

## MMS BAND CALENDAR

### August

25 - Thursday                      6:45 pm                      Booster Meeting – MMS Cafeteria

### September

6-16                                      Times TBA                                      Wind Ensemble Auditions  
 15 - Thursday                      4:15-5:30                                      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night Rehearsal - MHS  
 16 - Friday                              6:00-end of game                                      8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night – MHS  
 23 - Friday                              3:00-8:00                                      Walk-A-Thon – MMS Track

### November

First week                              During Class                                      Cheesecake Kickoff  
 Mid-month                              All Day                                      Cheesecake order Turn-in

### December

8 - Thursday                              6:30 pm                                      Booster Club Meeting in Gymnasium  
 8 - Thursday                              6:45 pm                                      Winter Concert (Required – All Bands)  
 Before Winter Break                      Noon-5:00                                      Cheesecake Pickup

### January

7 - Saturday                              Times TBA                                      Region Auditions  
 10 - Tuesday                              Times TBA                                      All-County Band Auditions – MMS  
 14 - Tuesday                              Times TBA                                      Region Inclement Weather Auditions  
 21 - Saturday                              Times TBA                                      All-State Band Auditions  
 28 - Saturday                              Times TBA                                      State Inclement Weather Auditions

### February

24 - Friday                              8:00am–6:00pm                                      Region Band Clinic  
 25 - Saturday                              8:30am–6:00pm                                      Region Band Clinic & Concert  
 16 - Thursday                              5:00-9:00pm                                      All-County Band Clinic  
 17 - Friday                              8:00am–8:00pm                                      All-County Band Clinic & Concert

### March

2-3 – Thurs & Fri                                      Inclement Weather All County Clinic  
 10-12 – Fri-Sun                                      All-State Band Clinic & Concert  
 28,29,or 30                                      Concert Festival – Wind Ensemble and Beginning Band

### April

4 (Tentative)                              Time & Location TBA                                      Conductor’s Circle Concert  
 19-23 – Wed-Sun                                      Florida Trip - **Wind Ensemble**  
 28 - Friday                                      Times TBA                                      Solo & Ensemble  
 29 - Saturday                                      Times TBA                                      Solo & Ensemble

### May

5&6 – Friday/Saturday                      Friday mid-day-Saturday Late                      SIX FLAGS – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
 12 OR 13 – Fri.OR Sat.                      Early AM – Late PM                                      CAROWINDS  
 16 - Tuesday                                      6:30                                      Booster Club Meeting in Gymnasium  
 16 - Tuesday                                      6:45                                      Spring Concert (Required – All Bands)

# Mauldin Middle School Band Handbook 2016-2017



“Outstanding Performance”

# MMS BAND HANDBOOK

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## Welcome to the MMS Band!

The MMS Band program consists of three levels of band instruction during the school day, each with varying levels of involvement relative to a student's needs, desires, and capabilities. Other after school ensembles, such as our Wind Ensemble, will be created each year to meet the needs of our exceptional students. Placement into these extra-curricular ensembles is by audition or invitation only.

### THREE LEVELS OF BAND

#### BEGINNING BAND (6th grade)

The focus of this class is developmental and performance-based with an aim of preparing each student for a more advanced level of participation. There is a strong emphasis on fundamentals, collaborative learning, personal practice habits, and musical discipline. There is no required previous music experience for any of the woodwind or brass instruments. All students interested in playing the percussion instruments are required to have at least two years of piano instruction or receive an exceptional score on the "Rhythm Test" during an audition with the directors.

#### INTERMEDIATE BAND (7th grade)

There is a strong emphasis on performance with an aim of reinforcing fundamental music and practice skills learned in Beginning Band. Successful completion of a beginning band program is required for admission into the Intermediate Band.

#### ADVANCED BAND (8th grade)

There is a stronger emphasis on performance with a continued aim of reinforcing fundamental music and practice skills learned in Intermediate Band. Members of the Advanced Band are expected to maintain a disciplined practice routine to keep up with the more challenging literature. Successful completion of the Intermediate Band is required for admission into the Advanced Band.



## Outstanding Band Member Awards

At the Spring Concert, we will recognize students in all grades who have gone above and beyond in the band program, and demonstrated excellent musicianship, effort, and leadership. See below for criteria for each grade level.

#### All Grades

- Maintain an A average in band class every quarter
- Attendance at all required performances
- No unexcused absences for morning rehearsals (there will be a few before each concert)
- Participate in at least 2 band fundraisers
- No discipline referrals for band for the school year

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outstanding Band Member

- Do 1 of these 4:
  - Superior or Excellent rating at Solo and Ensemble
  - At least 50% score at All-County Band Audition (must be invited by director to audition)
  - Successfully prepare music for and participate in Carowinds Festival of Music
  - Take regular private lessons on band instrument (must start no later than January)
- Winds - Pass off 4 one octave scales from memory
- Percussion – Mallets – 5 two octave scales, Snare - 2 rudiments
- Successfully pass off all required assignments in Standard of Excellence Book 1

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Outstanding Band Member

- Do 3 of these 5:
  - Superior or Excellent rating at Solo and Ensemble
  - At least 60% score at All-County Band Audition
  - At least 60% score at Region Band Audition
  - Successfully prepare music for and participate in Carowinds Festival of Music
  - Take regular private lessons on band instrument (must start no later than January)
- Successfully pass off all required assignments in Standard of Excellence Book 1 & 2
- Winds - Pass off 5 scales from memory (woodwinds – at least 2 must be 2 octaves)
- Percussion – Mallet- Scale Master, Snare - 5 rudiments

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Outstanding Band Member

- Do 4 of these 6:
  - Superior or Excellent rating at Solo and Ensemble
  - At least 70% score at All-County Band Audition
  - At least 70% score at Region Band Audition
  - Successfully prepare music for and participate in Southern Star Music Festival
  - Take regular private lessons on instrument (must start no later than January)
  - Attend an approved instrumental concert and write review; do 3 page research paper on instrument, **OR** complete a small composition with notation software (directors will provide rubrics and guidelines for all)
- Successfully pass off all required assignments in Standard of Excellence Book 2
- Winds - Scale Master
- Percussion – Mallet-Scale Master; Snare – 12 rudiments

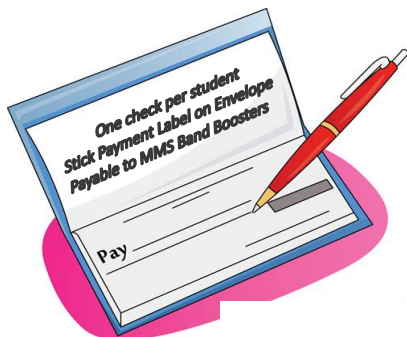
## STUDENT PAYMENT DUE DATES

Please be sure to use one of the payment labels (provided with your handbook) when sending in a payment.

<u>Due</u>	<u>Label</u>	<u>Payment for</u>
➤ Sept 8	Form & Payments	Band shirt - \$20 Spring Trip (Carowinds/Six Flags) deposit - \$30 <i>Include green sheet</i>
➤ Oct 21	County/Region	County audition - \$10 Region audition - \$10 County & Region auditions - \$20
➤ March	Spring Trip	Final Spring Trip payment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See CHARMS for student balance</li> <li>• Chaperones' amount TBD</li> <li>• Indicate if using a Season Pass</li> </ul>
➤ Feb 20	Solo/Ensemble	Solo audition - \$6 Ensemble audition - \$4 Solo & Ensemble - \$10
➤ May 5	Solo/Ensemble Medals	Solo medal - \$4 Ensemble medal - \$4 Solo & Ensemble medals - \$8

Other Payment Labels:

- Conductor's Circle (donation) – refer to yellow handout
- Miscellaneous Payment - reeds, additional shirt, etc.

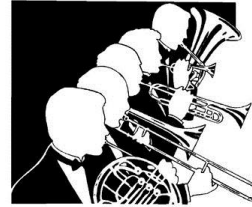


## AFTER SCHOOL ENSEMBLES

(Placement is by audition or invitation only)

### WIND ENSEMBLE

(7th & 8th graders)



This ensemble strives for the highest level of musicianship and involvement. Members must assume responsibility for the rehearsal, audition, and performance schedule of the Wind Ensemble, much of which occur outside the normal school day. All rehearsals and performances are required, and students (parents) must be prepared to furnish the Wind

Ensemble uniform and defray the costs of major band competitions and invitational performance trips during the course of the year (Band Booster Organization assistance is available for individual needs in this area). If at a high enough individual performance level to be chosen for membership in this ensemble, a student and his/her parents must understand the collaborative level of responsibility required for such membership. Each student, supported by his/her parents, must pledge their dedication, musical discipline and collaborative responsibility in order to maintain membership in the Wind Ensemble.

The Outstanding Performance Award (OPA) is the highest award given to bands in South Carolina. Since the responsibility of achieving the standards for the OPA falls mainly on the members of the Wind Ensemble, each member is expected to attend Concert Festival. Each member is also expected to audition for All-County Band. Selected students will be invited to audition for Region Band.

### DRUM LINE

(7th & 8th graders)

This is a special ensemble that only exists during the final quarter of the school year. Auditions are open to any 7th or 8th grade band student including non-percussionists. All students auditioning are expected to provide their own snare drum sticks. All rehearsals will be before or after school.



## HONOR BANDS



The Greenville County School District and The South Carolina Band Director's Association sponsor several "honor bands" of which our students may participate. Acceptance into these bands is by audition only.

### ALL-COUNTY BAND

**(Auditions - January 10<sup>th</sup> / Clinic - February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>)**

This clinic is only for band members from the schools in the Greenville County School District. The Junior Band is comprised of 6th – 8th grade students. Students must prepare a specific list of requirements and audition for a seat. Those selected students will then be invited to participate in the "All-County Band Clinic", where a guest conductor will prepare the students for a public concert performance. The selected students will also receive a medal to wear on their band uniform during future performances.

### REGION 1 BAND

**(Auditions - January 7<sup>th</sup> / Clinic - February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)**

This clinic is for band members from the SCBDA Region 1 schools. The Junior Band is comprised of 6th – 8th grade students. Students must prepare a specific list of requirements and audition for a seat. Generally, the audition requirements for the Region Clinic are similar, but slightly more difficult than the All-County audition requirements. Those selected students will then be invited to participate in the "Region 1 Band Clinic", where a guest conductor will prepare the students for a public concert performance. The selected students will also receive a medal to wear on their band uniform during future performances.

### SC ALL-STATE BAND

**(Auditions - January 21<sup>st</sup> / Clinic - March 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

This clinic is only the top ranked musicians from each of the five SCBDA Region Bands. These students will be invited to participate in the SC All-State Band Auditions which selects the members of the SC All-State Band. Selected students will then be invited to participate in the "All-State Band Clinic", where a guest conductor will prepare the students for a public concert performance. The selected students will also receive a medal to wear on their band uniform during future performances.

### SOLO & ENSEMBLE **(April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)**

Each year, the South Carolina Band Director's Association hosts Solo & Ensemble. This event gives students of all ages and performance levels a chance to present a solo (of their choosing) for a judge. There is also the opportunity for a small group of students to perform Duets and Trios. Musicians who receive the highest rankings can receive certificates and medals.

11. What is the cost for a chaperone?
  - This will be determined by the number of chaperones needed. We will request chaperones and publish the cost a few months before the trip.
12. What does the cost for chaperones include?
  - Transportation & park tickets are covered.
  - Meals are NOT covered.
13. Can chaperones drive up by themselves?
  - No - all participants must travel with the group on the buses.
14. Can chaperones bring other children along who aren't in the band?
  - Unfortunately, NO - we can only allow performing students and chaperones to ride on the buses.
15. Can I use a Season Pass?
  - Yes - for park entry, but Carowinds requires everyone to have a Festival of Music ticket (for an additional small fee).
  - A \$30 deposit is still required for students (to be used for meals).
  - You will still need to cover transportation costs (approx. \$30).
16. Can I use (discount) tickets I purchased from somewhere else?
  - NO - in order for the student to participate in the competition, all tickets must be purchased through the Booster Club.
17. What if I pay for the trip and then cannot go, will my money be refunded?
  - The \$30 deposit for students is **ALWAYS** refundable.
  - Any remaining money will be refunded if notice is given **PRIOR to April 1** (limited to the amount actually paid – not fundraised).
  - **AT NO TIME WILL FUNDRAISED MONEY BE RETURNED.**
18. What do students wear?
  - Competition - MMS Bands concert attire (black dress pants, white band shirt, black dress shoes).
  - Rest of the day in the park - students must meet MMS dress code. Footwear must be sneakers when not performing.

For answers to any questions not covered above, please contact:  
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Jim Kilgus [jkilgus@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:jkilgus@greenville.k12.sc.us)

## CAROWINDS Q & A

1. When is the MMS Band Carowinds Festival of Music trip?
  - Friday or Saturday, May 12 or 13, 2017
2. What is the purpose of this trip?
  - The three bands (Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced) will perform on stage for judges and will receive a performance rating as well as comments.
  - It's a fun, relaxing way for the students to participate in a music festival in a low-key atmosphere.
3. Can any band student go on the trip?
  - Yes, but students will be expected to prepare their music to an acceptable level for competition. Students who choose to not learn the music will not be allowed to go on the trip.
4. Does my child have to attend?
  - No - this trip is totally optional.
5. What is the total cost for a student?
  - \$100
6. Do I need to reserve a spot for my student?
  - **Yes - please send in a \$30 deposit (along with the green sheet) by September 8.** This helps us determine the number of buses we need to reserve.
7. When is the balance due?
  - Students' trips must be paid in full by **Friday, March 17.**
8. Does the cost of the trip cover food?
  - At least \$30 will be **RETURNED** to your child the day of the trip to pay for meals, drinks, etc.
9. What else does the cost cover?
  - Transportation to and from the park (charter buses).
  - Festival of Music park ticket - includes park entry, judges' fees, any plaques earned, and festival facilities' cost.
10. How much of my student's fundraised money can be applied to this trip?
  - \$70 max
  - Since the \$30 deposit is returned to the student that day, it **CANNOT** be fundraised money.

## CONCERT ATTIRE

### Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced Bands

- Blue MMS Band Polo (8<sup>th</sup> graders will wear white polo from last year)
- Black Dress Pants (NO jeans, capri pants, shorts, denim, sweatpants)
- Dark Dress Shoes (NO tennis shoes, sandals, or slip-ons)
- Black Socks

*Only students dressed appropriately will be allowed to perform. The band directors should be notified in advance if there is an issue with the attire.*

### Wind Ensemble

#### Boys

- Tux Shirt
- Tux Pants
- Black Dress Shoes
- Black Dress Socks
- Tux Accessories: cummerbund, bowtie, 4 studs, 2 cufflinks

#### Girls

- Formal Black Dress
- Black Dress Shoes

*Wind Ensemble members will be notified of the time & place to be measured/fitted for attire.*



Checks should be made payable to: MMS Band Boosters

## GRADES

Grades will be determined by the following criteria:

### Minor Assessments (50%)

- 20% Class Participation – having all materials and participating in class
- 10% Homework practice log/recordings – CHARMS or Smart Music
- 20% Written Quizzes/Minor Playing Tests

### Major Assessments (50%)

- Major Playing test – end of each quarter
- Concert attendance (this is a performance class) – 2nd & 4th nine weeks; other performances as announced

**Winter Concert** - December 8

**Spring Concert** - May 16

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night** – September 16

Grading Scale: A: 90-100 / B: 80-89 / C: 70-79 / D: 60-69 / F: 50-59

## MATERIALS

- **Band instrument** (with reeds, mouthpieces, straps, mallets, sticks, etc.)

- **Method Book** – Standard of Excellence

Beginning Band – Book 1

Intermediate Band – Book 1 first semester, Book 2 second semester

Advanced Band – Book 2

- **3 Ring Binder** – Sturdy with several clear sheet protectors

Beginning Band – White

Intermediate Band – Blue

Advanced Band – Black



1 inch for everyone except 8<sup>th</sup> grade percussion – they need 2 or 3 inch binder.



- **Music Stand** (wire / metal) – Keep at home for required practice time

- **Cleaning / Maintenance Kit** – Woodwinds and Brass only

- **Reeds** (at LEAST 3 unbroken reeds at all times) – Clarinets, Saxes, Oboes, Bassoons

- **Percussionists** will need all of the following:

1. Snare Pad & Bell kit (pads should be freestanding on its own stand)
2. Stick Bag with all mallets – available at a discounted price at Pecknel
3. Standard of Excellence “Drum and Mallet Percussion” book

## EDUCATIONAL REWARDS PROGRAMS

### Publix – Partners with Education

Please use the Publix school card for Mauldin Middle School Band whenever you shop at Publix. It's an easy way you can help us earn hundreds of dollars per year simply by showing your card at check out! We have plenty of cards for you, your family, and all your friends & neighbors!



### BiLo – Hometown Educational Rewards

Each time you use your registered BonusCard, our school automatically earns points toward free equipment & supplies.

1. Go to: **hometowneducationalrewards.com**
2. Click on BONUSCARD Sign-Up (*red box*)
3. Enter Your BonusCard Number (*12 digits*)
4. Enter your information
5. Enter School Code: **55422**
6. Click **Add** next to Mauldin Middle School



### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the MMS Band every time you shop, at no cost to you. With smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our program!

1. Go to: **smile.amazon.com**
2. Where it says “Or pick your own charitable organization” type:

**Mauldin Middle School Band Boosters**



## CHEESECAKE SALES

Just in time for the holidays, the Booster Club will be selling cheesecakes, cookie dough, and individual pizzas! **ALL profits from this fundraiser will go to the general band fund** (which is used to finance the purchase of school-owned instruments, travel, and registration fees).



- Kickoff: **Early November**
- Orders Due: **Mid November**
- Delivery: week of **Mid December**

### **\* PRIZES \***

- ❖ ALL participating students can earn a variety of cool prizes.
- ❖ Students who sell 4+ items will be invited to an IceCream Sundae Party!



## SPIRIT NIGHTS

We will occasionally schedule a Spirit Night at a local restaurant to allow us to not only enjoy the friendships and fun of our MMS Band family, but also support the band program through the profit sharing arrangements with that restaurant. On these nights, we encourage you and your families to join us in sharing a meal, enjoying time together, and knowing that with each meal purchased your band students are benefiting. You will receive information about Spirit Nights as they are scheduled throughout the year.



## **COMMUNICATION**

We use several methods to communicate with band families:

1. **Email** – Parent / student email addresses are obtained from the CHARMS website. If you are not receiving band emails, please login to your CHARMS account and add a working email address.  
*\* Refer to the CHARMS section – page 9 in this handbook \**
2. **Website** – Visit [www.mmsband.org](http://www.mmsband.org) to view the weekly schedule & more!
3. We put the weekly schedule on the wall in the band hall every week.
4. **Remind** – great for sending short text reminders!

To sign-up for Remind texts:

- Send a text to this number: **81010** (or 864-416-7762)
- Enter Class Code(s):
  - @mms6thbnd Beginning Band
  - @mms7thbnd Intermediate Band
  - @mms8thadv Advanced Band



## **DAILY PROCEDURES**

Before homeroom... ALL students should go directly to the band room and leave their instrument in a band locker or shelf. The “**green sign**” will indicate when the band room is open for students to drop off their instruments in the morning. The band room is usually open by 7:45 for students to come down. Students may NOT come to the band room before the green sign appears in the front of the glass hallway.

After dismissal (end of the day)... ALL students should go directly to the band room when their name or bus is displayed in the Car Line Monitor.

Students must take their instruments home over the weekend. Students will need to take instruments home during the week to complete their homework (practicing). Students should be practicing 4x/week outside of class during the school week. We cannot guarantee the safety of instruments left in the band room overnight.

The directors know that parents want their child’s instrument to be safe. To ensure this, students may NOT carry their instrument around the school with them or leave it in another teacher’s classroom. Students who violate this policy will face disciplinary action.



## WEEKLY PRACTICE

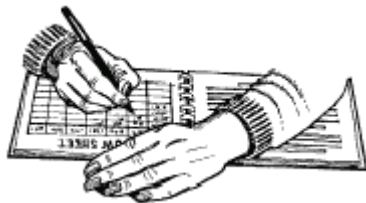
### PRACTICE TIME

All students are required to practice at least 30 minutes daily / at least 4 days per week (total of 120 minutes). Individual practice is imperative for the student's progress. It is much better for the student to practice daily than to play a longer time to make up for missed days. This is the one discipline that needs the most parental assistance. **Practicing is the required homework.** Parents MUST be diligent in making sure that their child practices regularly.

### HOMEWORK CHECKS AND PRACTICE LOGS

Students will have several assignments to practice at home every week. They may use their Chromebooks to complete homework check recordings through their CHARMS or Smart Music accounts. They will be expected to submit a minimum of 2 checks per week. They can also keep a practice log online in their CHARMS account.

These recordings and online logs are replacing paper practice records this year. Students should be practicing all material from class and will submit samplings of their practicing for us to listen to as "proof" in lieu of the written practice record. Our Google Classroom will also have assignments periodically for students to complete at home.



On Fridays, we will check CHARMS for 4 practice logs submitted and the recordings.

### EXTRA CREDIT

There are extra credit opportunities EVERY WEEK for band students to take advantage of!

- Students who practice for 5 or more sessions per week will receive 10 extra credit points for their weekly grade.
- Students who take a private lesson with an approved teacher will receive an extra 20 points for their weekly grade. **Students who take a private lesson must still show the 4 weekly 30 minute practice sessions.**
- Students who use SmartMusic at home may receive 10 extra credit points per week if they indicate it on their practice record & send recordings to us.

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### WALK-A-THON

September 23

MMS Track

Collection Envelopes Due: Sept 19-23

This 50/50 fundraiser gives the students the opportunity to raise money for their band trip(s) and other expenses by collecting pledges and/or donations for laps walked around the track. **Half of the money collected by each student will go into their personal band account** / The other half will go into the general band fund. *A maximum of \$70 can be applied to a student's Carowinds trip.*



- **Students need to turn in a minimum of \$20 by Friday morning in order to participate.**
- The event begins at 3:15 and goes until dark (around 8:00).
- **Dinner will be provided for student walkers and parent volunteers ONLY.** Concessions will be available for spectators & siblings to purchase.
- **Parent volunteers are needed** to help count laps as well as prepare and serve food. Please sign up in CHARMS – Volunteers if you'd like to help, or email Deborah Guion ([deborahguion@charter.net](mailto:deborahguion@charter.net))

### PRIZES

- Walk-a-Thon **Top 3 Fundraisers** win Cash Prizes  
1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100    2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$60    3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$40
- Top walker per grade – MMS Band Spirit Shirt



**State law stipulates that fundraised money may NOT be earned for chaperones or returned to students for cash.**

## CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE

(Yellow Sheet)

Anyone who makes a monetary donation to the MMS Band Booster Club will become part of the Conductor's Circle. We greatly appreciate your help in defraying the enormous cost of operating the band program!

The goal this year is \$6,000.

### ➤ Conductor's Circle Levels

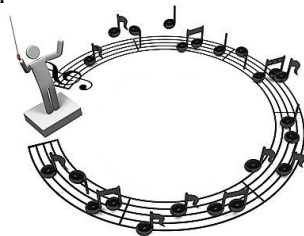
- \$25-\$49 Friend of the Band
- \$50-\$99 Future Musicians Sponsor
- \$100-\$199 Distinguished Booster
- \$200-\$499 Honorary 1<sup>st</sup> Chair
- \$500 or more Honorary Director

### ➤ Reserved Seating at Concerts

- Distinguished Booster (\$100 contribution) - 2 reserved seats at the Winter OR the Spring concert.
- Honorary 1<sup>st</sup> Chair (\$200 contribution) - 2 reserved seats at BOTH concerts **or** 4 reserved seats at the Winter OR the Spring concert.
- Honorary Director (\$500+ contribution) – 4 reserved seats at the Winter AND the Spring concert.

### ➤ Conductor's Circle Concert

A \$25 minimum donation secures family seating at this exclusive concert. Performances from Wind Ensemble as well as other ensemble groups.



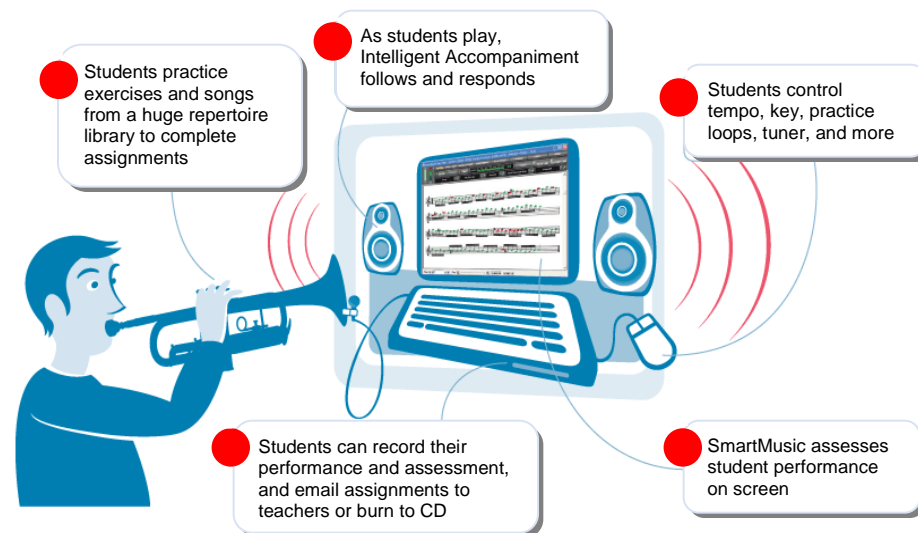
Conductor's Circle donations can be made any time during the year.

**Donations are Tax Deductible!**

## SMARTMUSIC

The Smart Music software program has been a great addition to our program! We have four computers in the building set up with Smart Music for the students to use, but it would be advantageous to purchase a home edition and a microphone. Smart Music makes practicing much more enjoyable and productive. Students will be able to use Smart Music for virtually every aspect of practicing, including scales, solos, working out of the band book, concert pieces, tuning, and more.

Visit [smartmusic.com](http://smartmusic.com) to buy your subscription (\$40 for a student subscription for a full year)



## PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

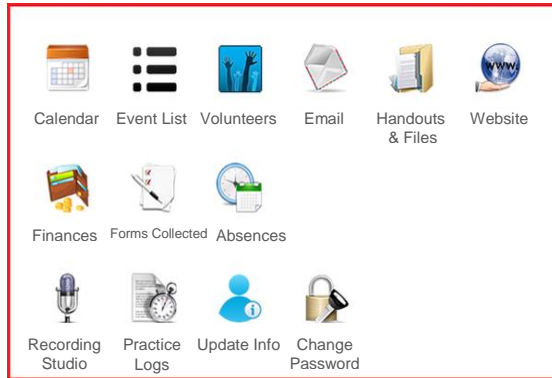
Private instruction is the single most musically beneficial experience your child is offered. We strongly recommend private instruction to all students. Students have a much better chance at succeeding on their instruments and becoming the top players in the band. They also have a much better chance of being selected for our higher-level ensembles. A list of suitable instructors is available upon request through Mr. Kilgus and Ms. Poston.

*Double reed students using an MMS instrument are required to take weekly private lessons.*



## CHARMS

CHARMS is an online database and email system that is provided to all band students by the Band Booster Club. CHARMS allows parents to view their child's financial status with the band as well as volunteer opportunities. It also gives students access to music recordings, sheet music, tuners, metronomes, recording studio for homework checks and more.



### HOW TO ACCESS YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT

1. Log into: **www.charmsoffice.com**
2. Enter School Code: **mauldinmsband** (click Enter)

3. Enter Student's Area Password - (5 digit Charms ID on booklet cover)

- Please change your password ASAP.
- Forgot your password? Email Mr. Kilgus – he'll reset it to the original 5 digit number.

### HOW TO UPDATE YOUR STUDENT'S INFORMATION

1. Click on the UPDATE INFO icon (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right on bottom row)
2. Review & edit your information (student's / mother's / father's)
3. Click the UPDATE button (upper right) to save your information!

## MMS BAND BOOSTER CLUB

The MMS Band Booster Club provides much needed financial support for our bands. Much of what we accomplish at Mauldin Middle would not be possible if not for the Booster Club's efforts.

The mission of the MMS Band Booster Club is to assist the Band Directors and professional staff to:

- Promote and encourage the band to reach its fullest potential.
- Support the music & performance program defined by the band directors.
- Promote the interests of the band within the local community.

### Booster Club Executive Board

Kevin Guion	President
Wendy Ashburn	Vice President
Becky Goessel	Secretary
Karen Trice	Treasurer
Suzy Barker	Assistant Treasurer
Vacant	Ways & Means
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Kristi Nelson	CHARMS Coordinator
Bill Ruby	Travel Coordinator

Band Booster meetings are a very important way to keep everyone informed about band activities. Executive Board meetings are open to the public; however, procedures dictate prior notice for discussion of topics not on the agenda. Specific dates will be announced well in advance of meetings. Bylaws are available for anyone who requests a copy.



BOARD MEETING

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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