



MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG BAND

SPRING BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUZANNE THOMPSON, DIRECTOR OF BANDS

MARCHING BAND ORIENTATION – SPRING 2017

When: Thursday, June 1, 2017, 2:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, June 2, 2017, 10:00am-4:00pm (lunch provided)

Where: Memorial HS Band Hall

Who: All Students enrolled in Band and Color Guard for the 2017-18 school year

What to bring: Bring your instrument and come ready to rehearse. You should wear shorts, a t-shirt, and tennis shoes. Bring your flip folder to put music in. We will have flip folders for sale for \$5 for those students who wish to purchase one.

What to expect: Expect a lot of fun. Come prepared to learn and meet a lot of new people. For part of each rehearsal, we will teach and review our marching fundamentals. We plan on being **INSIDE** for the entire orientation. Another part of each rehearsal will be devoted to learning music (school song, fight song, marching show music, and maybe some stand tunes). Finally, we will serve pizza for lunch on Friday and have some time for you to visit and get to know each other.

This is a very important event for all students to attend. It will allow us to:

- teach beginning marching fundamentals before you leave for the summer (so that you can practice over the summer if you need to)
- distribute marching music before the summer (so that you can work on it over the summer)
- check out school-owned instruments
- start evaluating all students in preparation for the fall marching season

Our marching show for next year will be designed based on student attendance at these rehearsals. If you cannot be at this orientation because of a previously scheduled appointment, please email Mr. Kastor or Mrs. Thompson at the e-mail addresses shown below.

Marching spots in the contest drill are earned and kept by attending rehearsals, displaying competency in marching fundamentals, and by passing off (playing by memory) the songs that we will be playing on the field. These songs include the MHS Fight Song, MHS Alma Mater, and the competition show music. We will start hearing music played by memory during Summer Band in August. Summer Band rehearsals will begin on Monday, July 31st for all band and color guard students. Congratulations on choosing to be a part of the 2017-2018 Memorial HS Mustang Band.

Sincerely,

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