



**Monache High School Marauder Band  
Porterville, CA**

**2009-2010  
Members  
Handbook**

**August 17, 2009**



Congratulations on being a member of the Monache High School Marauder Band! The Marauder Band has been dedicated to developing one of the best band programs for 41 years. My staff and I look forward to your involvement and commitment in continuing the success of the Marauder Band organization.

To be a member of the Marauder Band requires a tremendous amount of dedication. I expect that you will completely read the attached information. After reading the information all new and returning members must sign the membership agreement and return all forms including the medical form (you will turn this when you receive your uniform).

I am very pleased that you chose to become a part of one of the most active and successful bands in the San Joaquin Valley. I expect with everyone's (members, staff, support staff, band parents, and myself) efforts the Marauder Band will continue to be a successful organization. If at any time you have questions, ask. Please contact me at any time.

Thank you,

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# **The Monache High School Marauder Band: Who Are We?**

The Monache High School Marauder Band was founded in 1969 under the direction of Mr. Dale Anderson. The Marauder Band was built on a foundation of musical excellence and class, which we still uphold to this day.

**The Monache High School Marauder Band:** This is the top performing group at Monache High School and consists of members in grades 9-12. Students only gain membership by audition and are required to attend extra rehearsals and performances. Members are expected to uphold high standards of musicianship and should be practicing regularly outside of the school day. Members can expect to be introduced to varying styles and levels of music. During the fall the Band marches and during winter and spring the Band plays concert music. Members can expect to travel 3 times during their four year career at Monache High School. One trip will be a major tour that will be out of state.

**The Monache High School Flag Team:** The color guard at Monache High School will consist of between 20-35 girls who provide color, dance, and class to the Marauder Band. Color Guard Members are expected to attend extra rehearsals, and performances. During the fall marching season they perform with the Marauder Band. During the winter and spring months they learn several styles of dance which is left up to the instructor. They need to see their instructor for any additional requirements. Membership is by audition only.

**The Monache High School Majorettes:** The Monache High School Majorette teams consist of girls in grades 9-12. These young ladies have a rich history and tradition. Several teams from Monache High School have won state titles and have always placed in competition. They need to see their instructor for any additional requirements. Membership is by audition only.

**The Monache High School Winter Percussion Ensemble:** The WPE is an active group in the spring and is open to anyone who has membership in the Marauder Band. This group has one evening practice a week and competes four times a year. Members of this group will fundraise for props and costumes.

## **Fun Facts:**

24 times the Marauder Band has won sweepstakes at the Selma Band Review.

11 Times the Marauder Band has won sweepstakes at the Visalia Band Review.

Grand Champion of the Chick-Fil-A Bowl Parade and Halftime Competition - 2006

The Band has performed in the Rose Parade, Fiesta Bowl, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Hollywood Christmas Parade, several NFL Football Games & the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

# Member Expectations

**Performances:** Performances are like the major exams of the Marauder Band. Members are expected to be on time with all necessary equipment and materials. Each performance has a goal the Band is trying to meet. When we have a member missing it compromises that performance. In the case of an absence it is the member's responsibility to notify the instructor as soon as possible. (Two weeks notice please!) That member will have the responsibility to teach an alternate their spot and will be required to perform their music for Mr. Adams. Students who fail to do the make up performance will receive no points for the performance. Students who miss a performance for any reason should submit an Absence Information form with a parent signature.

**Rehearsals:** Be on time and ready to learn at each rehearsal. It is your responsibility to know where, when and what the next rehearsal is. The rehearsal is an extension of the classroom and it is expected that each student will attend. Each rehearsal has a goal and objective. Sometimes rehearsals will be repetitive but never boring. Members are expected to wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. No sandals. Students in sandals will be sent home. Be professional, courteous and respectful - you will be amazed at what we will accomplish. In the case of an absence it is the students responsibility to notify Mr. Adams as soon as possible. Failure to attend rehearsals results in no points earned for that rehearsal. Students who miss rehearsal for any reason should submit an Absence Information Form with a parent signature.

**Daily Participation:** Members should be in class on time, respectful and ready to play. Members also need the following materials in class everyday: instrument, music, a pencil and any other items you need for rehearsal. (Reed players make sure you have at least three reeds at all times.) Members need to respect the teacher and their classmates and listen to instructions. This is a large class and there are temptations to get off task. Remain focused and respectful so the Band can achieve each goal each and every day.

**In Uniform:** Members of the Marauder Band will remain in uniform all day. This includes all suspenders up, jackets zipped and shoes looking neat. You are in the Marauder Band and will be held to a higher standard. This is one of the ways we display our pride and class.

**Respect:** Each member will respect all aspects of the program. This includes the Director, all staff, band parents, equipment, and each other. No one individual is greater than the band. Members of the Marauder Band are professional and courteous.

# Grading – Yes, You Must Earn Your Grade

**Daily Participation: 5 points per day.**

**Points will be lost for the following:  
(The following list is not all inclusive)**

**Tardiness (2 Points)  
Class Disruption  
No Instrument (All points)  
No music (All Points)  
Gum and Food (2 Points)  
Other Materials**

**Rehearsals: 10 Points per Rehearsal.**

**Points will be lost for the following:  
(The following list is not all inclusive)**

**Tardiness (4 points)  
Absence (All points)  
Disruption  
No Instrument (All points)  
No Music  
Gum and Food (4 Points)  
No Drill Book (All Points)**

**Performance: 50 points per performance. Events that have a parade and field performance count as 100 points. Each performance is like a major test and must be made up regardless of the reason for absence. Members of the Band need to contact Mr. Adams as soon as possible to make up the performance. The student has the option of performing the music prepared for the event or preparing a 5- 10 page report on a composer of their choosing. Members who fail to make up the performance will have a grade of 0 for that performance.**

**Tests: 10 points per test, final exam is 50 points. During the fall marching season students must pass 5 memorization tests. Each test consists of one of the following; the Alma Mater, the Star Spangled Banner, the street march, and the field music.**

**Overall Grade is determined by:**

**Daily participation  
Rehearsals  
Performance  
+Test  
Student Points Earned/ Total points**

**A= 90-100**

**B= 80-89.9**

**C= 70-79.9**

**D= 60-69.9**

**F=59-0**

# 2009-2010 MHS Marching Band Calendar

Day	Date	Event	Venue	Event Time	Special Notes
Mon-Fri	August 3-7	Band Camp	MHS	9:00am-1:00pm	
Tuesday	August 11, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	6:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	August 13, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	6:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	August 20, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	WW 6:00
Tuesday	August 25, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Brass 6:00
Thursday	August 27, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Pit 6:00
Tuesday	September 1, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Battery 6:00
Thursday	September 3, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	WW 6:00
Tuesday	September 8, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Brass 6:00
Thursday	September 10, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Pit 6:00
Tuesday	September 15, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Battery 6:00
Thursday	September 17, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	WW 6:00
Friday	September 18, 2009	Home Football Game	PC	6:00-10:00pm	
Tuesday	September 22, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Brass 6:00
Thursday	September 24, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Pit 6:00
Friday	September 25, 2009	Home Football Game	PC	6:00-10:00pm	
Tuesday	September 29, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	Battery 6:00
Thursday	October 1, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Friday	October 2, 2009	Home Football Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00pm	
Saturday	October 3, 2009	Saturday Rehearsal	MHS	9:00am-12:00pm	
Tuesday	October 6, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	October 8, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Tuesday	October 13, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	October 15, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Friday	October 16, 2009	Home Football Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00pm	
Tuesday	October 20, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	October 22, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Saturday	October 24, 2009	Golden State Tournament of Bands	Buchanan, Clovis	2:00-10:00pm	
Tuesday	October 27, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Thursday	October 29, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Friday	October 30, 2009	Home Football Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00pm	
Saturday	October 31, 2009	Selma Marching Band Festival	Selma, CA	7:00am-10:00pm	
Thursday	November 5, 2009	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00pm	
Saturday	November 7, 2009	Sierra Cup Classic	Fresno State	2:00-10:00pm	
Wednesday	November 11, 2009	Veteran's Day/ Band A Rama	PC	8:00am-5:00pm	
Friday	November 13, 2009	Home Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00pm	
Thursday	December 3, 2009	Porterville Christmas Parade	Porterville	6:00-9:00	
Friday	January 29, 2010	Winter Percussion	Clovis East	TBA	
Friday	February 12, 2010	Winter Percussion	Buchanan	TBA	
Thursday	February 25, 2010	Pre Festival Potluck	MHS	5:30-8:00pm	
Friday	February 26, 2010	Winter Percussion	Clovis North	TBA	
Friday	March 5, 2010	CMEA Festival	Mem. Auditorium	TBA	
Friday	March 12, 2010	Winter Percussion	Clovis East	TBA	
Saturday	March 27, 2010	Winter Percussion Finals	Clovis North	TBA	
	April 2010	WBA Concert Band Festival/ SCPA Championships	TBA	TBA	
Saturday	May 1, 2010	Cinco De Mayo Parade	Porterville	9:00-12:00	
Saturday	May 1, 2010	Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal	Mem. Auditorium	12:00-2:00pm	
Saturday	May 1, 2010	41 <sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Concert	Mem. Auditorium	6:00-10:00pm	
Friday	June 4, 2010	Graduation	PC	7:00-10:00pm	

## When Traveling With the Band

Band trips are an extension of the classroom, with Mr. Adams in charge with parent chaperones assisting. Everyone working together with respect and cooperation makes for a great day!

1. Be on time.
2. An adult chaperone will be on each bus and there will be no changes in buses. Do not stand or change seats while the bus is moving. Sit facing forward at all times. Refrain from raising your voice while on the bus.
3. Buses are to be treated with care. Be sure to place all refuse in the garbage bags provided. Do your part to keep the buses clean. Show respect to our bus drivers!
4. Make sure YOU have loaded your own equipment and instrument and have it ready at the trailer and that you have all necessary items for your performance. You will not be allowed to perform if you are not in complete uniform.
5. No one is to leave the group's area for any reason without the permission of Mr. Adams.
6. Students are to travel in groups of 3 or more and are not to leave the campus or general area for any reason. You are on a class trip, and this means you do not leave the group to be with family.
7. Students are to travel to AND from the competitions on the buses. Students are not to ride home with parents without PRIOR approval from Mr. Adams.
8. **Students can only be released to their parents or guardians on Band events.** (Students cannot be released to older brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles or friends of the family.)
9. Parents should arrange to meet the student at the school when the Band trip is over. Though I am usually fairly close in time estimation, times are only a guide.
10. Private cars will not be used for student transportation.
11. Only MP3/iPOD music players with earphones are allowed on Band functions. No large boom boxes or TVs will be allowed.
12. There is only one way to wear the MHS Band Uniform. All buttons closed, all zippers zipped, and hats or hair pieces on unless otherwise directed. No food or drink (other than water) is allowed while in uniform without permission of the band director.
13. School rules regarding alcohol, smoking and drugs will be strictly enforced.
14. Band members are expected to be in uniform all day. This is a sense of pride and class that has been handed down to us by many generations that wore the Marauder Band uniform. Only in instances of extreme heat will we ever change out of uniform.
15. During field show awards ceremonies, all students AND chaperones are to sit TOGETHER as one group to show unity and spirit. Be sure to use the bathroom facilities prior to the start of high school awards, as you will not be permitted to leave the group during high school awards. We will all sit together and leave together.
16. The MHS Band cheers for all awards and all competitors no matter what the award is. We will be leaders in demonstrating good sportsmanship to all.

Conducting oneself in a safe and respectful manner is always the best policy for anyone. It is expected that all students will conduct themselves in a manner that would not create a situation that causes or could cause physical harm to themselves or others, and/or bring embarrassment or discredit to the Band, school, and community. Each student is expected to be reliable, consistently on time, and loyal to the Band program and their peers. For safety reasons, students are to remain in groups of at least three students when on trips with the music department. It is the student's responsibility to see that he/she has eaten prior to participating in and activities. Skipping meals can lead to unsafe conditions should the student faint while performing.

## **Monache Band Parents Association**

The Monache Band Parents Association is an organization dedicated to the support of the Monache Marauder Band. All parents of current Marauder Band musicians and Color Guard members are considered members of MBPA. Extended family, past Band parents and those who are interested in supporting the Band's activities are welcome to become Friends of the Band.

The nature of the Band necessitates the active involvement of parents. The MBPA is an invaluable part of the success of the Band and without this group's involvement travel and performance for the Band would be extremely difficult. There are many ways parents can become active within the group, with areas to suit any individual's gifts. Just some of the available areas to serve include helping with fitting, maintaining and tailoring of uniforms, sending food items for half-time snacks or meals at events, helping prepare and serve teriyaki, chaperoning the band, serving lunch to our students, helping apply and remove plumes, serving as a member of the Blue Crew by taking equipment on and off the field, and serving on the Board of Directors.

With an annual budget of approximately \$30,000, the MBPA also raises funds for both the Band as a whole and helps students fund-raise for their individual Tour expenses. Through the Fair Share program the MBPA asks each family to contribute either by donation or through fund-raising \$200 annually to meet the general needs of the Band. MBPA is a registered non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

The MBPA meets every first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Each family is encouraged to have a representative at the monthly meeting. This is the best way to find out what is going on with the Band. It's also a great way to meet some wonderful people, spend some time with your kids and their friends, and become an active part of your child's musical education.

Please join us!

Questions? Contact our 2009-2010 President, Frank Chandler at (559) 310-4209.

**MHS Marauder Band, Colorguard, and Majorette**  
**COMMITMENT AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, want to be enrolled in the band program at Monache High School and have read and understand the commitment involved to be able to participate in the band activities administered by the Band Director that are available to me outside the school day. I have read the information letter and will strive to uphold the highest standard of excellence. I understand what I must do to be eligible to participate in the band competitions and performances, and I agree to:

1. Attend and participate daily in class.
2. Attend all scheduled rehearsals.
3. Attend all scheduled performances.
4. Consistently demonstrate a positive, cooperative attitude.
5. Demonstrate respect towards others, especially those with authority.
6. Adhere to the rules, follow directions, and meet deadlines.
7. Demonstrate commitment and loyalty to other members of the band.
8. Maintain school standards of behavior and all school policies.
9. Keep your uniform and equipment in excellent shape.
10. Support the Band's need to fund raise.
11. Allow my parents to be supportive and active members of the Monache Band Parent Association by assisting with MBPA events, volunteering to help, and attending the MBPA meetings held throughout the year.
12. Have no outstanding debts to the Band. We can work out payment plans.
13. Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all events.
14. Represent Monache High School with Pride, Honor, Respect and Class.

Student signature/date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information handbook explaining the band program. I agree to follow the policies and standards outlined in the handbook and support my child in higher efforts to participate in band. By agreeing to support my child I understand that I am also supporting all the band students. I agree to see that my child fulfills all time commitments listed. I understand the Band Director is responsible for all decisions regarding the students. I also understand that there would be no marching band without an active parent organization, and agree to try to attend meetings whenever possible, and to be a supportive member of the Monache Band Parent Association. I understand that co-curricular music related activities are funded partly by student and booster fundraising efforts, and that without these efforts there would be no co-curricular music program at Monache High School. I agree to do my fair share.

Parent (or guardian) signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Monache Marauder Band  
Absence Information**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Rehearsal

Performance \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event

Reason for Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

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