



The Mustang Beat

Keeping You In-Tune with the Marching Mustangs Journey



Back to Band Going from Great to Greater

Welcome back Marching Mustangs Family!

This year we are off to an jamming start, kicking off this season with a continued goal of **"Going from Great to Greater"**. August was filled with pep rallies, varsity football wins, special performances and the booming sound of old and new recruits. **Congratulations to the all new and returning band members!** You are doing an amazing job and we are proud to say, **we are now 120+ strong!**

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Upcoming Varsity Games

GAME SCHEDULE

Games generally start at 7pm with a call time of 4:30/4:45pm depending on the location of the game (home vs away). Students, please place your food pre-orders with Mr. McKee ahead of each game day.

- T 9/3 | Edgewater [H]
- F 9/6 | Horizon [H]
- F 9/13 | Eustis [A]
- F 9/20 | Out of State - GA [A]



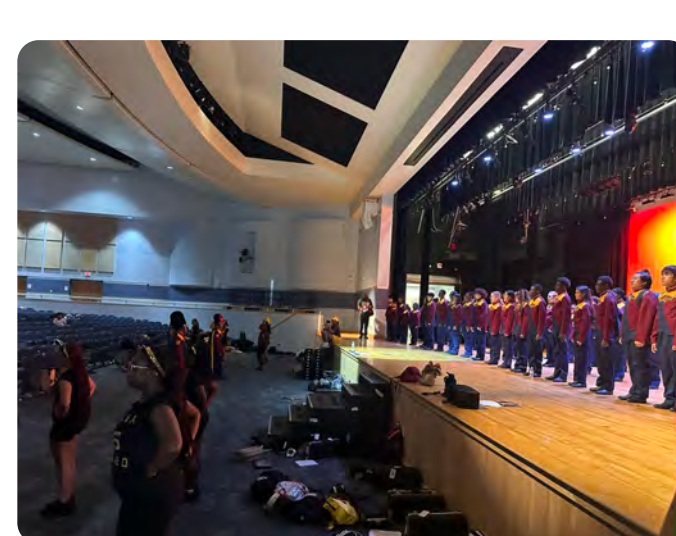
Tickets for the game can be purchased on the **GoFan** site or app. Parents who would like to volunteer at in-season games, can save on their Fareshare fees and attend the games for free.

If you would like to volunteer as a band parent, please **sign up here** on the WekivaBand site.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Sports Physicals and ECGs must be completed and cleared before students can be allowed to perform on the field. You can upload your form on the **Athletic Clearance site**. Check **Who We Play** for upcoming ECG screenings.

Highlights This Month



Sat, Sep 7th | 10:00AM - 11:50AM
Florida State College (FSC) will be hosting a **FREE All-State Audition Preparation Clinic**. Register on **FSC site**, if interested.

Fri, Sep 20th | Time TBA
We **will not** be attending the away game in Georgia. Please check the **band app** for updates. We may do a performance for "Under The Lights".

Sat, Sep 21st | Time varies
All State **Individual** Auditions will be held at Ocoee HS (1925 Ocoee Crown Point Pkwy, Ocoee, FL 34761). Students who plan to audition will receive their reporting time ahead of the audition day. Please arrive 15-30 minutes prior to your call time. All State audition information can be found on the **FBA site**.

PERFORMANCES & AUDITIONS

Thurs, Sep 5th | 10:00AM - 1:30PM

We have been invited to perform for **The Rotary Club of Apopka** during their weekly member meeting at the **First Methodist Church at 2015. Park Avenue, Apopka, FL 32703.**



August Recap



8/1 - Parents & Friends Band Camp Performance
Band Camp wrapped up with a full house of friends and family coming out to support and get a first look of what's to come for the season.

8/6 - Freshman Stampede
Band had a great turnout for the stampede this year, contributing to our sign ups for the band.

8/27 - Volunteering @ Piedmont Middle School Thank you to the parents and alumni that participated at the instrument rental night! It was a great success and earned us some much needed donation dollars from the program!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

2024/2025 Band Fareshare

Band dues are \$400 this year, for more details, download the **fareshare notice** and see the payment schedule below:
Payment 1 - August 15, 2024
Payment 2 - Sep 15, 2024
Payment 3 - Oct 15, 2024
Payment 4 - Nov 15, 2024

Fareshare payments must be made on **SchoolPay**.

Volunteering

Parents who plan to chaperone or volunteer must complete a n ADDitions volunteer form. If you haven't completed one, please head over on the **OCPS Wekiva ADDitions page** to complete the form.

In Case You Missed It

8/30 - Wekiva vs West Orange Pep Rally on the Morning News! The **Marching Mustangs** made an appearance on **Fox35 Orlando News** early Friday morning, in preparation for the West Orange away game. The band and color guard rocked the gym with all the much needed enthusiasm and cadences!



Marching Mustang Parent's Corner



BAND PARENTS:

2024/2025 Band Parent Leadership

Meet our 2024/2025 leadership team of the Marching Mustangs Band Parent Association. Congratulations to our nominees and newly appointed members! Continue the great work!

- President | **Debbi Putnam**
- Vice President | **Nichole Knight**
- Treasurer | **Sue Henesey**
- Secretary | **Stacy Broude**
- Fundraising | **Karen Verrechio**
- Field Crew | **Tim Putnam**
- Chaperones | **Amanda Nash**
- Hospitality | **Amber Morris**
- Hospitality | **Lisa Morris**
- Media & PR | **Nita Saint-Hilaire**
- MC | **Carea Gunn-Whitted**
- Concessions & Photography | **Kerem Flores**
- Concessions | **Laquenta Williams**

A special thanks to all of our band parents. We truly appreciate your dedication, commitment and support.

Volunteer Today!



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Wekiva High School Band Program

The prestigious students of the Wekiva High School Band & Color Guard under the instruction of

- Mr. Jonte Petty | Band Director, M.M. Ed. Director of Bands
- Mr. Mike McKee | Guard Director
- Mr. Darius Johnson (DJ) | Drumline Director
- Ms. Nichole Knight | Color Guard Coach
- Ms. Gianna Brown | Color Guard Coach

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