

WELCOME TO THE McLEAN HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

2020-2021 New Band Student Orientation

April 21, 2020



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

David Wolf	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
Devon Robinson	Guard Tech
Kevin Nelson	Guard Tech

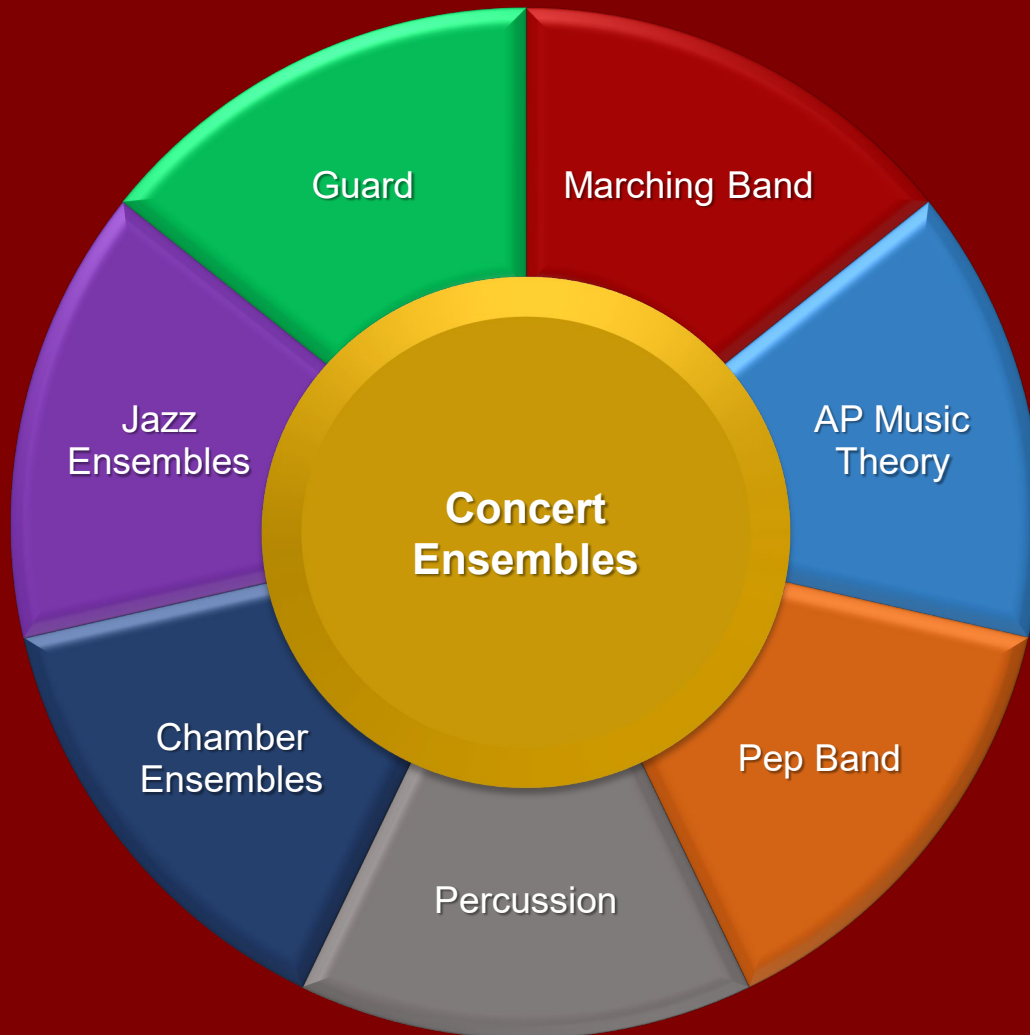
Concert Bands

Jeff Bianchi	French Horns
Jim Bittner	Trumpets
Ed Fraedrich	Saxophones
Lynn Gaubatz	Bassoons
Susan Hayes	Flutes
Jim Moseley	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**
 - 8th period course credit
 - Class meets Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons outside of the school day
- **Jazz Combo –Advanced Level**
 - 8th 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 3
Initial Registration is due Friday, May 8

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 9th -12th grade with advanced Dance or Guard Skills. This team will compete on a national level.
- **Silver Team (Junior Varsity)**: Students from 8th -12th 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 7th – 12th grade develop fundamental guard skills and may compete at the local level to gain experience.



Color Guard Student Interest Meeting
Wednesday, April 29 (4:00 pm) - Zoom Videoconference

Pep Band

- **Student-run ensemble**
- Kendall Jones – Director for 2020-2021
- 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
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- Deidra Denson, Associate Director of Bands
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- David Wolf, Director of Percussion Studies
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- Scott Weinhold, Director of Jazz Studies
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- Kate Garcia, McLean Band Parent Booster President
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- Sean Rolon, McLean High School Assistant Principal and Performing Arts Administrator
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- 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)
- 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





The screenshot shows the homepage of the McLean High School Band website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: About Us, Programs, Parents & Students, Fundraising, Media, Calendar, Links, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, there are several sections:

- Recent Website Updates:** A list of recent updates including "4/19 - Added Marching Band Registration", "Updated New Member Overview", and "4/8 - Calendar Updates".
- Register for Marching Band:** A section with a graphic of marching band members and a link to "Click Here to Review New Member Information" and "Click on the Highlander to Register".
- Vienna Band Camp Registration is Open!** A section announcing that online registration for the 2020 camp is now open, with a link to "Read About VBC" and "Review the Frequently Asked Questions".
- Donate to the Band:** A section with a "Donate" button and a link to "CLICK HERE to Sync these calendars with your Google Calendar".
- Band Calendars:** A section with a calendar for the month of April 2020, showing various band activities and events.
- Upcoming Performances & Events:** A table listing upcoming events, including "New Band Student Orientation Zoom Conference (7pm)" on April 21, "Band Commitment Forms Due" on May 8, and "Camp Forms Due" on June 12.
- Welcome to the Home of the McLean Highlander Band!** A central banner with a photo of the band and a link to "See more Details in the Calendar!".
- Thank You Sponsors for Your Support!** A section featuring logos of various sponsors, including Twintech, Dental Care, Foxes Music Co., Merrill Music Co., Marion Meakem Photography, and Zinga!

• Information Available on Website

- Calendar
- New Parent Information
- About Us
- Fundraising
- Fun Things

• Looking for an assistant Website Manager!

Email website questions to Tony Gamboa
webmanager@mcleanband.org

Forms / Registration

Marching Band registration requires two steps:

Step 1: Commitment form (Due May 8)

- 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.

Normally, we collect a deposit upon initial registration. However, due to uncertainty regarding the schedule for the 2020 season, we will not be requesting money until a later date. Please honor your commitment to participate as we are accepting your commitment in good faith.



Uniforms



- **Marching Uniforms - Julie Gamboa**

- Fitted during Band Camp
- Never bring home

- **Guard Uniforms**



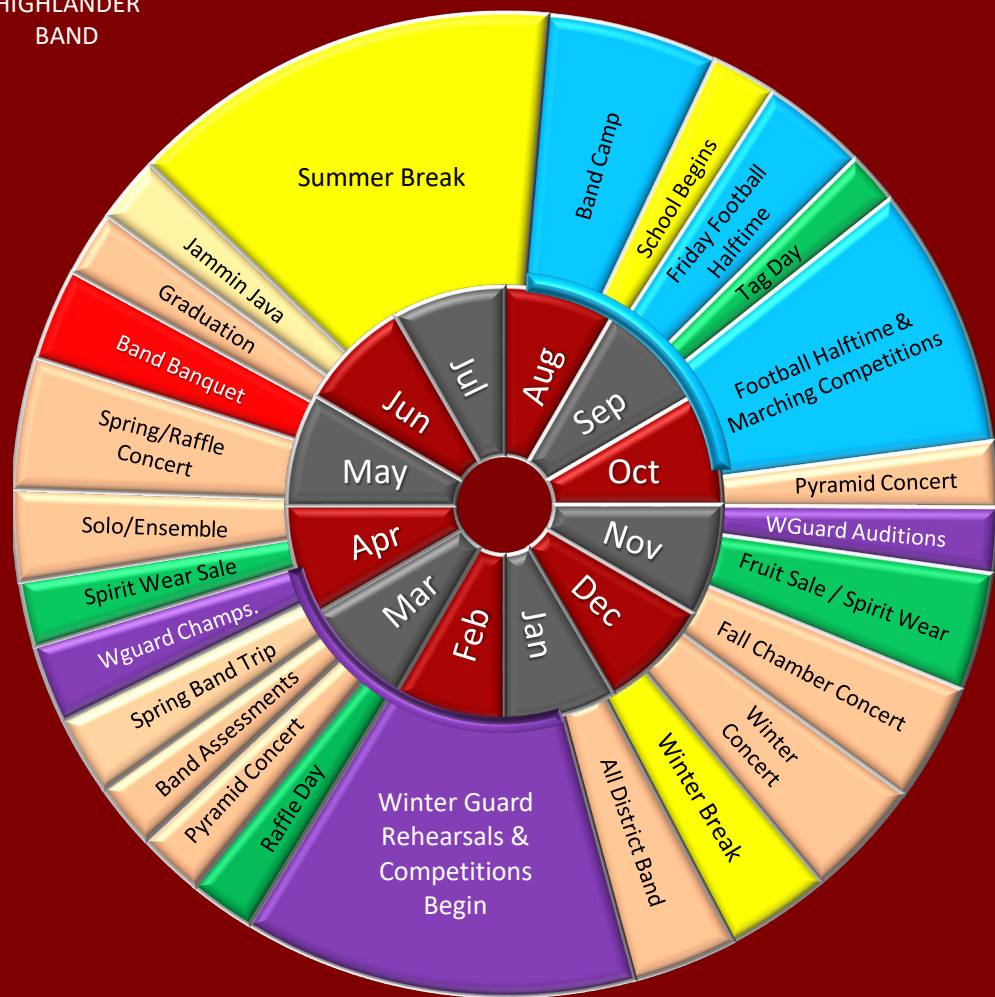
- **Concert Uniforms - Lisa Sborofsky**

- 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

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 Friday, May 8
- 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 3
- **Tag Day – September 12** – Save the Date!



Welcome to the McLean Highlander Bands!

Are there any final questions?

Additional questions may be directed to:

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