!

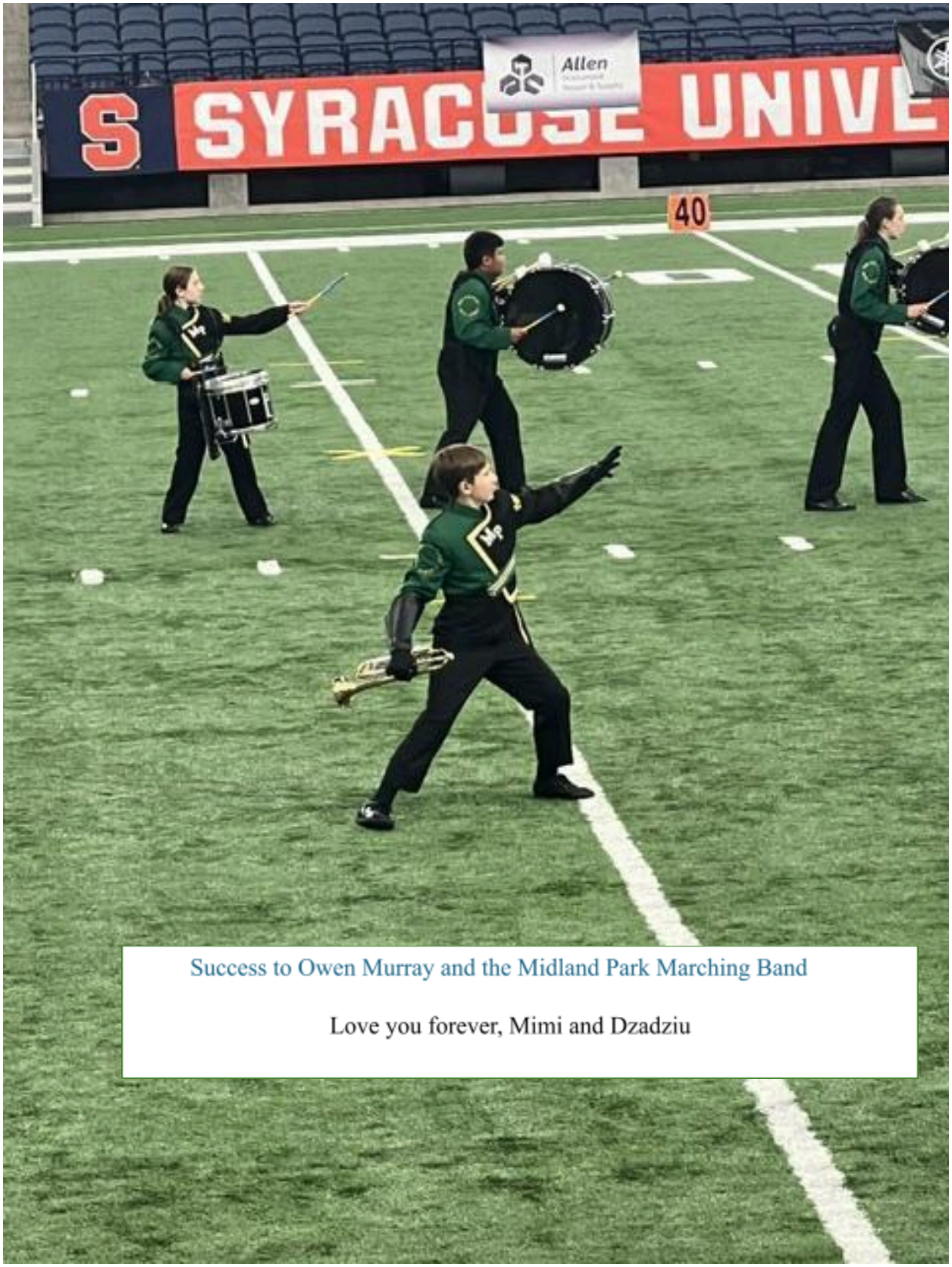
We Love you so much!

- Mom, Dad, Nada & Adam









Success to Owen Murray and the Midland Park Marching Band

Love you forever, Mimi and Dzadziu

OWEN



Listening to you play your trumpet with the marching band reminds us of the line from The Night You Were Born when "Heaven Blew every trumpet and played every horn on the wonderful, marvelous night you were born." May you continue to hear the music and play with your soul.

We love you, very much.
Love, Mom, Dad, Ian, Dylan, Libby, Dolly, Pippin and Dickens.



Ricky Marching Band SEASON 2026









Wishing you an incredible 2026 marching band season, Ricky!

"We are so proud of you."

Love, Mom & David

JACKSON PURCELL

Season three is here and now you are holding it down on Bass 3! We are so proud of your growth and the dedication and enthusiasm you bring to every performance.
Wishing you an awesome season!

Love, Dad and Mom



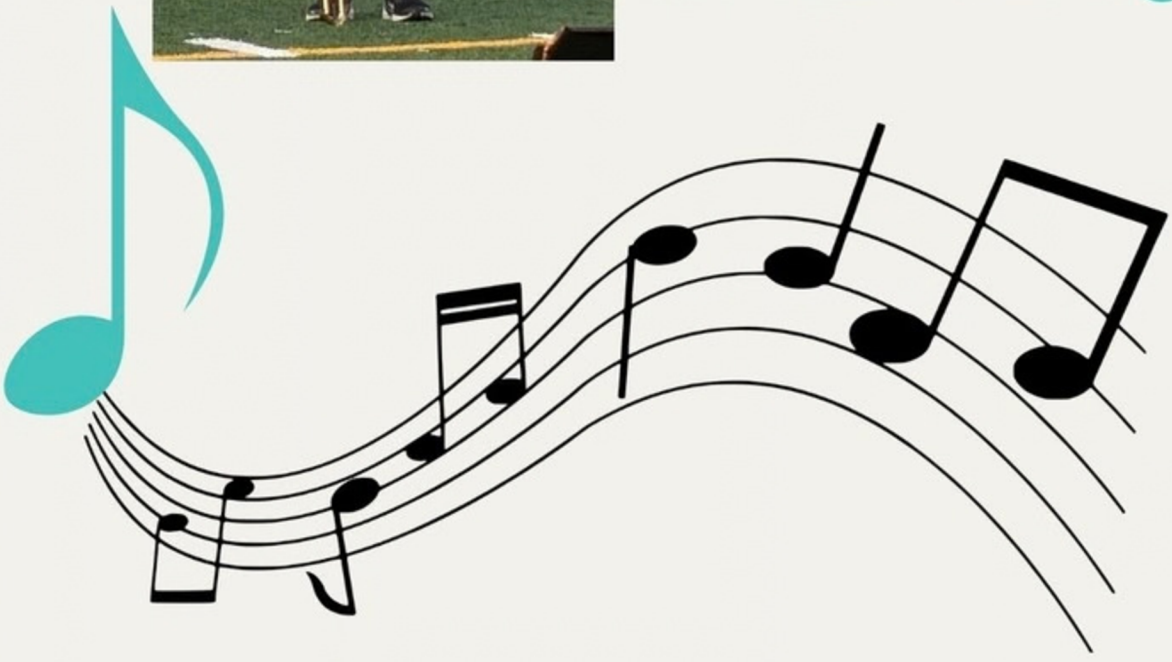
Danny Purcell

Your first season of Marching Band is here! We are beyond proud of your dedication and courage. Have an awesome season, can't wait to hear you on the field!

Love, Mom and Dad







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CHARLES GOMEZ



Charles,

We are so proud of you!! Your dedication and hard work shine every time you take the field. Keep marching with confidence and always believe in yourself!!!

With all our love,

MOM & DAD

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!

Keep up the hard work, Jasper.
We are proud of the musician you have become.
Can't wait to see what's next!

With love, Mom and Dad

JASPER

GOOD LUCK TO THE MIDLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND!

James Moran

We're so proud of you! We hope you have an amazing first year of Marching Band!

LOVE, MOM DAD & LEO







BENJAMIN AIELLO

MIDLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL



Third year marching.
Zero signs of stopping.

YOU ROCK!



Max, we're so proud of all you've accomplished since picking up the trumpet in 4th grade. Watching your dedication, hard work, and love for music grow over the years has been pretty amazing.

Keep working hard, have fun, and make this marching season one to remember. We'll be cheering you on every step of the way!
Wishing Max and the entire marching band a knockout season!

Love, Dad, Mom & Violet



CHEERING FOR AURORA!

Congratulations on your 2nd Year with the
MPHS Marching Band & Color Guard

Wishing you confidence, joy, and an amazing season!

We are so proud of you, Aurora!

From Baba

Keep chasing your dreams, my girl. We are so proud of you and always here for you.

– Baba

From Maa

You make us so proud every day, Aurora. May you always have the strength to follow your dreams and the happiness to enjoy the journey.

– Maa

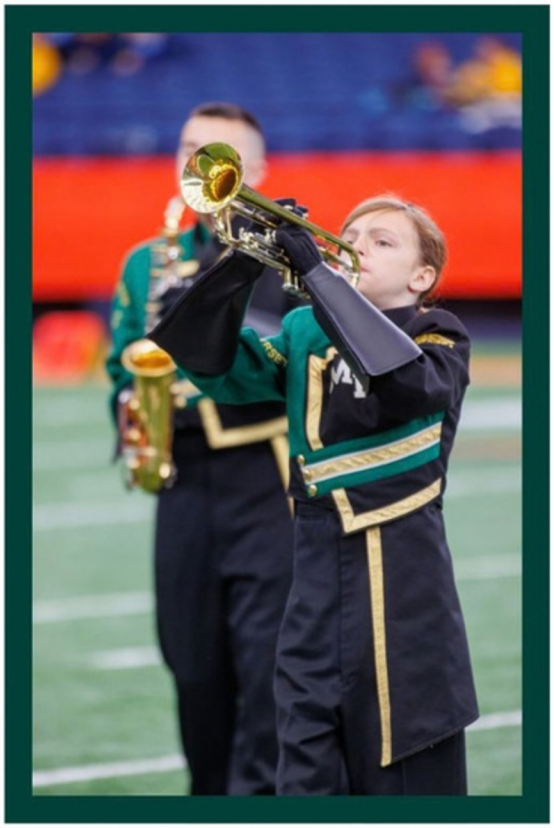
From Areeb

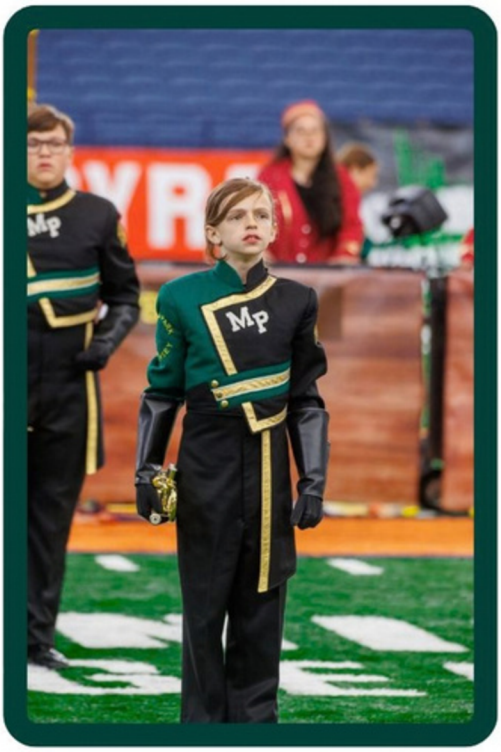
You're awesome, Didi! Keep shining, keep rocking, and make this season one to remember.

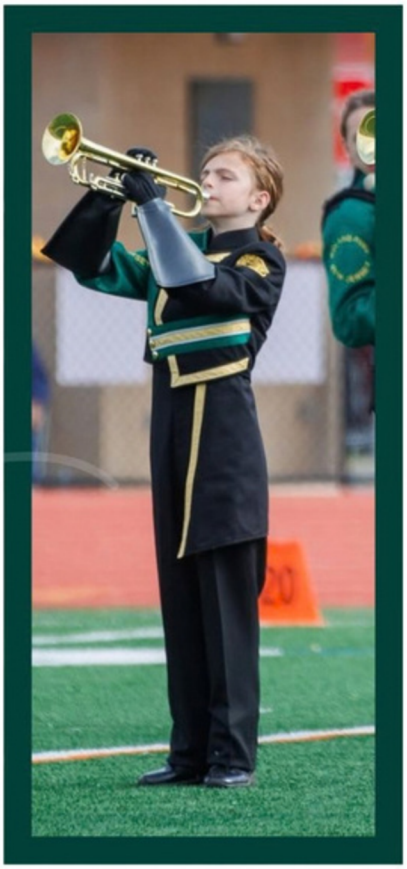
– Areeb

With love always

Baba ♥ Maa ♥ Areeb







Xavier-

Year two, and we're so proud of you!

Hard work pays off - keep it up and
you will do incredible things!

Wishing you and all the members
of the MPHS Marching Band
an amazing season!

Love, Mom, Dad, Casey,
Bridget, and Eugene

Congratulations on a great third year, R.J.!

We enjoy seeing you do something that you clearly love and are excited that you are finding new ways to expand your talents

Keep working hard - we are so proud of you!!

Love,
Mom and Dad





Good luck to the Marching Band!

R.J. - Your third year already! Transitioning from trombone to baritone is quite a challenge, but we're certain your musical talents will continue to shine! Work hard and we'll be cheering you on!!

Love, Grammy & Mr. Gary

Congratulations to the
MPHS Marching Band Musicians!
Silence?!? What's that?
We want to hear you blow the roof off
The Dome!
From The Drexler Family



Sarah - You have always been a quiet listener who takes chances and lets her talents shine. We cannot wait to see you spin, toss, and flourish! We are your biggest fans and are incredibly proud of you! Congrats on Year 1!
We love you!
Love - Mommy & Dabby

Congrats to the Color Guard!
The show is brighter because of your beautiful smiles and excited energy!
Keep working hard!
From The Drexler Family

Good luck, Sarah, with your first year on marching band's flag crew!
You're the ones who add the color, excitement, and funk to the field!
We are excited for you and will be cheering you on!!!
Love, Grammy and Mr. Gary







Congratulations

HAMZA!!

Proud to be a part of your musical journey!





Eli Adamo

Eli, congrats on your first Music in the Park! We are proud of you and excited to see your journey. Work hard and have fun!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Grace & Elissa





Luke! Congrats and best of luck
in your first year marching!
We love to watch you perform.
Congrats to the whole band at Music in the Park!

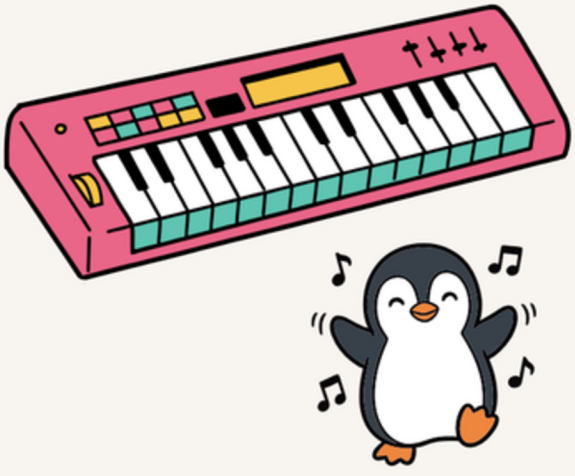
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Nick

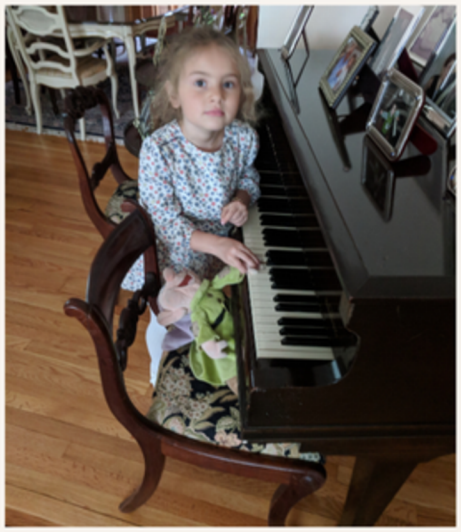


Our dear Maral!

From your first season on xylophone to taking on keyboard this year, we couldn't be prouder of how far you've come. Keep marching to your own beat, we love watching you shine!

Love always,
Mom, Dad,
Anto, Ani and Coco







Music in the Park XXIX
INDOOR RAIN SCHEDULE
October 11, 2026

Performance Time	Band	# of Members	Group
12:50	Highland School		
1:00	Hawthorne HS	26	D
1:15	Indian Hills HS	22	D
1:30	Garfield HS	23	D
1:45	Westwood Reg. HS	41	B
2:00	Pascack Hills HS	41	B
2:15	Teaneck HS	100	Exhibit
2:30	Intermission		
2:45	Newton HS	31	C
3:00	Hackensack HS	35	C
3:15	Ramapo HS	37	C
3:30	Paramus HS	60	A
3:45	Wayne Hills HS	56	A
4:00	Midland Park HS	53	Exhibit
4:25	Awards		