



11/3/2015

HELLO ALL!

We have a few things to bring to your attention.

Our bedsheet sale is happening as of today, 11/3! For every set of these amazing sheets your student sells, \$5 will go toward their fees; more importantly, this is a great way for us to raise money to help get new music stands, technology, and instruments that we need! For selling 12 or more sets, you get a free set for yourself! There are several other amazing things about this sale - please read the brochure carefully. **ORDERS ARE DUE ON 11/16/2015!**

We will have a Parent Showcase concert on 11/12. ***THIS IS A REQUIRED PERFORMANCE FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE A LEGITIMATE ILLNESS OR SPORTS CONFLICT.*** The Beginning Band classes will have a short presentation of what they do each day and what they've learned this year so far, and the Concert Band will perform for the parents and the Beginning Band members.

CHARMS is our new student database system. CHARMS will allow us to communicate via Email and text message with students and parents. We will use these "Blasts" to send out important information. They will not be used for long-form communication. We will still use Facebook and traditional Email for things like this letter.

Class Fees and shirt money need to be taken care of as soon as possible. I have a shirt for every student, as they are required next Thursday's performance, and other performances. A student will not receive a shirt until he or she has paid for it. Fees are \$25, and shirts are \$10.

I'm having an amazing year with these young ladies and gentlemen. Thank you SO much for allowing me to be a part of their lives, and allowing them to make music together.

We'll see you on 11/12!

Mike C. Muncher  
Tom W. Grigsby



### ITINERARY

7:46 AM: Arrive at school, report to your first period teacher and then come to the band room.

7:55 AM: Quick "state of the morning" meeting and roll call before gathering instruments and loading.

8:00 AM: Gather instruments/music and load bus.

8:15 AM: Depart for Hewitt-Trussville High School.

9:20 AM: Arrive at Hewitt-Trussville High School and check in.

9:50 AM: Move into warm up area.

10:20 AM: Perform onstage.

Immediately following the onstage performance, the students will go to a smaller area and sightread a new piece of music, in order to test those skills.

10:45 AM: Await scores, visit restrooms as needed.

11:00 AM: Load buses.

11:10 AM: Depart for Riverchase Galleria for lunch.

11:45 AM: Arrive at Riverchase Galleria. Eat, relax.

1:15 PM: Load buses. **LATENESS WILL NOT BE AN ISSUE.**

2:00 PM: Arrive at CMS. Unload and put away equipment. Report to 8th Period.

### DATE REMINDERS

2/23: Beginning Band Rehearsal - 3:15-4:30 - CMS Bandroom

2/26-2/27: University of Montevallo Middle School Honor Band, Times TBA

3/1: Beginning Band Rehearsal - 3:15-4:15 - CMS Bandroom

3/8: Beginning Band Rehearsal - 3:15-4:15 - CMS Bandroom

3/9: Music Performance Assessment - 10:20 AM - Hewitt-Trussville High School.

5/1: CMS and SCHS Spring Concerts - 2:00 - SCHS Gymnasium

5/7: Solo & Ensemble Festival, Bumpus Middle School, Times TBA



2/12/2016

Greetings from the CMS Music Factory!

I have some updates for your calendar, and information about our MPA performance.

This is a wonderful next step for the 6th Grade winds and 6th/7th grade percussion. The "Beginning" bands at CMS have never participated in Music Performance Assessment. As we prepared for Christmas and began this semester, it became apparent that this special group of young ladies and gentlemen deserve to go and be assessed by a team of professionals. They are truly ready!

*Music Performance Assessment* is the primary way that we gain input from our colleagues in the band community - both praise for a job well done, and very important critique for things we can make better. This year, the District IV Middle School MPA is being held at Hewitt-Trussville High School. Our scheduled performance time and date are Wednesday, March 9th, at 10:20 AM. Full itinerary is on the back of this letter. Parents, grandparents, relatives and family friends are welcome to attend and watch the performance. As this is a "test" situation, there will not be a large audience, so bring a group of people to let the kids know their performance is appreciated! It is much harder to keep nerves at bay with an empty room than a full one!

#### **DRESS FOR THE EVENT**

I had NO idea these kids would be ready for this when we started the year, so I did not request a "uniform" of them. I will not expect you to go and get something you weren't expected to have at the time you signed the Handbook form. To that end, we will perform in our "Sunday Best." Be mindful that I mean that in the way that the kids' grandparents would remember. No jeans, no tennis shoes. BOYS IN A BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT. (No camouflage print.) Khakis or dress pants, dress shoes or dress boots. GIRLS IN A PANTS OUTFIT OR DRESS that is in dress code and fits the Sunday Best criteria. I have OK'd dressy boots that I've been asked about. If there are questions, I need them soon...snap a picture if you wonder if something is acceptable. *Students will not be allowed to perform if not in audience-respectful attire.*

#### **PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED FORMS FOR THIS EVENT.**

The performance is for a 200 point "Gold" grade, and is during school hours. School absence policy applies, but please make sure that you and your student consider the effect any absence will have upon the other students in the band. Each part is required to make the performance possible. Missing parts change everything the students hear, and everything they have worked for. This is similar to a sport in that way, except, as I tell the students **THERE ARE NO BENCHES AND NO MVPs**. We don't have a second string or B Team. Every part is vital.

#### **BEHAVIOR**

ALL SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS AND COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT REGULATIONS ARE IN EFFECT, AS ARE THOSE FOUND IN OUR BAND HANDBOOK. All resulting consequences are also in effect. We are representing CMS, Shelby County Schools, our families, and our community. We must make sure that to act with class is our number one priority. Severe infractions while off-campus may result in expulsion from the band program, in addition to school and system consequences as noted in the Handbooks.

I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW EVERYONE OUT "THERE" WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING!!! These kids are going to be a wonderful representation of this band and school. I am so proud of them...you should be, too. Please let them know you are!!!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. My Email and number are below.

Sincerely,



Mike C. Muncher

*A little note...*



*...from the*

# **COLUMBIANA MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND**

*I hope you're having a great start to the summer, new CMS students!*

If you didn't fill out your interest form for band for the Fall, we've made it even easier!

Simply fill out the form at: [www.tinyurl.com/schsfrogbird](http://www.tinyurl.com/schsfrogbird)

Already in the elective wheel?

That's no problem! I will match lists with the registrar and counselor at CMS and get you changed right over.

Pay close attention to the dates on the other side of this card, and have a wonderful summer!!!

See you in August!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr. Mark", written in a cursive style.

**COLUMBIANA  
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**SUMMER DATES**

*Email for more info!*

June 25th

**Liberty Day Parade**

3:00 PM - Main Street

July 28th

**Troopers Drum & Bugle  
Corps @ SCHS**

All Day - SCHS Campus

June 28th

**DCI Birmingham**

7:00 PM - Mt. Brook HS  
Stadium (DCI.org for info)

August 1st

**Beginning Band**

**Instrument Meeting**  
5:00-7:00 PM - CMS Bandroom

August 2nd-3rd

**Beginning Band**

**Extravaganza!**  
8:00-12:00 AM - CMS Bandroom