
From: Fidrych, Patricia <Patricia.Fidrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 7:10 PM
To: Shelby Ledbetter
Subject: Re: May River High School Band

Dear Ms. Ledbetter,
I am writing to let you know that I have received and read your letter email and accompanying documents.
Sincerely,
Tricia Fidrych
Beaufort County School District
Board of Education
District 4 Representative

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Thank you, very thoughtful.....

JOHN R. DOWLING, JR. AD
DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE
BEAUFORT COUNTY BOE

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Good afternoon,

In efforts to maintain and promote growth in the tradition of excellence within the May River High School Band Program, please review the attached documents that will provide information regarding recent events and ongoing with the 2019 marching program.

Respectfully,

Shelby L Ledbetter

From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Shelby Ledbetter
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Thank you for your email.

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 8
610-888-5296

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Received.

JoAnn Orischak
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 11 (29928)
Hilton Head Island
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Sent from my iPad

On Nov 4, 2019, at 2:13 PM, Shelby Ledbetter <sledbet@hotmail.com> wrote:

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2019-2020 School Year

Recruitment:

Band increases 10% from new members
Host instrumental petting zoo for elementary schools
Middle band night inviting 7th and 8th graders to join a half time performance
Middle school mouthpiece testing days
High school to middle school mentor program to offer individualized private lesson experiences to middle schoolers
Implementation of private lesson staff if not already in place
Offer side-by-side concerts to Middle schoolers with High Schoolers

Marching Band:

Inquiry for partnership with dance team (if available) to enhance color guard numbers
Establish student leadership if not already in place
 Drum majors
 Section leaders
 Senior leadership team
Invite advanced 8th graders to join marching band
Host Community day to reveal 2017 season show
 Raffle ticket drawlins from sections of the band
 Student /parent swap drill spots
 Season show shirts
 Create sponsor partnerships
Hire additional percussion, color guard, woodwind and brass staff members (available as funds allow)
Establish band camp partnership with local small university
Establish weekly rehearsal schedule of 3 days a week 3 hours
Attend 3-5 local competitions (as funds allow)
Band advances to SC AAA state Finals (top 5)
Option A-Hire Jay Bocook to arrange show music
Option A-Hire Richard Henshaw to design show drill
Advocate for repurposing of any available parking lot for marching band field use
Perform for home and away Football games
Establish Pepband for basketball games

Concert Band:

Establish after school rehearsals in the spring semester (once a week)
Band obtains a rating of excellent at Colorado Regional Festival
Offer students the chance to switch to unique instruments with private lessons funded by booster program to enhance instrumentation (bassoon, oboe, French horn ect)
Order dresses and tuxes for the band (if not already done so)
Combine any pre-existing bands into one wind ensemble
Combine top wind players with string program for end of year concerts (if not already implemented)
Perform grade 3 music

Jazz/percussion ensembles/winter Guard:

Develop interest in these groups with weekly rehearsals
Student led interest in designing shows and performance opportunity
Jazz band performances for school assemblies, athletic events and community events

Band Booster Program:

Parent interest meetings
Elect president, secretary, treasury and other board members
(for pre-established positions, candidates should re-run with change of director)
Duties include but not limited to: Trip chaperones, meal preparations, uniform sizing, band camp chaperones, handling of all monies collected for band camp fees and track of all cash flow, assist in transport of marching band pit during shows
Prop builders and designers
(for pre-established positions, candidates should re-run with change of director)
Establish scholarship funds for students needed band fee assistance, and fees associated with individual student opportunities (see below)

Public engagement:

Students create promo video
Create community partnerships to sponsor band program
Create partnership with local small university to host band camp
Arts in the Park Concert

Individual student opportunities:

25% involvement in SC Solo & Ensemble
5% student involvement in SC All State band and/or orchestra
20% student involvement in SC region bands

Fundraising:

Arts in the Park Day
Community Band card
Mattress Fundraiser sale
Musical Theater
Band Community T-shirt Day

2020-2021 School Year

Recruitment:

Band increases **18%** from new members (10 first year +8 second year)
Host instrumental petting zoo for elementary schools
Middle band night inviting 7th and 8th graders to join a half time performance
Middle school mouthpiece testing days
High school to middle school mentor program to offer individualized private lesson experiences to middle schoolers
Implementation of private lesson staff if not already in place
Offer side-by-side concerts to Middle schoolers with High Schoolers
Establish summer "band camp" for beginning 6th grade students
High School director to conduct middle school concert piece
High school to perform at feeder middle schools

Marching Band:

Inquiry for partnership with dance team (if available) to enhance color guard numbers
Establish leadership camp before band camp
Invite advanced 8th graders to join marching band
Host Community day to reveal 2018 season show
 Raffle ticket drawings from sections of the band
 Student /parent swap drill spots
 Season show shirts
 Create sponsor partnerships
Hire **2** more additional staff members (available as funds allow)
Establish band camp partnership with local small university
Add an additional week of band camp
Establish weekly rehearsal schedule of 3 days a week **3** hours each
Attend **6-8** local competitions (as funds allow)
Band advances to SC AAA **state finals (top 3)**
Hire Jay Bocook to arrange show music
Hire Richard Henshaw to design show drill
Perform for home and away Football games
Begin plans and meet with administrators to discuss availability of MRHS to host a marching band competition
Implementation of Smart Music pass offs
Purchase speakers and sound system for marching band as needed

Concert Band:

Band obtains a rating of Superior w/ Distinction at SC State Festival
Separate students into two ensemble separated by auditions
String and wind players combine to play in Colorado regional Festivals for Orchestra
Perform grade 3 and one selection from **Grade 4**

Jazz/percussion ensembles/winter Guard:

Develop interest in these groups with weekly rehearsals
Student led interest in designing shows and performance opportunity
Jazz band performances for school assemblies, athletic events and community events

Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard to participate in 3 competitions

Jazz band to perform at Charleston Jazz Fest

Band Booster Program:

Parent interest meetings
Elect president, secretary, treasury and other board members
Duties include but not limited to: Trip chaperones, meal preparations, uniform sizing, band camp chaperones, handling of all monies collected for band camp fees and track of all cash flow, assist in transport of marching band pit during shows
Prop builders and designers
Build on scholarship funds for students needed band fee assistance, and fees associated with individual student opportunities (see below)

Increase parent involvement by 10%

Public engagement:

Continue to create community partnerships to sponsor band program
Arts in the Park Concert
University of SC Band Clinic
SC State Fair

Individual student opportunities:

50% involvement in SC Solo & Ensemble
10% student involvement in SC All State band and/or orchestra
35% student involvement in SC region bands
20% USC Band clinic participants
5% Music For All Summer Symposium

Fundraising:

Arts in the Park Day
Community Band card
Mattress Fundraiser sale
Musical Theater
Band Community T-shirt Day

2021-2022 School Year

Recruitment:

Band increases **30%** from new members (10 first year +8 second year+12third year)

Host instrumental petting zoo for elementary schools

Middle band night inviting 7th and 8th graders to join a half time performance

Middle school mouthpiece testing days

High school to middle school mentor program to offer individualized private lesson experiences to middle schoolers

Implementation of private lesson staff if not already in place

Offer side-by-side concerts to Middle schoolers with High Schoolers

Establish summer "band camp" for beginning 6th grade students

High School director to conduct middle school concert piece

High school to perform at feeder middle schools

Marching Band:

leadership camp before band camp

Invite advanced 8th graders to join marching band

Host Community day to reveal 2019 season show

Raffle ticket drawings from sections of the band

Student /parent swap drill spots

Season show shirts

Create sponsor partnerships

Hire **3** more additional staff members (available as funds allow)

Band Camp back at home at WPHS

Attend **9-10** local competitions (as funds allow)

Band advances to SC AAA (**Top 3 finalists**)

Hire Jay Bocook to arrange show music

Hire Richard Henshaw to design show drill

Perform for home and away Football games

Host marching band competition

participate in BOA Super Regional (Indianapolis) Competition

Concert Band:

Band obtains a rating of Superior at SC State Festival and attend Clinic in May for all finalist bands

Separate students into 2 ensemble plus a freshmen band separated by auditions

String and wind players combine to play in NC State Festivals for Orchestra

Perform **grade 4** and one selection from **Grade 5**

Advocate for school schedule to compensate for **3 separate band classes**

Wind Ensemble to apply to perform at Music For All National Festivals

Concert band to perform at University of SC Band Clinic

Bring out director from University of SC to work with wind ensemble (Tonya Mitchell)

Jazz/percussion ensembles/winter Guard:

Develop interest in these groups with weekly rehearsals

Student led interest in designing shows and performance opportunity

Jazz band performances for school assemblies, athletic events and community events

Indoor Percussion and Winter Guard to participate in 3 competitions

Indoor ensembles to advance to SC State Finals Competitions

Band Booster Program:

Parent interest meetings

Elect president, secretary, treasury and other board members

Duties include but not limited to: Trip chaperones, meal preparations, uniform sizing, band camp chaperones, handling of all monies collected for band camp fees and track of all cash flow, assist in transport of marching band pit during shows

Prop builders and designers, **help plan Indianapolis Trip, and MFA trip to Indianapolis**

Build on scholarship funds for students needed band fee assistance, and fees associated with individual student opportunities (see below)

Increase parent involvement by 25%

Public engagement:

Continue to create community partnerships to sponsor band program

Arts in the Park Concert

University of SC Band Clinic

SC State Fair

Individual student opportunities:

75% involvement in SC Solo & Ensemble

15% student involvement in SC All State band and/or orchestra

50% student involvement in SC region bands

20% University of South Carolina Band clinic participants

5% Music For All Summer Symposium

Fundraising:

Arts in the Park Day

Community Band card

Mattress Fundraiser sale

Musical Theater-combines chorus, orchestra and dance and bands

Band Community T-shirt Day

Host Marching Band Competition