

A Celebration of MBUSD Bands

HOSTED BY MCHS BANDS & GUARD

BEHIND THE MUSIC



SAT FEB 27 2021

THE STUDENTS OF THE MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL BANDS & GUARD PROGRAM

Welcome you to a Celebration of the MBUSD Bands Program!

- WELCOME -

Co-Presidents Parth Badhwar and Neal Jha

Department of Community Leaders Ethan Nahlinder, Paige Pickett, and Armaan Shivpuri

- PRESENTATION OF STORIES & SKITS -

Behind the Elementary Music

Featuring Elementary Band Director Tim Nail and Students

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Game Time! Use the Chat feature to participate

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Behind the Middle School Music

Featuring MBMS Band Director Denise Haslop and Students

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Behind the High School Ensemble Music

Featuring Band Director Joel Carlson

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Behind the Jazz Band Music

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Game Time! Use Kahoot to participate

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Behind the Marching Music - Marching Band and Colorguard

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IDL Live! Featuring Indoor Drumline Captain Ethan Aboutanos

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Guard Live! Featuring Colorguard Captain Samantha Gentile

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Always Working Behind the Scenes

The MCHS Instrumental Music Education Alumni Association

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New to the Scene

The Manhattan Beach Music Coalition

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Game Time!

The Grand Kahoot!

Test your knowledge of the evening's trivia in our Band Trivia Kahoot Game

- CLOSING -

~ After the Music Raffle Coming to Your Inbox Soon ~

The Mira Costa Bands and Colorguard Recognize and Congratulate the Students of MBUSD's Elementary Band Program

4th Grade

Grand View Elementary School

FLUTE

Anna Campbell
Daphne Flam
Chase Mader
Scarlett Prakash
Maylin Quick
Malia Shetland
Avery Tussing

CLARINET

Alexander Cram
Evelyn Grenz
Margaret Griffin
Linne'a Jeppson
Ember Vanzura
Chase Zamfotis

TRUMPET

Jack Andrews
Blaise Bentz
Matilda Buchanan
Asher Greenspon
Sterling Johnson
Jackson Maher
Ethan Santoro
Zachary Sheffey
Finn Stoddard
Harper Terry
Brandon White

TROMBONE

Aman Gruberg
Gweneth Martinez
Cooper Udis

BARITONE

Leonardo Armato
Henry Grenz
Quinn LeRosen

PERCUSSION

Ashford Allen
Tyler Buxton
Chloe Grampp
Mabry (Mae) Overholt
Keaton Taubman
Gage Tussing
Charles Fairbrother

Meadows Elementary School

FLUTE

Asaf Estrada
Georgia Lotze
Emmy Nickerson

CLARINET

William Bridwell
Jamie Pesis
Natalie Roisman

TRUMPET

Maxine Atkins
Maxym Chisholm
Arielle Costa
Travis Franke
Madison MacCarthy O'Hea

TROMBONE

Brayden Edwards

BARITONE

Henry Brown
Stella Freelin
Cristian Munteanu
Jordan Peetz

PERCUSSION

Kainoa Aita
Clement Barrieu
Luca Battistella
Lorenzo Battistella
Landon Frank
Sara Jimenez
Kilan Lam
Lucas Levin
Henry Lust
Vivian Ostrick
Rishi Rao
Avana Liza Ramanantsoa
Randriamifidimanana
Solace Stone
Ever Weinstein

Pacific Elementary School

FLUTE

Diya Kachalia
Victoria Pak
Leah Piehl
Ava Solomon
Pearline Young

CLARINET

Dylan Burke
Augustus Castor
Max Coney
Ridgely Cook
Shail Desai
Micah Flechner
Dean Hiranburana
Avery Johns
Francesca Phillips
Simon Shieh
Avi Thadhani
Jaxton Vann

TRUMPET

Martin Baraja
Bradley Benner
Tyler De Garceau
Drew Donnelley
Jake Gullickson
James Hazzard
Kellen Hill
Jordyn Jefferson
Barron Joseph
Rylan Kim
Alex Sprengle

BARITONE

Elin Andrews
Carson Blocker
Gage Harris

Pennekamp Elementary School

FLUTE

Matthew Bernstein
Chloe Lee
Ronald Mannan
Liliana Marr
Valerie Nguyen
Luna Zhang
Zachary Zhang

CLARINET

Chase Cohen
Dax Ellman
Aarav Maggon
Weston McMurtray
Max Weiner

TRUMPET

Sachin Chhabra
Sidney Friedrich
Grant Horstman
Anik Patel
Dominic Skaar
Ben Weiner

TROMBONE

Leo Tseng

BARITONE

Adelaide Barber
Lakota Holloway

PERCUSSION

Mark Adishian
Tyler Brady
Ethan Hart
Skyler Ortiz-Luis

Robinson Elementary School

FLUTE

Marlee Cabrillo

CLARINET

Verity Escopete
Layla Shahsavari
Tyler Tooke

TRUMPET

Haddie Adams
Jake Fiallos

TROMBONE

Dustin Heise
Jonah Manson

BARITONE

Casey Ryan

PERCUSSION

Ezra Cornelison
Tom Faulkner
Luxe Helvey
Silas Rizkalla
Rose Schroeder
Alli Staples
Jack Wilmarth



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5th Grade

Grand View Elementary School

FLUTE

Owen Hudson
Chloe Sniderman

CLARINET

Talia Cistone
Mia Garay
Braeden Kennedy
Siena Long
Sky Paul
Jacob Richman

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Chase Austin
William Hutter

TRUMPET

Pierce Austin
Annika Johnson
Remi Kushner
Logan Lynch
Beckett Moyzes
Haydin O'Leary
Christopher Ruiz
Lili Shaer
Simon Uslaner

TROMBONE

Talia Skye Faynsod
Hayden Moyzes
Phillip Nam
Simon Uslaner

BARITONE

Sloane Geiselman

TUBA

Elliot Wilcox

PERCUSSION

Chace Beasley
Dylan Kainsinger
Kellen Kao
Max Rossmann

Meadows Elementary School

FLUTE

Leyla Keskinel

CLARINET

Brendan Kiesling
Luke Vargas

TRUMPET

Cooper Lewis
Dallas Nurre
Bruce Urquhart

TROMBONE

Wangyal Gyatso
Mattias Keopunna
Ernest Kiznis

BARITONE

Jacob Klein
Dylan Llorin

PERCUSSION

Porter Pingelton
Nico Saieh

Pacific Elementary School

CLARINET

Telmo Alija-Sampedro
Poppy Coney
Cash Feilke
Griffin Feldman
Sawyer Schwarz
Summer Sun
Eamon Thomas

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Cameron Geida

TRUMPET

London Beck
Fallyn Cavanaugh
Cary Geida
Drake Hearne
Tessa Jackson
Jackson Jun
Maliha Kottoor
Judah Lefton
Becket Van Doornewaard

TROMBONE

Emily Becker
Andrew de Virgilio
Desmond Miller
Wyatt Neitz

BARITONE

Nicolas (Nico) Harris
Shay Rawal
Jameson Stringer

TUBA

Zachary Niehaus

PERCUSSION

Ryker Bavolek
Bodhi Dericks
Mila Hennon
Michael Koch
Chase Kramer
Brayden Lange
Nicholas Oh
Axel Silva

Pennekamp Elementary School

FLUTE

Kellen Lee

CLARINET

Tyler Chowanadisai
Ailbe Gorkowski
Zoran Malis
Shaya Shahryari

TRUMPET

Hunter Kim
Oliver Mjos
Nikole Ortiz-Luis
Kaiyan Patel
Nathan Raphael
Wesley Riba
Grayson Thomas

TROMBONE

Jack Williams

BARITONE

Daniel Chun

PERCUSSION

Braden Cantrell

Robinson Elementary School

FLUTE

Charlotte King
Tenyung Lee

CLARINET

Lazar Zaric

TRUMPET

Gavin Blanco Swanson
Ria Sethi
Ashton Wolfson

BARITONE

Maddox Chang
Luke Honea

PERCUSSION

Keanu Fielding
James Messer

SCSBOA Honor Band Applicants

Chace Beasley - Grand View Elementary - Percussion

London Beck - Pacific Elementary - Trumpet

Maddox Chang - Robinson Elementary - Euphonium

Talia Cistone - Grand View Elementary - Clarinet

Talia Skye Faynsod - Grand View Elementary - Trombone

Mia Garay - Grand View Elementary - Clarinet

Cameron Geida - Pacific Elementary - Alto Saxophone

Cary Geida - Pacific Elementary - Trumpet

Luke Honea - Robinson Elementary - Euphonium

Leyla Keskinel - Meadows Elementary - Flute

Hunter Kim - Pennekamp Elementary - Trumpet

Charlotte King - Robinson Elementary - Flute

Kilan Lam - Meadows Elementary - Mallets

Zoran Malis - Pennekamp Elementary - Alto Saxophone

Nicholas Oh - Pacific Elementary - Percussion

Wesley Riba - Pennekamp Elementary - Trumpet

Chloe Sniderman - Grand View Elementary - Flute

Ava Solomon - Pacific Elementary - Flute

Bruce Urquhart - Meadows Elementary - Trumpet

Elliot Wilcox - Grand View Elementary - Tuba

The Mira Costa Bands and Colorguard Recognize and Congratulate the Students of the

Manhattan Beach Middle School Bands

Cadet Band

FLUTE

Ronan Carroll
Kai Froeb
Marlee Stewart
Mauryajit Walia

CLARINET

Simon Doran
Rosalie Jappel
Mateya Jeng
Bobby Jones
Justin King
Maximiliano Roca
Natalia Winterson

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Vivian Bullock
Julian Lee
Dylan Lupp
Hunter Taylor
Mersadie Wilson

TENOR SAXOPHONE

August Peterman

TRUMPET

Carter Allen
Mark Gobran
Jack Ingram
Noah Jaboury
Maximo Moore

EUPHONIUM

Julian Koskinen

TROMBONE

Penelope Paen

PERCUSSION

Samuel Apfel
Sam Cato
Christopher Garcia
Malia Goodman-Bhyat
Shai Kwak
Anjolie Pardee
Eliana Rigaud

Concert Band

FLUTE

Xinyue Zhang

CLARINET

Riya Dhillon
Joel Fujioka
Spencer Horstman
Nate Jacobs
Lillian Jones
Kate Mulderink

BASS CLARINET

Kendall Chon

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Liam Claybaugh
Cadin Feters
Russell Fowler
Eli Luce

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Aryan Maggon

TRUMPET

Marco Ames
Mason Barrett
Jaiden Chase
William Stanton
Hudson Tang

FRENCH HORN

Benjamin Pow

EUPHONIUM

Ian Goad
Reyna Singh

TROMBONE

Rishaan Bhakta
Harrison Fyfe
Vadim Roptus

TUBA

Lucas Chao

PERCUSSION

Nick Beggs
Noel Kim
Jesse Overholt
Lily Paquin
Tyler Schilling
Logan Smith

Symphonic Band

FLUTE

Neve Gebhardt
Tomek Gorzkowski
Juliette Im
Emma Klapper
Tejaswi Krishna
Shrey Kwak
Isabella Llorin
Victoria Mori
Abbie Neitz
Mary Rothermel
Ava Urquhart

OBOE

Scarlett Peterman
Lindsey Severin

CLARINET

Sam Allen
Miles Campbell
Bella Chen
Sophia de Virgilio
Nathan Georgy
Andrew Jang
Kyle Johnson
Logan Kwon
Valerie Larsen
Joshua Levine
Will Lewis
Megan Ostrick
Abrielle Pardee
Gavin Plexico

CLARINET (CONTINUED)

Olivia Tang
Sara Torres
Lance Wahlstedt
Amelia Zhang

BASS CLARINET

Goose Faynsod

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Michael Ingram
Simon Manning
Christopher Ting

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Colin Freelin
Ethan Klapper

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Andrew Chapin

TRUMPET

Nathen Crook
Ryan Dickinson
Dylan Feakins
Yash Jha
Ali Keskinel
Maximilien Lejeune
Ethan McGregor
Colin Mukai
Tyler Thompson
Ryland Wilson

FRENCH HORN

Rose Cohen
Emily Cubillos
Isaac Faynsod

TROMBONE

Ryan Bacura
Ryan Kelley
Lainey Peel

EUPHONIUM

Carson Ehman
Lia Gobran
Cooper Lelchuk

TUBA

Yu-Chuan Eliezer
Matthew Lewis

PERCUSSION

David Fuller
Noah Huang
Cameron Hughes
Ashley Kim
Zak Lachance
Rylan Mendoza
Mareen Shah



MCHS Band Presidents and the Department of Community Recognize and Congratulate the Students of the

Mira Costa Bands and Guard

Symphonic Band

FLUTE

Aisha Ahmed*
Jacob Handzlik
Marlowe Hutter

OBOE

Kate Molinari

CLARINET

Lauren Chao
Morgan Griffiths
Archie Iacono
Megan Jutabha
Meghan McAndrews
Loli Prella

CONTRA ALTO CLARINET

Emilio Wang

BASSOON

Kyra Ahrens

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Julia Almendariz
Vanessa Conde
Shan Kwak

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Nate Colligan
Cullen Sullivan

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Finn Disharoon

TRUMPET

Sean Kim
Nia Nguyen
Shawn Oh
Beck Peters*
Evan Sulin
Preston Summers

TROMBONE

Andrew Bui
Nick Clausen
Aidan Crook

EUPHONIUM

Jenna Leopard
Arjun Reddy

TUBA

Gordon Whitlow

PERCUSSION

Jackson Cato
Zachary Chapin
Myles Idrovo
Anthony Imbagliazzo
Daniel Ivey
Josaphine Kennedy
Abigail Ostrick

Wind Ensemble

FLUTE

Anna Chittenden
Eva Guillory
Hannah Huang*
Allie McAndrews
Reann Ubungen*
Evelyn Wang*

OBOE

Ewen Luce

CLARINET

Parth Badhwar*
Blythe Friedlander*
Thomas Gerken*
Phillip Meyer
Declan Owen
Valentina Roca*
Summer Syed
Christopher Yanez*

BASS CLARINET

Bodie Dafesh

BASSOON

Emily von Buttlar
Lea Pepemehmetoglu

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Nick Bailey*
Hatcher Johnson
Benjamin Mejia
Ryan Rogers

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Hayden Asiano
Jonny Nguyen

TRUMPET

Cooper Clausen
Devan Malik
Emiko Naepflin*
Christofer Nahlinder
Owen Thomas
Jack Tran*
Teddy Yang*

FRENCH HORN

Sophie Bauer
Molly Grimes*
Ewan McPhee

TROMBONE

Athena Lejeune

EUPHONIUM

Owen Sedlik
Armaan Shivpuri

TUBA

Andrew Goad
Gordon Whitlow

PERCUSSION

Aliya Ahmed*
Evan Lockwood*
Charlie Michael
Luigi Salvaggio
Chase Savela



Wind Symphony

FLUTE

Emma Custer
Joah Lee
Joanna Lei
Courtney Lo
Nate Sagadevan*

OBOE

Mia von Buttlar

CLARINET

Jonathan Cohn*
Noah Daniels
Dylan Davidoff^@*
Kent Ikuta*
Neal Jha*
Charlie Kwon
Samuel Liu^*
Ray Levine
Ethan Nahlinder*

BASS CLARINET

John Cross
Giovanni Wang

BASSOON

Brandon Bui^
Noah Sedlik

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Nicholas Gregan
Lucas Meyer*
Max Simpson*

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Finnley Hart

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Jack Cooperman

TRUMPET

Lexi Forman*
Trevor King^@
Ethan Mukai
Elizabeth Terry

FRENCH HORN

Paige Pickett*
Ainsley Power*
Alexandra Runnels*
Michelle Toyooka

TROMBONE

Zachary Hoover
Monty Soladay*
Erik Sulin

EUPHONIUM

Christian Barrios

TUBA

Naina Dhawan*
Daniel Schwedock
Eshaan Soma

PERCUSSION

Ethan Aboutanos
Hayley Balen*
Shane Foley
Ari Silverman

Jazz Band

SAXOPHONE

Cosmo Lieberman
Cole McCorkendale
Olin Meyer
Noah Sedlik
Max Simpson

TRUMPET

Trevor King^@
Brian Ngo
Ainsley Power*
Owen Thomas

TROMBONE

Benjamin Peel
Sara Shannon
Erik Sulin
Dylan Williams

RHYTHM SECTION

Slater Heidrich, b
Xavier Hogan, b
Neal Jha, p*
Aidan Medrano, p
Ethan Nahlinder, d*
Brody Smith, d
Zach Smith, g

Marching Band & Colorguard

DRUM MAJORS

Jack Cooperman
Alexandra Runnels

FLUTE

Mia von Buttlar
Eva Guillory
Hannah Huang
Courtney Lo#
Allie McAndrews
Nate Sagadevan
Reann Ubungen

CLARINET

Parth Badhwar
Morgan Griffiths
Kent Ikuta
Neal Jha#
Ewen Luce
Kate Molinari
Ethan Nahlinder
Loli Prella
Summer Syed
Christopher Yanez
Giovanni Wang

SAXOPHONE

Nick Bailey
Vanessa Conde
Jack Cooperman
Finnley Hart
Cosmo Lieberman
Miles McPhee
Noah Sedlik#
Max Simpson
Michael Sinai

TRUMPET

Lexi Forman
Ewan McPhee
Ethan Mukai
Emiko Naepflin#
Christofer Nahlinder
Brian Ngo
Shawn Oh
Theodore Peters
Evan Sulin
Owen Thomas
Jack Tran

MELLOPHONE

Sophie Bauer
Molly Grimes
Paige Pickett#
Alexandra Runnels
Michelle Toyooka

LOW BRASS

Andrew Bui
Nick Clausen
Benjamin Peel
Owen Sedlik
Armaan Shivpuri
Monty Soladay
Erik Sulin#

SOUSAPHONE

Christian Barrios
Naina Dhawan#
Andrew Goad
Gordon Whitlow

PERCUSSION

Ethan Aboutanos#
Aliya Ahmed
Hayley Balen
Jackson Cato
Paul Chen
Myles Idrovo
Anthony Imbagliazzo
Daniel Ivey
Josaphine Kennedy
Evan Lockwood
Aidan Medrano
Charlie Michael
Luigi Salvaggio
Ari Silverman#
Brody Smith
Kyle Tinker
Dylan Williams

COLORGAURD

Ava Agüero
Jay Barile
Jillian Cherry
Chloe Crounse
Emma Custer
Lisa Eun
Samantha Gentile#
Allison Kuo
Ray Levine
Rachel Oh
Maiken Pardon
Zoe Prodromides
Brianna Rytz
Atra Shahryari
Cora Uchida
Sydney Weisberg
Ryan White
Samantha Wilson
Lily Wuertz
Jada Yip

Winterguard

WINTERGUARD JV

Ava Agüero
Jay Barile
Jillian Cherry#
Rachel Oh
Brianna Rytz
Cora Uchida
Sydney Weisberg
Ryan White
Samantha Wilson



WINTERGUARD VARSITY

Chloe Crounse
Emma Custer
Samantha Gentile#
Allison Kuo
Ray Levine
Maiken Pardon
Zoe Prodromides
Atra Shahryari
Jada Yip



Indoor Drumline

INDOOR DRUMLINE

Ethan Aboutanos#
Aliya Ahmed
Jackson Cato
Paul Chen
Myles Idrovo
Anthony Imbagliazzo
Daniel Ivey
Josephine Kennedy
Evan Lockwood
Aidan Medrano
Shawn Oh
Beck Peters
Luigi Salvaggio
Ari Silverman#
Kyle Tinker
Dylan Williams



* Youth Music Mentor

^ 2020-21 CASMEC All State Honor Band Member

@ 2020-21 SCSBOA All Southern California Honor Band Member

Marching Band Captain/Section Leader

- THE MBUSD BAND FACULTY -

Elementary Band Director – Tim Nail



Tim Nail has been teaching band for over 20 years. Currently the band director for all five elementary schools in Manhattan Beach, he teaches band for fourth and fifth grades and recorder for third grade. He also heads up the award winning All District Honor Band, and runs an after school middle school and high school honor jazz program outside of the district. Prior to coming to Manhattan Beach, Tim was the Band and Choir Director at Calle Mayor Middle School in Torrance for thirteen years. He directed Musicals with his choir and took his bands to festivals where they won many awards. In fact, the top band, the Wind Ensemble, earned seven consecutive Superior ratings at SCSBOA Festivals. The Wind Ensemble also travelled to The Kennedy Center, Orchestra Hall (Chicago), Carnegie Hall and Hawaii (twice).

MBMS Band Director – Denise Haslop



Denise Haslop is in her twenty-second year as the Director of Instrumental Music at Manhattan Beach Middle School. In the years that she has been at the middle school, the enrollment in the instrumental music classes increased significantly. Her bands and orchestras have consistently earned unanimous *Superior* ratings at SCSBOA festivals. In 2001, the middle school staff voted her the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club Teacher of the Year. She was also selected as the recipient of the 2002 Manhattan Beach Recreation and Youth Services Award. In the 2004-2005 year, she was selected as the Teacher of the Year for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

Prior to her current position, Denise taught at Lennox Middle School in Lennox, California, for six years where she developed outstanding band and orchestra programs. She was also the district's Teacher of the Year in 1998 and was nominated for the State Teacher of the Year that same year. Her dedication and quest for excellence earned her a nomination for the Los Angeles Music Center's Bravo Award in 1998.

Denise graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Music Education from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1992. She also earned a Master's in Education degree from UCLA in 1993. Denise has been the recipient of several scholarships, including the Jacqueline Fisher Klein memorial award in 1992 and the American Youth Symphony award in 1991.

Having now taught for twenty-eight years, she believes that with sequential teaching based on fundamentals, middle school students are capable of playing challenging music and performing musically. Her advanced band and orchestra were selected to perform at the California Music Educators Association annual conference in 2002. The following year, they were invited as the only California middle school to participate in the National Festival of the States in Washington, D.C. She has since then co-presented workshops on string teaching, and guest conducted local honor orchestras.

In January 2020, Denise was awarded the Distinguished Member Award from the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA). This award recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of music education and dedicated service to SCSBOA through meaningful contributions to the organization and its members.

Mira Costa Colorguard Director - Richard Hernandez



Richard Hernandez

has been involved in the marching band/pageantry arts since middle school.

Throughout his middle and high school years at North Park Middle

School and El Rancho HS he balanced playing an instrument in the concert and field ensembles with performing as drum major of the parade band as well as participating as a prominent member of the winterguard team. It was during his senior year at Whittier HS that Mr. Hernandez decided to branch out and concentrate on the world of independent winterguards. Mr. Hernandez has marched with several notable southern California Winter Guard International (WGI) finalist winterguards. Mr. Hernandez is also currently on staff with Pasadena City College's Ayanna Winterguard. He attended Rio Hondo College and California State University Fullerton, pursuing an education in early childhood development. Mr. Hernandez is currently working as a teaching assistant within the Whittier Unified School District. While marching in the Independent World Class division, Rich was asked to join the instructional staff at Mira Costa High School where he has served as Colorguard Director since 2011.

Mira Costa Percussion Director - Jeremy Miller



Jeremy Miller

is a graduate of Boston's Berklee College of Music and holds a degree in Performance and Professional Music. Born in

eastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Miller began his music career as both a performer and private instructor. His marching career started as a member of the 12-time Tournament of Bands East Coast Percussion Champion Emmaus High School Marching Band and Drumline and continued to include the 2002 Tournament of Indoor Association Champion, Mid-Atlantic Percussion Society Champion and WGI Open Class Finalist Aftermath Independent Indoor Drumline, as well as the Drum Corps Associates Champion Reading Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corps. Now residing in Los Angeles California, Jeremy has had numerous percussion and drumline teaching opportunities with Santa Monica High School, Hart High School, Pacific Palisades Charter High School, and Mira Costa High School. Mr. Miller continues to perform, teach, and record as a drum set player with numerous area artists in a variety of venues and genres, assists with instructing the Wind Ensembles, is the Percussion Captain Head for the Marching Band and the Director of the Indoor Percussion and Percussion Studio programs.

Mira Costa Band Director – Joel Carlson



Joel Carlson is the Instrumental Music Teacher for the Bands at Mira Costa High School, a 2014 GRAMMY Signature Schools Gold Award winning school and one of three awardees to be recognized by the GRAMMY Foundation that year as having one of the best comprehensive music programs in the nation. During his tenure at Mira Costa, the bands have grown in size, scope and excellence. From the Wind Ensembles to the Jazz Bands and the Marching Band, the Mira Costa Bands are consistently rated at the highest levels of musicality for their outstanding performances. A native Californian, Joel is a proud graduate of Thousand Oaks High School and the University of California, Los Angeles (BA, Music Education & Music Performance, oboe, 2003; MA, Conducting & Music Performance, oboe, 2005), and a proud alumni of the Pacific Crest Drum and Bugle

Corps (2000-2002) where he was honored to be named as the 2002 Brass Player of the Year. Mr. Carlson enjoys the daily pursuit of helping each student to realize the fullest cognitive, collaborative, and creative benefits that music education has to offer. Mr. Carlson directs the three Wind Ensembles, the two Jazz Ensembles and the Marching Band.

MIRA COSTA BANDS PERSONAL PARENTAL STORIES

When my eldest son joined the Mira Costa Marching Band in the summer prior to his freshman year in high school, I had no idea what to expect. My son loved playing the drums and the piano, and participated in the music program in middle school. I had heard really good things about the program through other parents with older kids, but our family had no firsthand experience. Little did I know that the marching band experience at Costa would soon become a highlight of both of my sons' high school experience, and mine as a parent volunteer as well. What a wonderful community of kids, parents and instructors we all became deeply involved with!

During my experience as a parent volunteer for six years, I noticed that marching band attracts a variety of kids that are talented, creative, dedicated, disciplined, responsible, academic-minded but also know how and when to have fun. The program is very well designed and run by Joel Carlson. Joel is a deeply dedicated and talented instructor who has the ability to create an incredible sense of camaraderie within the band while taking the musical talent, creativity and showmanship to the next level. Joel has high expectations for the kids but at the same time is very approachable and understanding.

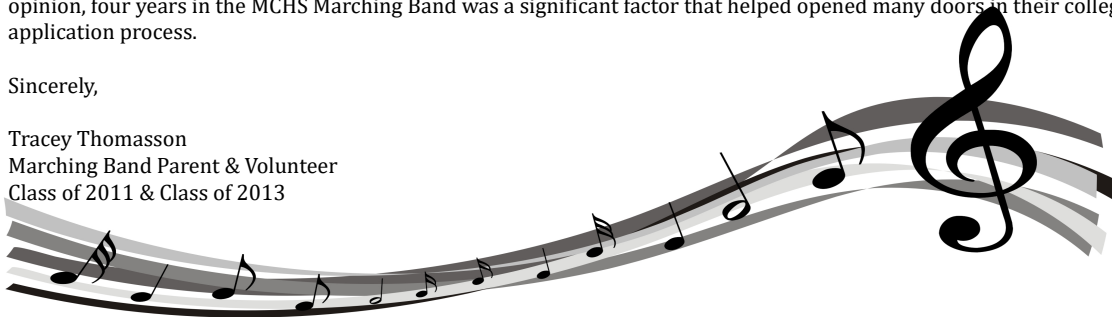
Socially, marching band is a great place to make friends. Both my sons were instantly included in a group of like-minded individuals who spent hours together every week making music and working hard while having the time of their life. My sons were surrounded by an incredibly tight-knit group of boys and girls all throughout high school thanks to marching band. Although they have graduated high school and college, they both remain in touch with friends from the MCHS Marching Band. These are friends for life.

Being a part of marching band is a whole new exciting world for incoming freshman. The band is award-winning and plays and performs at a level that is very professional. The learning, growth and discipline that the kids experience is incredible. The leadership opportunities are numerous – my son was drum captain and loved it. One of my sons was even able to combine his Boy Scout Eagle Project with the super supportive Costa marching band community.

As an activity for middle school kids entering high school, I can't recommend marching band enough. The program ticks many of the boxes that colleges are looking for in well-rounded, dedicated, interesting applicants. My oldest son was accepted to three Ivy-League colleges, UCLA, Cal and more, with his final choice being Princeton University. My younger son was also accepted to a variety of great colleges, and ended up at Whitman College, an elite liberal arts college in Washington. In my opinion, four years in the MCHS Marching Band was a significant factor that helped opened many doors in their college application process.

Sincerely,

Tracey Thomasson
Marching Band Parent & Volunteer
Class of 2011 & Class of 2013



"My son Isaac was in concert band and marching band all four years at Costa, and I was extremely happy with Isaac's band experience. He got so much out of the time he invested—benefits like a great group of friends, a sense of teamwork, and the chance to work hard at something he genuinely enjoyed and valued. I'd enthusiastically recommend the Costa band program to any student who wants to try it."

--Barbara Siegemund-Broka, parent of Isaac Siegemund-Broka, MCHS class of 2013, Harvard Class of 2017

"Mom, I joined the marching band!" This will always be music to my ears. The family atmosphere and acceptance amongst all band kids is incredible. There are so many fantastic benefits...discipline, teamwork, time management, resilience, sacrifice, flexibility, creative problem solving, neurological multi-tasking, manners & respect, trust, and generosity, just to name a few. In her four years in marching band, I have watched my daughter blossom musically and transform into a self-assured young adult within an atmosphere of positivity under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Carlson! Marching Band kids are the best kids, period.

--Lilly Chang, parent of Lauren Schlick, MCHS Class of 2018, Stanford Class of 2022

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Section Socials for Parents

Parents of rising 9th grade students or current students interested in joining the Costa Bands or Guard are invited to join us for section-specific meet and greets! Mr. Carlson and parents of current section students will be available to answer questions. We look forward to meeting you!

MARCH 10 – Flute, Oboe & Bassoon

MARCH 11 – Clarinet

MARCH 16 – Saxophone

MARCH 18 – Trumpet & French Horn

MARCH 22 – Low Brass (Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba)

MARCH 23 – Percussion

MARCH 24 – Colorguard – (Tentative date. With Colorguard Director Mr. Hernandez)

A Zoom link will be posted a few days before each Section Social in the event's description box on the Bands website's Calendar page – <https://miracostabands.com/calendar/>. All sessions start at 7pm.

You can join the MCHS Bands & Guard mailing list at <https://miracostabands.com/contact/>

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