



## Monache Band Parents Association November, 2008

Dear Parents and Students,

Wow! What a day we had on Saturday! After spending hours working hard in preparation for their performance, it is always rewarding when our students leave their best on the field on the day of competition. It is always satisfying when they are recognized by the judges as being the best on that particular day. I hope everyone was able to see the parade or field show this past weekend at Selma. It was truly a day when our young people united for a common goal, and undeniably delivered their best performance to date.

As our season continues, our next goal is to continue to perform well for our home audiences and prepare for the Golden State Tournament of Bands. We will cut back our rehearsals to once a week until the end of marching season. With only a few home performances left, make sure you get out and see the band live.

I would like to send out a special thank you to Stacey Doyel who has our website up and running. This is an invaluable source of information for both parents and students and I appreciate the time she has taken to post itineraries, pictures and videos. If you missed Selma you can go to the website and download the video taken by Frank Chandler and enjoy it right from the comfort of home.

We have a busy meeting this month as we prepare to leave for our San Francisco Tour. We will be meeting in the Campus Center at 6:30 pm. on November 6. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Musically,

*Justin Adams*

If everyone does a little  
no one has to do a lot.

### From the President

October 25, 2008, was our last Selma Band Review as parent members of MBPA. Since our first Selma experience in October of 1993 as novices, it remains the longest day of band parenting. However, it has continuously amazed me how our musician students continue to rise to the occasion on this weekend. Over the years I have heard parents that were band students in their high school or that had been around longer than I had and knew the intricacies of band competition wonder if that year's edition of the Monache High School Marauder Marching Band had the performance to win. It really is inspiring to watch the transformation during that day and see this band turn on its *SHOWTIME* for the parade and field events. Achieving twenty-four grand sweepstake awards in forty-four years--Monache Band is *AWESOME!*

Over this same time I have heard the director say before and during this day that the awards weren't important, it was the musicianship of the students that counted regardless of what the judging might be. Musicianship is what is being taught at Monache. The Monache High School Marauder Marching Band once again won the high music award. On the ride home Mr. Adams talked about how that was the award of which he was most proud.

As MBPA president it was also nice to have our band sought out by the Selma Police in the dark back at our roosting spot as we were getting our students back on the victory busses for home. They wanted to compliment Mr. Adams on the police's opinion that our band's conduct throughout the day had been the best of any band they had ever experienced. That speaks a lot about our band parents and what they have given our students.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)**

I wish to thank all of you who helped before and during our Selma day. There are too many to mention that I wouldn't want to leave anyone out. The board of directors, Mr. Adams and especially our students, appreciate all of your effort.

I know I'll appreciate not having to make the zero dark-thirty call time next year. But I'll miss the experience that is Selma with the Monache High School Marauder Marching Band and their *SHOWTIME* performances.

Now take a deep breath. We are just at the bottom of the fast, twisty down-track of that roller coaster I spoke about and we are slowly climbing towards another crest. There is another new experience coming up at Buchanan, our tradition filled Veteran's Day Parade & Band-A-Rama performance, and we race into the 49ers game weekend. Raise your arms high and get ready to scream as the roller coaster reaches the top of another run. There's more fun ahead.

See you there!

*Tom Burns*

**HAVE YOU CHECKED IT OUT YET?  
Our own website is up and running!  
Everything you need to know and  
want to see is posted!**

Please reference the MHS Band Website at [www.monacheband.org](http://www.monacheband.org) for important information involving: Calendars, Call Times, Event and Tour Info, Directions, Fund Raising Opportunities, Forms and Photos. Everything you need to know is in one place on the web! The Grand Sweepstakes 2008 Selma Field Show is on the Photos Page in addition to a terrific photo link from the Fresno State Competition.

**Monache Marauder Band**  
**San Francisco Fall Tour**  
**Itinerary**

Saturday, November 15, 2008:

Arrive at Monache -- 4:00 am

Depart Monache High School for San Francisco – 5:00 – 5:15 am

Rest Stop Los Banos – **Muffins & Juice** (included) – approx. 7:30-8:00 am

Arrive Pier 39 - 10:00 – 10:30 am

**Lunch at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company** (included) – seating 11:00 am

Alcatraz – Boat Transportation and Tour – Group divided into 3 groups

Depart: 12:45 1:20 1:55

Return: 3:15 3:50 4:25

**Bay Cruise and Dinner (“heavy appetizers”)** – 2 hour cruise including sailing around Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge (included).

Boarding 6:30 – 7:00 pm Sailing 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Disembark 9:00-9:30 pm

Arrive Doubletree Hotel – approximately 10:00 pm

Lights Out 11:00-11:30 pm

Sunday, November 16, 2008:

Wake-Up Call 5:00 am (Auxiliary)/6:00 am (Band)

Room Check Out and Load Busses prior to Breakfast

**Breakfast at hotel (included)** – 7:00-8:30 am

Departure to Candlestick Park – 8:30 am

Arrive @ Candlestick Park for San Francisco 49er vs. St. Louis Rams

Football game – 9:00 – 9:30 am

Rehearsal for pre-game performance 10:00 – 10:30 am

**“Tailgate” catered lunch – deep pit sandwiches & sides** (included) following rehearsal.

Pre-Game Performance – approximately 1:00 pm

San Francisco 49er Game – 1:05 pm

Depart San Francisco for Monache High School approx. 4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Dinner Home Town Buffet Santa Clara** (included) – 5:30-6:00 pm  
until approx. 7:00

Rest Stop Los Banos rest area.

Arrive Monache approx. 11:00 pm

Please note meals in **bold type** are included in the trip. No additional money are needed to pay for these meals.

## Monache Band Catering Team (Lunch Bunch)

### Greetings:

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who helped at the Selma Band Review. It was a long and hot day, but things went pretty cool and smooth thanks to the efforts of so many chaperones and staff. The lunch preparations were flawless thanks to those who helped with the set up and serving.

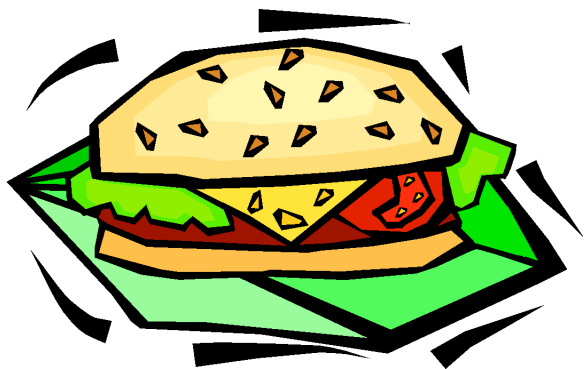
Special thanks to our chefs, Steve Dupuy and Jim Ellis. Our runner, Tim Ellis, had legs that were fast enough to keep the lunch line supplied with fantastic burgers. Lets not forget the actual servers, without them we would have had a bunch of hungry, screaming band members looking for food.....

Selma is our biggest event of the year for meals and the catering team was especially busy with adding a second small meal and a bus snack for the ride home, but with all the help we received it was pretty easy and fun. So, THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS.

We still have two more events to go, and they are close together so, keep those snack cakes rolling in!

Remember the way to a child's heart is through his stomach, so lets keep them all happy and full.

Thanks again,  
Frank & Michele Chandler  
Monache Band Catering Team



## **SAN FRANCISCO TOUR FINAL PAYMENT DATE November 6, 2008!**

**\$350.00 should be in your Student or Chaperone Account  
as of November 6, 2008**

**There are FIVE ways to make your payment:**

- 1) If you wish to use a Credit Card  
call Hanson Travel at (559) 784-2240**
- 2) Make a payment at the MBPA General Meeting  
on November 6, 6:30 p.m. Campus Center**
- 3) Your student can make a payment directly to  
Mrs. Imbach at the conclusion of evening  
rehearsal on Thursday, November 6.**
- 4) Mrs. Williams will accept CASH PAYMENTS ONLY  
at Call Time (5:45 pm) on Friday, November 7,  
at the band room.**
- 5) FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, IS THE FINAL DAY CASH  
PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE TOUR. PLEASE  
INSURE THAT YOUR ACCOUNT IS UP TO DATE BY THIS TIME.**

**Questions on your account balance?**

**Call Mrs. Williams at (559) 280-8638.**

**Questions on anything else regarding the Tour?**

**Call Mrs. Imbach at (559) 260-4525.**

**The Band has several performances in a short time  
frame between November 7th and November 16th  
including a football game, the Clovis WBA  
competition, Veteran's Day and the 49er game.  
Following Selma it is imperative that uniforms be  
cleaned immediately. Please be sure your student's  
uniform gets to the cleaners in time to be returned  
by the November 7th date.**

# Monache Marauder Band

Tuesday, September 23, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, September 25, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, September 30, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 2, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday, October 7, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 9, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday, October 10, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00 pm
Tuesday, October 14, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 16, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, October 18, 2008	Sierra Cup Half-time Tournament		
	Bulldog Stadium, Fresno State		2:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Tuesday, October 21, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Thursday, October 23, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	7:00-9:00 pm
Friday, October 24, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00-10:00 pm
Saturday, October 25, 2008	Selma Marching Band Festival		
	Selma, CA		7:00 am - 10:00 pm
Friday, November 7, 2008	Home FB Game	Rankin Stadium	6:00 -10:00 pm
<b>Saturday, November 8, 2008</b>	<b>WBA Clovis Show</b>	<b>Buchanan HS</b>	<b>2:00 - 10:00 pm</b>
Tuesday, November 11, 2008	Veteran's Day/ Band A Rama		
	Porterville College		8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 13, 2008	Night Rehearsal	MHS	6:30-9:00 pm
<b>Friday, November 14, 2008</b>	<b>Porterville Monache FB</b>	<b>Rankin Stadium</b>	<b>6:00-10:00 pm</b>
November 15-16, 2008	San Francisco Tour		TBA
<b>Tuesday, November 25, 2008</b>	<b>Porterville Christmas Parade Porterville</b>		<b>6:00-9:00 pm</b>
Thursday, February 19, 2009	Pre Festival Potluck	MHS	5:30-8:00 pm
Friday, March 6, 2009	CMEA Festival Memorial Auditorium		TBA
Saturday, May 2, 2009	Cinco De Mayo Parade Porterville		9:00 am - 12:00
Thursday, May 7, 2009	Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal		
	Memorial Auditorium		7:00-9:30 pm
Friday, May 8, 2009	40th Annual Spring Concert		
	Memorial Auditorium		6:00-10:00 pm
Friday, June 5, 2009	Graduation	PC	4:00-7:00 pm

**Note Changes to schedule in BOLD type**

# San Francisco Tour (49er-Rams Game) November 15-16, 2008

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **1. What form of ID will my child need to take?**

All students should minimally bring his/her Student ID and a California Drivers License (only if applicable).

### **2. What do we wear on Saturday and Sunday?**

**Saturday:** Students should dress comfortably. Wear a nice blouse/shirt and nice pants/jeans as we will be enjoying the Dinner Cruise on Saturday evening. We want to look nice to represent our school. Also, wear appropriate shoes for walking. NO PAJAMA PANTS ALLOWED.

**Sunday:** Students must wear his/her Willie Wonka Field Show T-Shirts. Students will depart the hotel dressed in Field Show Shirt, band pants and street shoes. After the Field Show Performance students will remain in Willie Wonka Shirts but will be allowed to change into their pants/jeans/street shoes/jackets.

### **3. How Much Spending Money will my student need?**

All planned meal expenses are covered so the student will not need money for meals. The amount of money you send with your student is at your discretion. They will have opportunities to shop while at Pier 39, Alcatraz and during the 49er – Rams Game.

### **4. How much luggage will my student need to take?**

Minimal luggage is needed since this is just an overnight trip. Limit the size of the suitcase to carryon size (9"W x 14"H x 22"L) or a small duffle size backpack.

### **5. What will the weather be like and what type of clothes will my student need?**

We anticipate the weather to be cool and possibly windy. Rain is always a possibility this time of year, especially in San Francisco. Students should bring a jacket and/or sweatshirt. Be prepared for cold weather (gloves & scarf) are advisable. All students will be receiving a MHS beanie as a part of their package.

### **6. How do I pack my child's uniform and instrument?**

Pack the uniform last, so it will be on top. The chaperones will inspect the suitcase for completeness before we leave.

**Hat:** Put the hat in a bottom corner of the suitcase/bag and use it to hold socks, underwear, gloves (2 pair), make-up and hat bag. Place the hat so the brim is facing the middle of the suitcase.

**Shoes:** Put 2 pairs of black socks inside band shoes and pack along the bottom of the suitcase. Please make sure shoes are cleaned and polished. We recommend you wrap the shoes in plastic bags, so the polish doesn't rub off on clothes.

**Uniform:** Remove uniform from the hanger. Fold the pants and place on top of the clothes. Zip up the jacket; fold it and place on top of the pants. Make sure cords, sash, and cape are on the jacket.

**Uniform Bag & Hanger:** Fold and place in suitcase.

### **7. How will instruments be packed?**

All of the larger instruments (normally transported via the Band Trailer) will be loaded on Band Trailer the night before we leave. Smaller instruments (i.e., flutes, piccolos, clarinets) can go inside the suitcase, backpack or with the student on the bus.

### **8. Can my student bring electronic devices?**

Yes but the band does not accept responsibility for items that lost or stolen

## **VOLUNTEERS & CHAPERONES**

We would like to thank those parents who have been so very generous with your time, talents and support during our home football games and the first two Field Show Competitions (Fresno State & Selma). The Band could not do what it does and be so successful without the support and effort of ALL of our volunteers: Teriyaki, Lunch Bunch & Meal Servers, Plumers, Uniform assistants, Blue Crew, Half-Time Refreshments, Bus Chaperones....and everything else in between.

**YOU ALL ARE AWESOME and we THANK YOU immensely!**

### **Volunteers/Chaperones are still needed for the following events:**

- Veterans Day (uniform preparation before parade and serving meals at Pioneer). Parade step off is anticipated for 10:45 AM. We will not need bus chaperones for this event.
- Clovis Band Competition. Bus Chaperones will be needed. Call time is 1:00 PM; return time is anticipated for 11:00 PM. As always, the band can use support in serving meals at Clovis.

**San Francisco Trip Chaperones** – A required Chaperone meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008, in the MHS Cafeteria. 6:00 – 7:00 PM. All Chaperones attending the San Francisco Trip must attend. Some chaperones scheduled to attend have not yet completed the fingerprinting process. Please be advised failure to timely complete this process may impact your ability to attend this trip. (Sorry this is a school requirement).

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in volunteering or should you have any questions/concerns:

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## **Save These Dates!**

**MBPA Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except January), at 6:30 pm in the Campus Center. Mark your calendars now so you can be in on all of the action!**

**November 6, 2008**

**December 4, 2008**

**February 5, 2009**

**March 5, 2009**

**April 2, 2009**

**May 7, 2009**

