

McGill-Toolen Band Booster Meeting **MINUTES**

August 3, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Opening Prayer:

Fortify me, [Oh Lord], with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my soul that I may be free from all needless anxiety, solicitude and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my will. Amen.

(~ Prayer by St. Francis Xavier Cabrini)

3. Welcome and Introduction of the 2023-2024 Band Directors & Board Members

- Band Director – Sean Noah
- Assistant Directors– Trey Krause, Ricky Trelaor, Buddy Porter, & Marian Hall
- Color Guard – Aimee Gueret
- Board President- Kimberly Foster
- 2nd Vice President – Angela O’Connor & Melissa Rankin
- 1st Vice President – Scarlett Moulder & Lori Smalling
- Secretary – Lisa O’Neill
- Logistics Coordinator – Rick Johnson & Daniel Smalling

4. Information and Reports

A. Director’s Report – Mr. Noah

- **Introduce Mr. Trelaor:**

Assistant Band Director, he will teach prep band at St. Dominics and St. Mary’s

- **Band Camp update** (Thing To Keep In Mind: Public Schools start back Aug. 7th)

It is hot but very productive, finishing up early due to great attitudes. The mornings are pleasant. The students are hydrating regularly. Have learned 6 pages of drill per day and improve each day.

- **Website - Calendar, McT Band form, One Way form, Minutes, etc.:** <http://mctband.org/resources/>

The website has a ton of information, please become familiar with it.

For Away Games or Competitions the band rides to the event together by bus.

***One Way Forms:** This is used if you want to pick up your child from an away game or competition. **Must be turned in by 8am of the event.** If you plan on picking your child up from the Away game or competition instead of at McGill after the event, the “One Way Form” needs to be filed out. The students will board the bus first, then you will be able to check them off the bus. Home games, students drive directly to or parents drop off at “The Lip” for the game.

- **Uniforms – Care**

Band uniforms are easy to clean . Clean in the washing machine with clear, scent-free detergent. Hang dry or machine dry. **DO NOT** use fabric softener, this will negatively affect the dry wick material.

Don't worry about buttons falling off, it happens. We have plenty of extra buttons.

Waiting on cleaning instructions for color guard uniforms.

BAND POLOS - Band polos can be worn to school any Friday with regular uniform bottoms. They are also dry wick material so do not dry with fabric softener.

- **Games – Attire for first game, Transportation, After School Plan (time between school and games) for Home or Away Games**

Travel Uniforms will be worn the first few games (4-5) due to weather. It is too hot for the regular band uniforms. The travel uniforms consist of black socks, black marching band shoes, band polo and black pants. Mr. Noah will notify the band when it is cool enough to switch to full band uniforms.

A Parent mentioned that, Travel uniforms are used throughout the year so keep in a safe place.

TRANSPORTATION: We transport the band to AWAY games only. You will need to provide transportation for your child to HOME games at the LIP. If they drive they may park free of charge in the Matthew's Park lot.

Some students hang out in the band room after school before a game for a brief time.

Inspection times are important: If your student is not present for inspection time they will not be able to perform during half time and it will affect their grade. Inspection times are unique so the students remember. (Inspection times are listed in Mr. Noah's emails)

AWAY GAMES: Students bring their uniforms to school. They hang out in the band room until it is time to go. The band parents will feed the students, and inspection takes place in the band room.

- **Competition(s)**

There will be one competition this year due the Rome trip. The date of competition is not set yet, several weekends in October have been saved on our calendar. They will not all be used. The date will be decided once the band has successfully learned and performed the show. Competitions are on Saturday.

Check out for competition is the same as for games if you do not wish for your child to ride the bus home.

- **New Attendance Policy**

The new McGill attendance policy allows each student 5 excuse free absences per semester. After 5 the student is required to submit a doctor's note. Band related absences do not count toward the 5.

- **Band fees and Completed forms due TOMORROW, August 4th.**

Band gear for the year is ordered now. This is the only time these items are ordered. It is important to have dues paid in full so your student's uniform pieces can be ordered. Band t-shirt will be orange this year. These shirts are worn under their bibbers.

- **Band Picture Day, August 7th**

The band will rehearse in the morning, then they will break (around 11 or 11:30). During this time they can go home and take a shower if they want. They must be back by 1:00. The band will take a group photo. If you want an individual picture of your child they must wait in line after the group photo, this is optional.

SENIORS: Must bring their concert uniform. They will take a group photo in both of their uniforms.

ORDERING PICTURES: Shane Rice is the new photographer. The photos will be available online. You will place your order online after viewing the pictures. You may order both group and individual pictures. Mr. Noah will send an email with further instructions or you will receive one directly from Shane Rice Photography

- **Rome Trip Update**

The dates of the trip are still the same. Some members are not caught up on their payments, please do so, those who are not caught up will receive a message.

Trip insurance is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. This saved us when the trip to Austria was canceled due to covid.

FUNDRAISERS: Several fundraisers will help offset the cost of the trip. A Rock-A-Thon is planned (more details later), We are currently doing the Bracelet sale and we will have a silent auction during our Christmas Concert. Band members may submit items for this auction (100% of sale of the auction item goes towards the band member's Rome trip).

B. President's Report – Kimberly

- Thank you for being here!
- **For all future Band Parent Meetings be aware that parking will be limited.**

Fall parking can be difficult due to multiple activities occurring on campus. Please try to arrive a little early to find parking.

- Child Protection Training (CAPP) – **You MUST be Capp trained to Volunteer.** (<https://mobarch.org/child-protection-training>)
 - **Renewal Deadline is October 31st.**
 - **The next session for First Timers is August 23rd at St. Dominic - Other sessions can be found on the archdiocese website.**
- **Communication through email, check website, Facebook/Instagram, Talk with your child(ren) or the REMIND App**
 - **To participate in the REMIND App text this message: @mctband to 81010 - This will be used as a reminder, not for dialogue.**

You will receive emails from Mr. Noah as well as the board members. Your child will also be told what is happening in band class. Please ask them periodically as they have a tendency to forget these things once they are back home.

- **Thank you to the awesome volunteers that helped during our Uniform Fittings this week. You are all a great group of Band Parents! We have hit this Band Season running but with your help it will be a breeze. 😊**

C. 1st Vice President's Report – Scarlett & Lori

- **Update on Bracelet sales**

We are selling McGill colored Pura Vida bracelets. It has been very successful. We have sold 238 so far. Your child will receive the profit (\$6 per bracelet) that can be used toward their Rome trip. Order forms can be found on the McTBand Facebook page as well as the McGill Toolen Facebook page. Please share with your friends. It will also be available on the weekly Buzz. Mr. Noah can run a report to see how much your child has earned so far.

- **Taco Mama Spirit Night - Mon. Aug 7th from 3-9 pm**

You do not have to mention the band, we will receive a percentage of all sales. This goes toward the band's general fund.

- **Skate Party Friday, Aug. 11th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Dreamland Skate Center**

Please note the time change. We will have pizza, cake, cokes and water. It's a celebration of the end of band camp.

- **Car decals for sale, \$5 each.**

****WE WANT YOUR IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISERS****

Please reach out to us with your suggestions. Our emails are on the welcome email as well as the band handbook

We would also like to know if you are interested in sweatshirts or T-shirts.

D. 2nd Vice President's Report – Angela & Melissa

We will feed your child for each band performance. Typical meals would be pizza, sandwiches or chicken fingers.

- **Volunteer Sign up on Sign up Genius for game help and desserts/fruit**

(In the beginning, we limit game volunteer sign up to 1 game so all will have an opportunity)

You must be CAPP trained. Mr. Noah will have to submit your names to the office to check your training status.

- **Game Night Dinner donations (Band kids LOVE fruit)**

Individually wrapped items are preferred so the student can grab and go. When sending items we have about 100 band members and staff

- **Volunteer, Donation, etc. email address. Use it to ask questions, let us know of any food allergies, etc.: feedmctband@gmail.com**

****DO YOU KNOW A SPONSOR?*** If you know someone who has a business that would like to sponsor a dinner please let us know. All we need is a name and number and we will do the rest.

FOOD ALLERGIES: Please make us aware so that we may help your child avoid foods. Also make sure they are aware of what they can and cannot eat.

5. New Business or Questions

Introduced the Pit Guys: Daniel Smalling and Rick Johnson, They will help you when you volunteer helping in the pit. They help move instruments and students

on and off the field for the halftime show. Also assist loading and unloading the truck.

Last thoughts from Mr. Noah.

Please do not hesitate to email Mr. Noah with your questions even the silly ones, he does not mind answering emails. Please note he receives a lot of emails therefore his response may be short and to the point, this does not mean he is bothered by the email, just trying to answer everyone in a timely manner.

6. Closing Prayer (August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary) **& Adjournment**

Prayer to Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
refuge of sinners,
I beg of you by the infinite merits of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus,
and by the graces God has granted to you
since your Immaculate Conception,
the grace of never going astray again.

Mother, keep me, a sinner,
constantly bathed in the light of your
Immaculate Heart.
Amen.

**** Next Meeting September 14th, 2023 ****

6:00 pm Band Room

(Arrive early, parking limited)