

MARCH 20-24, 2023: ONE WEEK LEFT UNTIL MPA

Welcome back to another week, everyone. It's crunch time. We've been hard at work on this MPA program. You've grown a lot. Our goal with this program was always to push the limits of the ensemble. I would say that we have done that. There is still plenty of time to make improvements to this program. Whether we go to MPA and get an "Excellent" or a "Superior," I think we can say that we have grown and learned a lot as an ensemble so far this quarter.

What's Happening this Week?

- Monday, March 20:** In-School Instruction.
After-School Rehearsal w/ Mr. White & Mr. Rivero, 2:45-5:00 pm
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Tuesday, March 21:** In-School Instruction.
***Pathways to Success* Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm**
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Wednesday, March 22:** **Beginning of Ramadan.**
In-School Instruction.
After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Thursday, March 23:** In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Friday, March 24:** In-School Instruction.
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Saturday, March 25:** **Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**
Eat. Sleep. Practice. Repeat.
- Sunday, March 26:** Eat. Sleep Practice. Repeat.
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In Other News...

MPA: Our date for MPA is March 28. Our performance time is at 1:10 pm at Mooresville High School. Students will travel via activity bus there and back. Students should have received the schedule on Friday. Our plan is to come in that morning and spend time just waking up and enjoying each other's company. The current plan is to provide breakfast for our MPA band. If you are a picky eater, you may want to consider eating before you come to school. Also, please consider bringing a snack(s). There is not really time in the schedule for lunch this year – I know, but I don't make the schedule for MPA performances. We will then have a brief rehearsal before loading and leaving CCHS. **We will NOT be back to school in time for the buses.** If you need to plan transportation for after the event, please begin planning that now.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser: We are selling WFC variety pack, filled with 60 assorted chocolate bars. The variety pack includes Milk Chocolate with Almonds, Dark Chocolate, WF Crisp bars, Milk Chocolate with Caramel, and solid Milk Chocolate. Each bar sells for just \$1.00! All chocolate will be distributed by the box, with value of \$60.00. Our sale begins on Wednesday, March 1 and ends Wednesday, March 29. All money must be returned to the school no later than Friday, March 31 to be eligible for the grand prize. (All chocolate must be sold; **open boxes may not be returned** due to health and safety reasons). Students wishing to participate must fill out a commitment slip in order to sell. We cannot fill chocolate orders without a signed commitment slip. Everyone that sells one or more boxes will be eligible for **CASH PRIZES! For each box a student sells, they will get an envelope from Mr. Adams containing cash (amounts will vary).** In addition, this year's top seller of World's Finest Chocolate will win a free pair of **Apple AirPods Pro 2.**

Marching Band Interest Meeting: If you are interested in joining *The Central Cabarrus Marching Vikings* for the 2023-24 season, there will be an interest meeting on April 4 at 6:30 pm in the band room. Here you will receive information on how to join – including the paperwork needed for registration. If you would like to be a part of one of the most successful groups on Central's campus, you should come out. **Veteran marchers should plan on attending as well so they may receive their paperwork and dates for Mini Camp, summer rehearsals, and more.**

Drum Major Auditions: All veteran marchers of *The Central Cabarrus Marching Vikings* are eligible to audition for Drum Major if they have completed the *Pathways to Success* Leadership course. Audition packets will be available beginning on April 6 prior to Spring Break. We will meet after school when we return from Break on April 17-20 from 3:00-4:00 pm. **Friday, April 21 at 3:00 pm will be the actual audition time with an adjudicated panel of judges.** Even if you are just interested in learning more about conducting, this is a great opportunity for you. If you would like more information, please let Mr. Adams know.

Concert Band Camp: We will be hosting our first ever Concert Band Camp on Saturday, April 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. **This is required of all individuals in the band classes, so please begin to clear your schedules.** We will spend the day continuing to prepare our Spring Concert. We are in early contacts with UNCC instrumental faculty to come and spend some of the day with us as well for sectional work. **Lunch is provided** for that day. More information will be forthcoming as we approach that date.

Student Fees: All students in the band class have a semester fee that the county charges to help offset the cost of materials used in the band class. There is also a \$25 per semester fee for those who are renting an instrument from the school. These fees can be paid through the K-12 Payment Portal (<https://www.k12paymentcenter.com/>). **These fees were to be paid by February 3, 2023.**

School-Owned Instruments/Instrument Repairs: If you are in need of a school-owned instrument, please email me to set-up a time to get your instrument (joshua.adams@cabarrus.k12.nc.us). If you are in need of an instrument repair, please let me know!

March 2023

19	20 After-School Rehearsal w/ Mr. White & Mr. Rivero, 2:45-5:00 pm	21 <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm	22 Beginning of Ramadan After-School Rehearsal, 2:45-5:00 pm	23 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm	24	25 Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick (10 am – 2:30 pm) WG Camp Day
26	27 Teacher Workday (No School)	28 MPA (MHS) Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm	29 WFC Sale Ends	30 Winter Guard Rehearsal (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm	31 WFC \$\$\$ Due Winter Guard Rehearsal/Parent Send Off (HRHS), 5:00-8:00 pm	

April 2023

						1 April Fool's Day CWEA Championships
2 Palm Sunday	3 Band Booster Meeting, 6:30 pm	4 <i>Pathways to Success</i> Leadership Training, 2:45-3:45 pm Marching Band Interest Meeting, 6:30 pm	5 Passover	6	7 Good Friday (No School)	8
9 Easter	10 Spring Break (No School)	11 Spring Break (No School)	12 Spring Break (No School)	13 Spring Break (No School)	14 Spring Break (No School)	15
16 Orthodox Easter	17 Drum Major Auditions, 3:00-4:00 pm	18 Drum Major Auditions, 3:00-4:00 pm	19 Drum Major Auditions, 3:00-4:00 pm	20 Drum Major Auditions, 3:00-4:00 pm	21 Eid-al-Fitr Drum Major Auditions, 3:00 pm – Until	22 Earth Day Percussion Camp w/ Mr. Patrick, (10 am – 2:30 pm)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Concert Band Camp, (9 am – 4 pm)
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