

# MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## *Marcus High School Band*



January 15th, 2017

### *Parents of Prospective Marcus High School Band Members,*

We issue this letter with great excitement and anticipation regarding your child's prospective membership in the Marcus High School Band! We feel that our two hundred seventy-five member organization provides an outstanding support network to the incoming Freshman band members at Marcus, and we work diligently to sustain a model musical organization of which the community and student membership can be proud.

There are a number of scheduling options that are available to your child at Marcus High School. **We sincerely hope that each and every incoming 8th grade family will consider band an integral part of their child's continuing education here at Marcus.** Among the many advantages of participation, we urge parents and students to consider the following advantages, privileges and opportunities that students may enjoy as part of the Marcus Band:

- Enrichment experiences that can create meaningful and unforgettable memories during high school
- Membership in the largest positive-image projecting organization on campus
- Part of a social network that promotes academic diligence, self-discipline, teamwork, peer interaction, problem solving, and leadership of self and others
- Likelihood of academic success- band students comprise 10% of the MHS Student body, but usually represent 30-50% of the Top Ten Graduates and about 30%-40% of the National Honor Society membership
- Camaraderie and support of older peers on campus
- Familiarity with campus and peers prior to the first day of school
- Dual credit hours for fine arts and physical education during the fall semesters
- Opportunity for skilled preparation and public performance throughout the year
- Student travel & performance opportunities, including our trip plans for 2017
- Nationwide recognition for being involved in a respected, award-winning school music program

In an effort to further communicate aspects of the Marcus Band program, band directors and current band members of the band and band parent organization will be hosting a Question & Answer session at the Marcus Band Hall this Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-8:30p.m. in the Marcus HS Silver Band Hall. This is the tall structure at the far North edge of Marcus High School (Senior High), near the band trucks and the marching band tower. Immediately following the meeting, band directors, students, and parent boosters will be available for any individual questions until 9:00p.m.

In the meantime, parents are welcome to peruse the band website at [www.marcusband.com](http://www.marcusband.com). There is a wealth of information on the site, including the current and past band calendar, band handbook, etc. In addition, please visit the "New Members" link for scheduling models for students who participate in band, instrumental music advocacy materials, and testimonials from current Marcus bandsmen. **In order to access password protected areas of the Marcus Band website ([www.marcusband.com](http://www.marcusband.com)), enter: Username: **marcusband** Password: **1617member****

We invite you and your child to consider becoming a part of the Marcus Band family! We strive to offer outstanding musical instruction and individual support to each and every student in the program, and hope you will join us during the 2017-18 school year!

Sincerely,

*The Marcus Band Staff & Student Membership*

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