

## Football Game Info

The Marching Band's first performance is usually the on the first Friday after school starts in September . Returning parents should know the ropes by now, but we have put together this outline so that everyone knows what to expect.

The students have rehearsal during the afternoon and usually finish at 5:00. "Call Time" is TBA, but expect it to be either 6:00 or 6:30. Some students stay at the school after rehearsal, but most go home to shower and eat before returning to the school.

The "Call Time" is when the students are expected to be ***IN UNIFORM*** and ready to start warm-up. Parents are always needed to help get them ready, and this is especially true for the first performance. We will need a few Moms to help with uniforms - please contact the marching band managers if you can help ([marchingband@mvhsmusic.com](mailto:marchingband@mvhsmusic.com)).

We will also need a few Dads to help set up the bleachers in the End Zone (this is where the Band sits to perform pep tunes during the football game). Please contact the operations team if you can help ([operations@mvhsmusic.com](mailto:operations@mvhsmusic.com)).

***IMPORTANT NOTE: ONLY*** Managers, Operations, and Hospitality team leaders will be allowed to stay on the field with the Band for the entire game! ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***

If you want to watch the football game or half-time show, you ***MUST*** purchase a ticket! Tickets are usually available at the ASB Office a few days before the game; they will also be available starting an hour or so before kick-off on the day of the game. Since parking at the school is always a challenge, we suggest you get to the school early and park by the Office.

The first performance by the Marching Band is the National Anthem. If you are a Freshman parent, you do not want to miss this - watching your student march onto the football field for the first time wearing a Mission uniform is something you will not soon forget!

The Band's main performance is at half-time. We need a few parents to help move the pit equipment on and off the field. Parents who want to help with this should contact Drumline Managers ([drumline@mvhsmusic.com](mailto:drumline@mvhsmusic.com)).

They will be handing out half-time passes by the Band Room before the game starts. These passes will allow you access to the football field, using the gate at the lower right corner of the Stadium. You should plan to come down to the football field when there is about 2 minutes left on the second quarter game clock. Ideally, pit pushers should be parents who can be available at all football games, as well as at Marching Band competitions. This ensures that those individuals will get the routine down pat and will be ready for WBA Finals, where timing becomes even more critical! There will be a meeting for the pit pushing team at the first Monday Night Practice (on Tuesday, September 4th).

We ask that everyone who attends a football game (or Marching Band competition) wear a red Band shirt. This helps us identify the Band parents who are on the football field. It also lets the Band know that they have a lot of support in the audience! Most importantly, ***DO NOT BE SHY*** about applauding or yelling if you see something you like during the show! These students feed off of your support, and it will help them with the performance!

The performance at the first few football games will be short and somewhat "unpolished". This is to be expected since we start the show from scratch each year and many of the performers have never marched and played at the same time before, especially in front of a large audience. They will get better ... MUCH, MUCH better ... as the season progresses.

When the performance is finished, the pit crew will help get the equipment off the field before returning to their seats. ***YOU MAY NOT REMAIN ON THE FIELD DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE GAME!*** The Band will return to the End-Zone bleachers and continue to play pep-tunes throughout the second half of the game.

Following the football game, it is a tradition for the Marching Band to go to Southern California Pizza(formally knows as Lamppost Pizza) on La Paz and Marguerite. A few parents usually join them and, if allowed by the venue, we will show a video of that evening's performance on the big screen!