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Dear Parents and Students,

Plans are under way for 2011-12. There are several things about our schedule that are fluid because of the ongoing geo-thermal project at the high school. We will all have to be flexible over the summer and possibly into the fall until the project is completed. Mrs. McGowan will send out e-mails to notify you of any changes of location or changes in the schedule that occur. You will also be able to find the most current information on the band website. Enclosed in this mailing is a list of all known rehearsals and performances for the 2011-2012. Marching band rehearsals for freshmen, flags and percussionists begin on August 1 and full band rehearsals begin August 3rd. **All high school band rehearsals from August 1-13 will be at WIU. Students should report to Brown Hall rooms 129-130 each day.** Please make note of the dates found in this letter now! This will alleviate conflicts and frustrations during the school year.

All band members will be required to purchase special shoes for marching band. Students who have shoes from past years that still fit do not need to purchase new of shoes. Those students who have purchased shoes over the past few years will be able to wear their old shoes if they still fit and are in good condition. This year we will again be using the MTX marching band shoe. The cost of a pair of these shoes will be around \$33.00 plus shipping and handling. They can be purchased from the Music Shoppe in Normal. You can order these shoes on line or by phone. Please identify yourself as a Macomb parent/student. The Music Shoppe will hold the Macomb shoes at the store and bring them directly to the high school when we are able to get back in the MJSHS building thus saving you the shipping and handling fee. Color guard members should have a pair of Capezio low top, canvas, split sole, Dansneakers. The price on line at Just for Kix is \$44.25. The gloves for the winds and brass will be around \$2.00. We will order the gloves when we distribute the uniforms in August. The uniform distribution date will also depend on when we can safely get back into the high school. In addition, all students will be required to have a drill book (a spiral bound book of note cards) that can be purchased locally and a package of Mason jar lids. Students are also required to have a pencil and flexible shoes at all rehearsals. Sandals and combat boots are not conducive to good marching and can actually cause injury.

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. The summer rehearsals are especially important to the overall success of the marching band program. If you see a problem or a conflict in the summer rehearsal schedule, please notify me as soon as possible. We will try to be flexible, but at the same time we cannot guarantee a permanent spot in the drill to someone who has missed a large number of the summer rehearsals. The music for the Star Spangled Banner, the School Song, and Robin Hood and warm-up exercises will be available at the Heritage Days rehearsals. Students interested in auditioning for All-District Band and Orchestra can also pick up that music during that time. It would be

wonderful if we would have the School Song, Robin Hood, and the Star Spangled Banner learned before band camp begins.

Again this year we will be ordering band t-shirts. The students will be required to wear these at the march-a-thon at this year's balloon festival as well as other times during the year. We are enclosing an order form for the t-shirts with this mailing. Please fill it out right away and mail it to Amy Bear at the address found at the bottom of the form. We hope that this will eliminate any confusion and facilitate the ordering of the shirts. We would also encourage parents and friends of the band to order shirts at this time. It would be great to have band parents in these shirts at competitions and other band events! Uniform distribution will be announced at a later date due to the school renovation project. Uniforms will still be issued by seniority, senior thru freshmen. Each student will receive a uniform/flag outfit, hat, wooden hanger, and garment bag. Every student is required to return all of these items in the same condition in which they were issued. It is the student's responsibility to make sure that **collar liners are laundered after each performance** and that the uniforms are dry-cleaned throughout the marching season as needed. The fee that is assessed for the final, end of the season dry cleaning and general maintenance has yet to be determined. Students will turn in their uniforms at the end of our last performance. The band boosters will take care of the final uniform cleaning of the year. If negligence is found in the care of any part of the uniform, the student will pay for the damaged uniform part. Failure to do so will also result in the holding of grades, transcripts, etc., until the damaged item has been paid for. Students will be measured for the concert attire at concert band auditions, October 26. In the past, tuxedos have been about \$70.00 and concert dresses have been around \$55.00. These orders will be placed in early November.

Before a school instrument is checked out to a student for the 2011-2012 school year, a student must go over the instrument with Mr. Wetmore, fill out an instrument contract, and pay the \$75.00 yearly rental fee. All high school students should strive to have this completed before June 14th. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We have the potential to be truly outstanding! All it takes is hard work and determination! Have a great summer. See all of you on August 3rd!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Mr. Wetmore

The following is a list of some of the possible music stores where the above-mentioned accessories can be purchased.

The Music Shoppe in Normal, Illinois	1-800-322-5019
The Woodwind and the Brasswind	1-800-348-5003
Walker Pro Wind Service	837-WIND

Please check out our website for the latest information and band booster information at macombbands.org. Band Booster meetings are usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the high school band room. Band Booster forms can be obtained on the web at Macombbands.org/booster.

Enclosed in this mailing: Band T-Shirt Form, Band Booster Membership Form, and Schedule of Band Activities 2011-2012.

**Macomb Senior High School Band
Rehearsal and Performance Schedule
2011-2012 School Year**

Mon. –Tues. August 1-2	1:00-4:00 PM	–Flag, Percussion, and Freshmen Mini-Camp	
Wed.-Sat. August 3-6	8:00-12:00 AM 1:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal Full Rehearsal	
Mon.-Tue. August 8-9	8:00-12:00 AM 1:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal Full Rehearsal	
Wed. –Fri August 10-12	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
Saturday August 13	8:00-12:00 AM 1:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal Full Rehearsal	
Mon.-Thur. August 15-18	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
Friday August 19	Orange and Black Night No Rehearsal		
Saturday August 20	8:00-12:00 AM 1:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal Full Rehearsal	
Mon.-Wed. August 22-24	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
Wednesday August 31	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
	Back to School Night		
Friday Sept. 2	6:00 PM Report	Football w/ Sherrard	
Thursday Sept. 8	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal	
Saturday Sept. 10	March-a- thon	Time TBA	
Wednesday Sept. 14	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal	
Saturday Sept. 17	Time TBA	Morton Field Show	
Wednesday Sept. 21	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal	
Thursday Sept. 29	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal	
Saturday Oct. 1	WIU Homecoming Parade TBA		
Wednesday Oct. 5	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal	
Thursday Oct. 6	6:30 Report	MHS Stunt Night	

Friday	Oct. 7		MHS Homecoming w/Pittsfield 3:30 Report for Parade 6:30 Report for Game
Monday	Oct. 10		IMEA All-District Auditions at PORTA HS
Wednesday	October 12	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal
Friday	Oct. 14	6:00 PM Report	Football w/ Princeton
Wednesday	Oct. 19	6:00-9:00	Full Rehearsal
Friday	October 21	Report 6:30	Senior Night w/ Peoria Manual
Saturday	October 22	Time TBA	Univ. of IL Marching Band Festival
Monday	October 24	5:00-8:00	Macomb Bands Chili Supper Grades 6-12
Wednesday	October 26	6:00-9:30	Wind Sym. and Concert Band Auditions
Saturday	Oct. 29	TBA	WIU Marching Band Classic
Tuesday	Nov. 1	at MHS	West-Central Conf. Music Festival
Saturday	November 5	8:00 A.M.	All-District Band, Orchestra, Chorus @WIU For those students selected by audition
Tuesday	Nov. 8		Kick of Annual Citrus Sale
Tuesday	Nov. 22		Citrus Sale Concludes
Fri.-Sat	December 2-3	Time TBA	Dickens on the Square
Tuesday	December 13	6:30 Report Pictures at 7:00 PM Performance starts at 7:30 PM	Holiday Band Concert
Saturday	December 17	7:00 AM	Fruit Distribution MHS Commons
Wed. – Sat.	Jan. 26 – Jan. 29	TBA	All-State Festival in Peoria
Saturday	March 3	TBA	IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest Site and Time TBA
Wed./Thur.	March 7 or 8	7:00 PM	Collage Concert Grades 7-12
Friday	March 23	6:00 PM	Edison Fine Arts Expo

Sunday	March 25	3:00	Jazz in the Afternoon Site TBA <i>Tentative</i>
Saturday	April 14	IHSA Organizational Contest at Macomb High School	
Tuesday	May 1	7:00 P.M.	Spring Concert
Friday	May 4	University of IL Superstate - Urbana, IL.	
Saturday	May 12	MHS Prom at WIU	
Saturday	May 19	6:30 P.M. Report	Graduation Western Hall

Band Trip date will be announced in the fall.