



Weekly Newsletter

November 30, 2018



The Week in Review

- **Honor Group Participation fees** were due on 11/7, so get \$30 into the black booster box ASAP.
- **If you have photos from the holiday bazaar**, please send them to Justin.cushner@gmail.com.
- **The Turkey Bowl** on Friday 11/23 was a fun bonding experience!
- **Great job to the pep band**- although the football team lost the playoff game last Saturday 11/24, we all know that the band NEVER

loses. Congrats on a fun and successful season!

- **Instrument Specialists** this week included: Brian Gardiner-Percussion on Monday, Lisa Lipton-Clarinet on Friday, Jim O'Banion-Trumpet on Friday
- **There was a booster meeting** on Tuesday, 11/27. Parents wrapped up bazaar discussion and made plans for the year. Thanks to the parents who took time out of their day to attend!
- **The MVIM Leadership Team met** on Wednesday 11/28 and discussed solo and ensemble, as well as how to run a successful sectional
- **All District Honor Orchestra and Bands** rehearsed on Wednesday 11/28. Good job, everyone!
- **The pep band** played in the first MV basketball double header on Thursday 11/29. Students are reminded that attendance to four games total is required, and attendance to eight games is necessary to receive lettering credit and potential traveling privileges. Feel free to attend all ten games: the more, the merrier!
 - Band students: **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PUP FOLDER, LYRE, AND ALL PEP MUSIC AT EVERY GAME** (seriously)!!!



Upcoming Events

- **Music Pictures are available! -**

Individual and group pictures may be viewed and purchased by clicking [HERE](#). Pictures will be available next week. You can currently sign up to be notified when they are release.

- **Signups for Holiday Orchestra** are currently available on the band room doors. Sign up to spread some holiday cheer! Performances begin on December 10th for this volunteer group.

- **Be on the lookout for instrument choirs!** Parents: ask your student about

these! Instrument choirs for solo and ensemble are a great way to help your student build social connections with peers and develop their musicianship.

- **Solo & Ensemble Interest sign-ups** took place this week. Ask your student if they signed. We will help them find music so they don't have to do it on their own! Solo & Ensemble is one of the most beneficial "extra" activities that can be done as a musician. Encourage your student to sign up!
- **Secret Santa sign-ups** are coming soon. Get ready to spread some secretive Christmas spirit on the last day of school before winter break!
- **Honor Band Rehearsals** take place next Wednesday 12/5, Thursday, Dec. 12/6, Friday, 12/7, and the concert is on Saturday, 12/8. Please check specific instructions for time and place.
 - Each student will receive two tickets to the concert to invite family members and/or friends.
 - Extra tickets are sold out. There may be a VERY limited quantity to purchase the day of at the door.
- **Basketball Pep Band!** Our next game is on Monday 12/10 and it is a double header. The call time for the first game is at 5pm and the second game call time is 6:45pm. Students do not need to attend both games, although it is encouraged.
- **Jazz Band re-auditions and challenges** will occur on Wednesday, 12/12. If you are interested in joining or challenging another player for a higher chair, this is your chance to do so! The information is on Google Classroom- join the class with the code wg49um
- **Students should attend sectionals whenever possible!** Sectionals help students bond with their section members and become better musicians as well!

Upcoming Events (continued)

- **ELOs (Extended Learning Opportunity essays)** are due at the end of the semester! Ask you student what his/her plan is!
- **Need to contact one of the boosters?** Click [HERE](#) for a list of MVIM booster emails.
- **Interested in Volunteering?** Please make sure your volunteer clearance is up to date. Paperwork can be found [HERE](#). When completed, submit the MVHS main office.
- **Updated Calendar of Events** - an updated calendar of events for the year was given out to students in class. An electronic version is available [HERE](#).
- **Lessons:** If you are interested in having your student participate in private lessons. We are here to help. Please contact us and we will help arrange the right person for your student.
- **ELO - Extended Learning Opportunity Information** (Sorry to the fans of the British rock group Electric Light Orchestra if you thought this was about something different)
 - Each Semester students are required to do an ELO for their music class. This consists of participating in a musical activity outside the scope of the classroom music making and submitting a written report about it.
 - Students can participate as a performer or as an audience member. If they are attending something as an audience member it needs to be a performance group that is **above** the high school level, i.e. college/community/professional groups. As performers this can include auditioning for regional honor groups, taking lessons on your ensemble instrument consistently during the semester, playing in a community youth ensemble, etc. IF STUDENTS ARE UNSURE IF THEIR ACTIVITY QUALIFIES AS AN ELO, please come and ask Claassen and Ormson.
 - The written portion of the assignment is a one-page, typed report describing on the activity that also reflects on what was learned, observed, etc. This is due by the end of class on the final day the semester.

