**Director** **Phil** **Olivas** **is** **in** **his** **26th** **year** **of** **teaching** **and** **has** **been** **at** **Mesa** **Ridge** **since** **it** **opened** **in** **1997.** **Mr.** **Olivas** **has** **been** **teaching** **in** **the** **Widefield** **School** **district** **for** **25** **years.** **Under** **his** **direction** **the** **bands** **at** **Mesa** **Ridge** **have** **received** **consistent** **#1** **ratings** **at** **State** **Music** **Festivals** **in** **both** **Concert** **and** **Jazz** **Band** **Competition.**

**Mr.** **Della** **Penna** **has** **been** **in** **the** **district** **for** **5** **years** **and** **holds** **positions** **at** **Janitell** **and** **Mesa** **Ridge.** **Both** **Mr.** **Olivas** **and** **Mr.** **Della** **Penna** **received** **degrees** **from** **the** **University** **of** **Colorado,** **Boulder.**

**In** **the** **last** **few** **years** **the** **Mesa** **Ridge** **Bands** **have** **performed** **in** **the** **famed** **Meyerson** **Symphony** **Center** **in** **Dallas,** **TX.** **,** **The** **Reno** **Jazz** **Festival,** **and** **Disneyland!**

**Mr.** **Olivas** **and** **Mr.** **Della** **Penna** **credit** **the** **students’** **hard** **work** **and** **the** **parents’** **support** **for** **the** **continued** **success** **of** **the** **Mesa** **Ridge** **Band** **Program.**

**The** **Pride** **of** **Mesa** **Ridge** **Marching** **Band** **continues** **to** **strive** **for** **success.** **The** **group** **has** **earned** **countless** **awards** **and** **podium** **finishes** **at** **every** **major** **Colorado** **competition.** **“The** **Pride”** **are** **the** **2008,** **2010,** **2012,** **2014,** **2016** **and** **2018** **Grand** **Champions** **of** **the** **Colorado** **State** **Fair** **Parade** **Competition.**

**The** **Pride** **of** **Mesa** **Ridge** **has** **ranked** **as** **one** **of** **the** **top** **8** **“Finalist** **Bands”** **at** **State** **Marching** **Championships** **competition** **for** **the** **past** **15** **years!**

**In** **2019** **the** **Marching** **Band** **returned** **to** **STATE** **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **earning** **6th** **Place** **in** **Colorado!!** **WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!**

**The** **Bands** **at** **Mesa** **Ridge** **under** **the** **direction** **of** **Mr.** **Olivas** **and** **Mr.** **Della** **Penna** **continually** **strive** **for** **success** **at** **the** **individual** **and** **ensemble** **level.** **Our** **students** **are** **consistently** **selected** **to** **Honor** **Bands** **around** **the** **state** **and** **receive** **consistent** **Superior** **and** **Excellent** **ratings.**

**Individual** **achievement,** **team** **effort,** **consistent** **improvement,** **group** **success,** **and** **musical** **enjoyment** **are** **the** **cornerstones** **of** **what** **has** **become** **one** **of** **the** **premier** **music** **programs** **in** **the** **state.**

Mesa Ridge Bands Registration Sheet 2020-2021

Dear Student,

As the band director at Mesa Ridge I am looking forward to the coming year. As always we strive to build the strongest bands possible. I am proud to say that our bands consistently compete with kids from larger schools with great success.

This past year has been terrific and next year looks to be even better. Traveling opportunities with marching and concert bands, honor bands, several concerts, possible induction into Tri M National Music Society, and the opportunity to meet and hang out with the hardest working, strangest, “funnest”, coolest people at Mesa Ridge are all available to you.

**We** **are** **inviting** **you** **to** **join** **the** **bands** **here** **at** **Mesa** **Ridge!** **You** **are** **a** **fine** **musician** **and** **we,** **the** **staff** **at** **Mesa** **Ridge** **want** **to** **make** **sure** **we** **don’t** **miss** **you** **while** **scheduling.** **High** **School** **is** **filled** **with** **opportunity** **and** **we** **don’t** **want** **you** **to** **miss** **out.** Craig Kirkoff of the University of Minnesota stated recently, “95 percent of students who don’t play their freshman year will never touch their instrument again.” I hope to encourage you before that happens!

Instructions

The Band program at Mesa Ridge High School consists of 3 Concert Bands, a Jazz Band, and Marching Band. Our goal is to offer a rewarding and challenging musical experience to our students. We achieve this goal by having high musical and performance expectations.

**I** **encourage** **all** **instrumental** **students** **to** **join** **a** **musical** **group** **that** **interests** **and** **challenges** **them.** **My** **goal** **as** **director** **is** **to** **place** **students** **in** **such** **a** **band.** **I,** **with** **the** **help** **of** **the** **Junior** **High** **teachers,** **will** **evaluate** **students** **in** **the** **coming** **month** **and** **place** **them** **in** **a** **particular** **group.**

**My** **further** **hope** **is** **to** **continue** **to** **build** **a** **SUCCESSFUL** **and** **FUN** **program** **that** **will** **enrich** **our** **lives.**

**On** **the** **Class** **Selection** **Sheet** **students** **should** **put** **a** **#1** **next** **to** **“BAND”** **for** **the** **first** **elective** **slot.**

***(SEE*** ***EXAMPLE)*** Doing this will secure a position in a concert group for the following year. You will be placed in specific groups at a later date**.**

**\*\*** **If** **you** **are** **interested** **in** **taking** **2** **music** **classes,** **Band** **and** **Jazz** **Band** **or** **BAND** **and** **foreign** **language,** **or** **BAND** **and** **…..** **etc.** **you** **may** **elect** **not** **to** **take** **PE** **as** **a** **ninth** **grader,** **however** **you** **will** **have** **to** **take** **it** **at** **some** **point** **over** **your** **4** **years** **at** **MRHS.** **Let** **your** **counselor** **know** **you** **want** **this** **option!**

\*\***Marching** **Band** meets as an after school class. Students **DO** **receive** **credit** **and** **a** **grade** **for** **being** **in** **marching** **band**. This class meets after school to avoid conflicts with other performing groups. Marching Band students can also receive a PE credit for multiple season participation. Marching Band DOES NOT take up one of your elective choices because it meets after school. Students are required to be in a concert group to participate in Marching Band. This is to ensure we are getting quality musicians in all groups. **To** **register** **students** **should** **“X”** **MARCHING** **BAND** **in** **the** **section** **at** **the** **bottom** **of** **the** **class** **selection** **sheet** **or** **write** **“marching** **band”** **near** **the** **elective** **selection** **area.**

**\*\*\*YOU** **MUST** **CLICK** **ON** **THE** **BAND** **BOX** **WHEN** **ENTERING** **YOUR** **SELECTIONS** **IN** **THE** **COMPUTER!!!\*\*\***

The program here continues to grow and is full of opportunity to learn and have fun. We will do everything we can to get you signed up. I look forward to teaching you and getting to know you better during the 2020 school year and beyond. Please share this information with your parents and I hope to see you soon!!! For additional information please e mail me. I am happy to help!

Directors,

Phil Olivas, Joseph DellaPenna

\*Example from the Class Selection Sheet:

All of the classes in this section are Year Long classes so they will take TWO of your 8 choices. **\*\*This** **means** **each** **class** **lasts** **2** **semesters** **and** **counts** **as** **2** **of** **the** **8** **lines** **you** **should** **mark.\*\***

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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\***Marching** **Band**