

# WELCOME TO THE McLEAN HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

2021-2022 New Band Student Orientation

April 29, 2021



# Program Philosophy

Our goal is to offer our students a comprehensive, challenging, and memorable study of instrumental music that will have a positive impact on their total high school experience



# McLean Band Staff

## School Administration

Chris Weise	Director of Bands
Deidra Denson	Associate Director of Bands
Sean Rolon	Performing Arts Administrator
Ellen Reilly	Principal

## Percussion

Dakota Kaylor	Director of Percussion
Oni Lara	Drumline Instructor
Nick Taylor	Marching Percussion Tech
Joseph Gonzales	Marching Percussion Tech
Jake Harpster	Marching Percussion Tech

## Jazz Ensembles

Scott Weinhold	Director of Jazz Ensembles
Justin Polyblank	Lab Band Instructor

## Guard

Lindell Palmer	Director of Guards
Nick Brandon	Guard Tech
Mary Melkonian	Guard Tech
Devon Robinson	Guard Tech

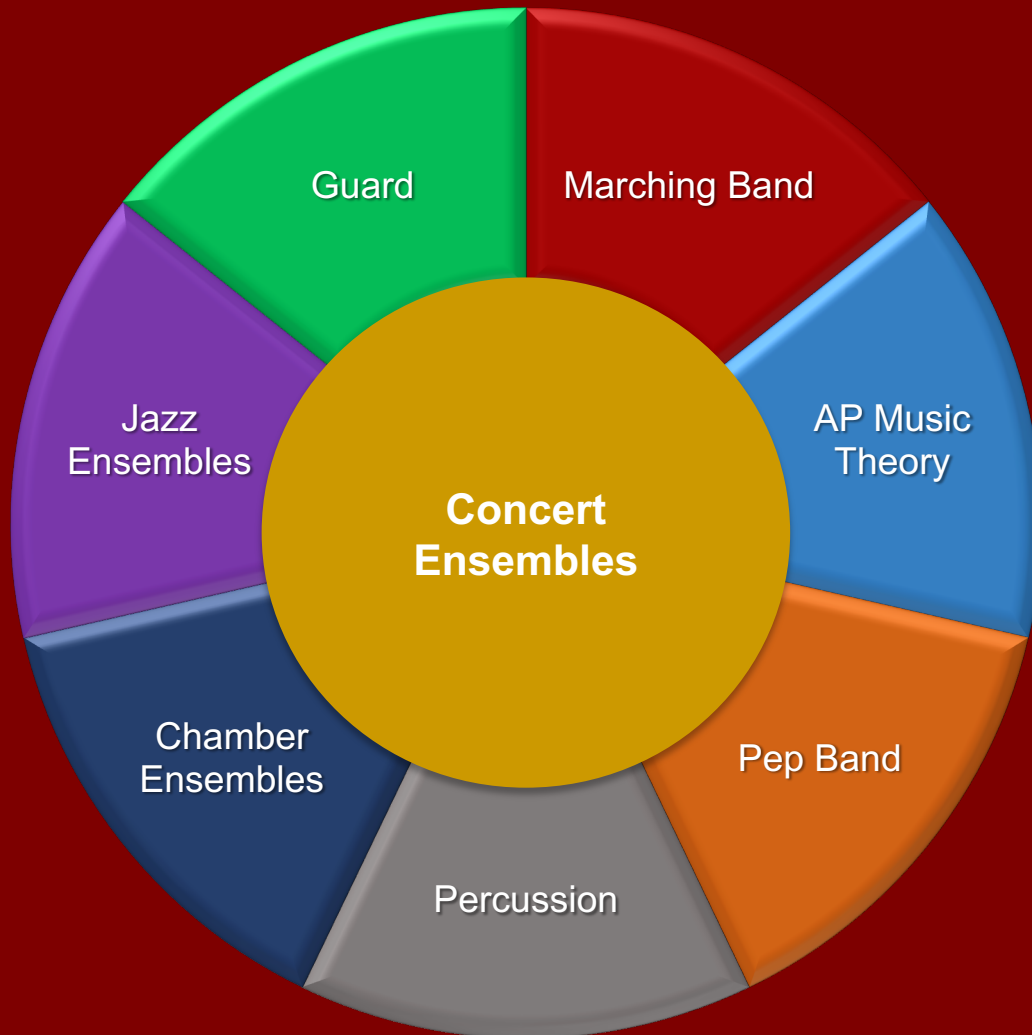
## Concert Bands

Jeff Bianchi	French Horns
Jim Bittner	Trumpets
Ed Fraedrich	Saxophones
Chris Jewell	Bassoons
Susan Hayes	Flutes
Meg Owens	Oboes
Kristen Sheridan	Clarinets

## Marching Band

Jim Bittner	Visual/Music Tech
Brett Dodson	Visual/Music Tech
Ted Frederick	Marching Fundamentals
Pat Furlo	Visual Caption Head
Ben Hauser	Visual/Music Tech
Melody Johnson	Visual/Music Tech
John Kammerer	Sound Design
Mark Lortz	Music Arranger
John Miliauskas	Visual Designer
Kimia Zadegan	Visual/Music Tech
Freddy Zwirb	Visual/Music Tech

# Instructional Philosophy



The Concert Ensembles –  
**Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and  
Symphonic Band**

are the foundation of any successful  
band program.

The many co-curricular ensembles and  
music classes are offered to supplement the  
basic concert ensemble experience.



# Concert Ensembles

- **Symphonic Band –Advanced Level**
  - Marching Band Required
  - Wednesday night rehearsals
- **Wind Ensemble –Intermediate Level**
  - Marching Band Optional
  - Monday afternoon rehearsals
- **Concert Band –Intermediate Level**
  - Marching Band Optional
  - Occasional after school rehearsals before concerts



- Private Lessons:
  - Due to the number of players and the competitive nature of this program, weekly private instrumental lessons are strongly encouraged for all students in order to move up the ranks during your time in high school.
- Contact Mr. Weise or Ms. Denson for help in selecting a teacher.

# Percussion

- All Percussionists in the program are members of the **Percussion Techniques Class** during the school day.
- Percussion Techniques is an FCPS Advanced Band Class, which means that **Marching Band is required for all members.**
- The main focus for the class is on individual playing technique, advanced percussion ensemble literature, and concert ensemble music preparation.
- **All students in this class also serve as members of the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band.** Assignments are based on the needs of the literature being performed at that time in three bands. Rehearsal with the full bands occurs after school throughout the year.
- **Piano players** are also welcome to join this class.



# Jazz Ensembles

- **Jazz Ensemble –Advanced Level**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> period course credit
  - Class meets Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons outside of the school day
- **Jazz Combo –Advanced Level**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> period course credit
  - Smaller group that is open to select members of the Jazz Ensemble
- **Jazz Workshop – Beginning/Intermediate Level**
  - Class meets Friday afternoon
- **Lab Band –Beginning / Intermediate Level**
  - Monday afternoons after school
  - Mixture of middle school and high school students who are interested in starting to learn about jazz performance technique
- Jazz **auditions are held at the end of the October** and rehearsals begin in November to prevent overlapping with the marching band season.
- **Enrollment in one of the Concert Band classes during the school day is required** for membership in these groups.



# Highlander Marching Band

- Extremely important part of the total high school band experience
- **FCPS requires marching band for all Advanced Band Level classes**
- Most important time to do marching band is your FRESHMAN year. This will ease your transition into high school!
- **Marching Band is a Fall Varsity Sport** at McLean HS. All students who participate receive a letter.
- Performs at all home football games
- Competes in 4-5 competitions each year on Saturdays
- **Summer and after school rehearsals are required** for all members



Rookie Day this year is on Monday, August 2  
**Initial Registration is due Monday, May 10**



# Color Guard / Winter Guard

- DANCE, GYMNASTICS, PERFORMANCE AND EQUIPMENT
- The **McLean High School Color Guard** is a vital component of the Band Program. This extra-curricular ensemble performs with the Marching Band in the fall and as three scholastic Winter Guards for the remainder of the year. We work to build leadership, confidence, and pride in our students through our form of art.
- **Red Team (Varsity)**: Students from 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade with advanced Dance or Guard Skills. This team will compete on a national level.
- **Silver Team (Junior Varsity)**: Students from 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade -No dance or guard experience required with the exception of 8th graders. Any 8th grader who has done a season of Cadets is eligible to try out for the Silver team. This team will compete locally.
- **Grey Team (Cadets)**: Students from 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade develop fundamental guard skills and may compete at the local level to gain experience.



# Pep Band

- **Student-run ensemble**
- Tieran Holmes – Director for 2021-2022
- Rehearsal schedule is coordinated by the student leaders
- Performs at
  - All away football games (transportation provided)
  - Pep rallies
  - Basketball games
  - Other school community events





# Contact Information

- Chris Weise, Director of Bands  
[cmweise@fcps.edu](mailto:cmweise@fcps.edu)
- Deidra Denson, Associate Director of Bands  
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- Scott Weinhold, Director of Jazz Studies  
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- Kate Garcia, McLean Band Parent Booster President  
[president@mcleanband.org](mailto:president@mcleanband.org)
- Sean Rolon, McLean High School Assistant Principal and Performing Arts Administrator  
[sean.rolon@fcps.edu](mailto:sean.rolon@fcps.edu)
- Band Office Phone                      **(703) 714-5815**

- Like us on Facebook - @McLeanHighSchoolBand
  - Follow us on Twitter - @McLeanBand
- Go to our Website – <https://mcleanband.org>



# Topics

- Band Parents Association
- Charms
- Website
- Forms / Registration
- Uniforms
- The Typical Band Year
- What's Next
- Questions



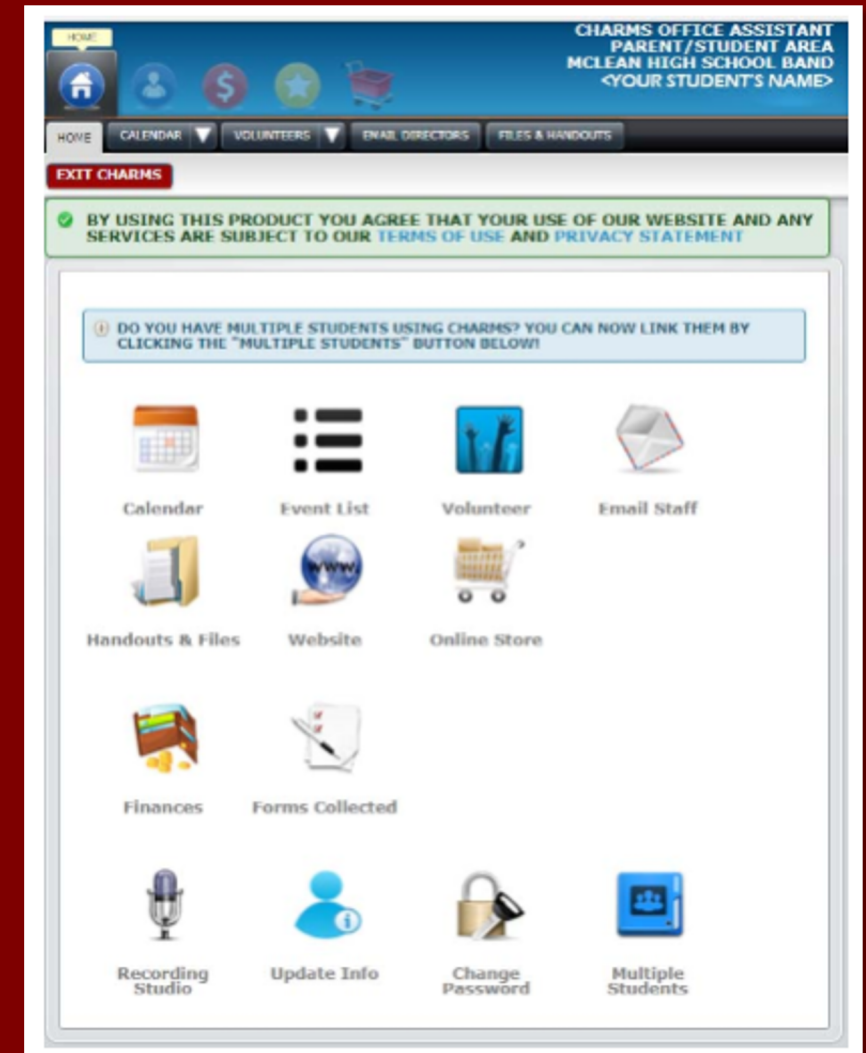


# McLean High School Band Parents Association

- Kate Garcia – President ([president@mcleanband.org](mailto:president@mcleanband.org))
- Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm**
- The Band Boosters are THE reason why we are able to fund this program and provide this experience for our students.
- Please consider helping out in any capacity!

# Charms

- Email Distribution Communications
  - No FCPS student addresses, please
- <http://charmsoffice.com/charms>
- School Code is **FCPSMcLeanHSBand**  
(not case sensitive)
- Email Charms questions to Kate Garcia  
[charms@mcleanband.org](mailto:charms@mcleanband.org)





# Website – <https://mcleanband.org>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the McClean Highlander Band website. At the top is the band's logo and a navigation menu with links: About Us, Programs, Parents & Students, Fundraising, Media, Links, and Contact Us. Below the navigation, there are three main sections: 'Join the Band!' with links for new members and the 2021-2022 Marching Band; 'Home of the McLean Highlander Band!' featuring a photo of the band; and 'Support the Band' with donation options via PayPal, AmazonSmile, and Cause Network. A 'Recent Website Updates' section lists updates from April 26 to April 21. A 'Band Calendars' section shows the schedule for Tuesday, April 27, with Jazz Ensemble performances at 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

**Join the Band!**

Click here for new band member information!

Click here (or on the Highlander) to register for the 2021-2022 Marching Band!

**Home of the McLean Highlander Band!**

**Support the Band**

**Donate**

Donate directly to the McLean High School Band using PayPal. Please make a minimum donation of \$15 using this online service. *Not for band fees.*

**amazon**

AmazonSmile donates a portion of your purchases back to the McLean High School Band.

**cause network**

Cause Network offers a variety of ways to donate in support of the McLean High School Band.

**Upcoming Performances & Events**

Day	Date	Event
Thu	Apr 29	New Band Student/Parent Orientation, 7:00pm Zoom meeting
Tue	May 11	MHSBPA Board Meeting, 7:30pm Zoom. All parents welcome! Contact <a href="mailto:vicepresident@mcleanband.org">vicepresident@mcleanband.org</a> for link.
Sat	May 22	Marching Band Show, MHS Stadium

See more details in the **Calendar!**

**Recent Website Updates**

Date	Update
4/26	Calendar Updates
4/21	Home Page Updates 2021 Registration Info

**Band Calendars**

Band (gold) Jazz (red) Guard (teal)

Today Monday, April 26

**Tuesday, April 27**

Time	Event
6:00pm	Jazz Ensemble - Rhythm Section C
7:00pm	Jazz Ensemble - Full Band (with br

- Information Available on Website
  - Calendar
  - New Parent Information
  - About Us
  - Fundraising
  - Fun Things

Email website questions to Eric Munson  
[webmanager@mcleanband.org](mailto:webmanager@mcleanband.org)

# Forms / Registration

Marching Band registration requires two steps:

**Step 1: Commitment form** (Due May 10)

- Go to <https://mcleanband.org>
- Click on the Highlander
- Fill out the commitment form  
(parents and students must electronically sign the form)

**Step 2: Registration forms** – information and forms will be emailed to parents and students after the Commitment Forms are received.



# Uniforms



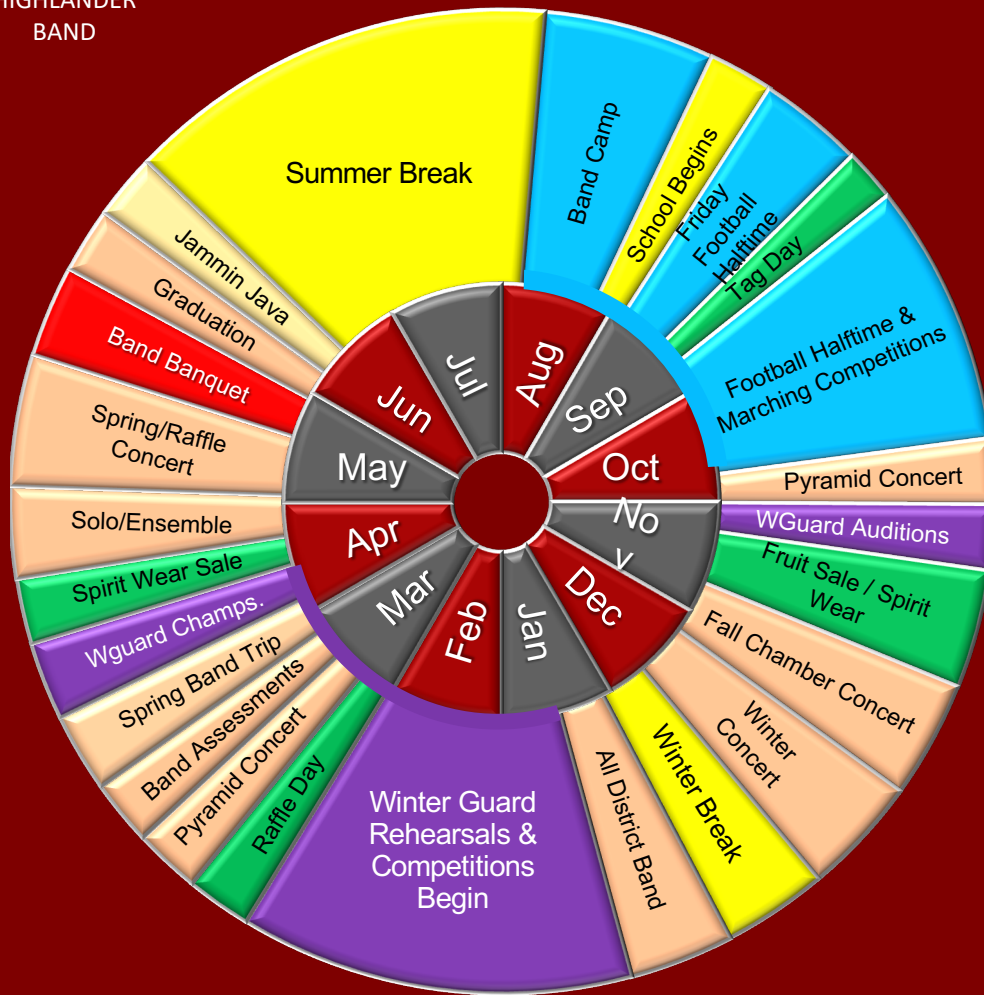
- **Marching Uniforms - Julie Gamboa**
  - Fitted during Band Camp
  - Never bring home
- **Guard Uniforms**



- **Concert Uniforms - Lisa Sborofsky**
  - Boys: Shirt / Pants – same as Longfellow Middle School
  - Girls: Black Dress – fitted during Band Camp
  - Verify sizes early – Kids Grow!
  - Order in September
- **BLACK SOCKS**

Email Uniform questions to Julie / Lisa - [uniforms@mcleanband.org](mailto:uniforms@mcleanband.org)

# The Typical Band Year



## FIRST HALF OF SCHOOL YEAR

Summer Marching Program  
("Band Camp")

First Week of August – New Marchers

Runs Three Weeks

**Parent Preview Show**

Fall Marching Season (Sep – Oct)

Football Halftime Performances

**TAG DAY (Sep)**

Marching Competitions

**Fall Pyramid Concert** (Late Oct)

- Symphonic Bands of LMS, MHS

Winter Guard Auditions (Nov)

Fruit Sale / Spirit Wear (Nov)

**Fall Chamber Concert** (Nov/Dec)

**Winter Concert** – All Bands (Dec)

\*\*\* **Winter Break** \*\*\*

## SECOND HALF OF SCHOOL YEAR

All District Band Auditions (Jan)

Winter Guard Competitions  
(Feb – Apr)

Raffle Day (Mar)

**Spring Pyramid Concert** (Mar)

Concert Bands' Assessments (Mar)

**Pre-assessment concert /  
Open Rehearsal**

Spring Band Trip  
(Late Mar/Early Apr)

Winter Guard Championships  
(Late Mar/Early Apr)

Solo/Ensemble Festival (Late Apr)

**Spring /Raffle Concert**  
(Mid/Late May)

- Chamber Ensemble

- Jazz Ensemble

**Jazz Ensemble @Jammin' Java** (Jun)

Concerts

Fundraising

Marching Band

Winter Guard



# What's Next

- Sign up in **Charms**
- Like us on Facebook / Follow us on Twitter
- **Complete the Marching Band Commitment Form**
  - Due Monday, May 10
- Peruse the **Website**
  - Sync Calendar
  - Review New Parent Information / FAQ
  - Watch Videos of Program Performances
- Standby for **Additional Forms** to Complete
- See you at Summer **Band Camp** – Rookie Day is Monday, August 2
- **Tag Day – September 11, 2021** Save the Date!!



# Welcome to the McLean Highlander Bands!

Are there any final questions?

Additional questions may be directed to:

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- General Questions – [bandquestions@mcleanband.org](mailto:bandquestions@mcleanband.org)

This presentation and recorded Zoom Conference will be made available at <https://mcleanband.org>

