

Mount Desert Island High School Music Department

THE CODA*

September 2011

*WELCOME TO ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR OF MUSIC at
MOUNT DESERT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL !*

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

There is a informational meeting for all parents of band, chorus, orchestra, and classroom music students on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 6:00 pm in the band room. Activities, fundraisers, student accounts, schedules, trips, etc will be discussed.

BUSY FALL

This fall brings a flurry of activities for music students. Traditionally, both **Jazz Band** and **All State** auditions are held in October and early November as well as the **fall musical drama** production with a pit orchestra. Our talented **Show Choir** is also starting to rumble, so keep your ears to the ground! Mr. Granholm will be handing out the list of **Pep Band** performance dates and times. Students are expected to participate in Pep Band as it is part of the **required** academic work associated with band class.

PEP BAND TEE SHIRTS - BAND UNIFORM

The official MDI HS Pep Band uniform tee shirt is required dress for Pep Band performances and community parades. All students in Band are expected to purchase and wear their Pep Band Shirt at performances where formal black and whites are not expected. Students who are not able to purchase a tee are encouraged to speak with Mr. Granholm or any Music Booster officer. An order form has been included with this Coda.

MDI MUSIC BOOSTERS

The MDI Music Boosters are an independent non-profit organization of parent volunteers whose primary goal is to support the MDI HS Music Department. We host events and fundraisers, and offer support and assistance to parents and students. We encourage parents to get involved with the Music Boosters. It's a great way to keep in touch with what's happening at MDI HS and with your student.

Booster Mission Statement – 7/2009

The Mount Desert Island High School Music Boosters believe that we are all enriched by music both intellectually and culturally and all students should have opportunities to learn and perform music. To this end, the MDIHS Music Boosters support the many performance groups in our schools in several ways including, but not limited to, hosting festivals, performance events, and guest artists as well as fund-raising events and projects which in part, provide monies for lessons, trips, summer study and instrument purchase, upgrade and repair. The Boosters work very hard to ensure that musical arts remain a strong presence not only in our high school but in all our schools as reflected in the priority music is given in the greater community and the recognition that the musical arts can be integral to success in both public school and life.

FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITIES – Personal Student Accounts

The Boosters believe that our students should be offered opportunities to earn money for their personal music accounts. Students who participate in the upcoming Little Caesars Sale and/or the Citrus Sale will earn a percentage of what they sell for their own personal music account. Student Account money can be used for such things as private lessons, instrument upgrades or repairs, or for spending money on an upcoming trip. If a student chooses not to participate and earns no money for his account, when it is time to pay for an event such as overnight expenses at the State Show Choir Festival, the family will be responsible for payment. The Music Booster Treasurer, Kathy Cox, keeps track of the individual accounts. Account balances are posted outside the Band Room. Please contact Kathy at kacox@roadrunner.com or 288-8952 with any questions.

Little Ceasar's Pizza Kits Phyllis Leighton is coordinating this fundraiser for the Music Boosters. The sale will start near the end of September and run thru the end of October. You can reach Phyllis at 288-5430 or email phleighton@roadrunner.com for more information. Students earn a percentage of their orders, with those monies going directly to their Student Account.

Citrus Sale Fresh delicious oranges, grapefruit, and apples from Florida are ordered in November and delivered before the December break. See any music student or Music Booster for ordering information. Students can earn \$10 per box of citrus sold, with earnings going to their Student Account.

Returnable Bottle Collection Boxes

The Music Boosters have three returnable collection boxes around the island. Students may sign up on a rotating schedule to empty and take returnables to a redemption site. 75% of profits will go into the Student's Account, with the remainder going to the Booster general fund to help underwrite this year's MDI Marathon Pasta Dinner. For information or to sign up, please contact Jenny Perruzzi at jjperruzzi@myfairpoint.net

Christmas Tree Sale at Salsbury Farm Hardware in Town Hill. Trees from Maine will arrive in time for sale usually the weekend after Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to sell trees on the weekends. It is fun AND easy! Please contact Jeff Forthofer at Jeff.Forthofer@jax.org for information and to sign up. Proceeds benefit the Music Booster Summer Scholarship Program.

MDI MARATHON 2011

This year the MDIHS Music Boosters will again be pairing up with the MDI Marathon to provide the pre-race dinner. We will be preparing and serving a truly gourmet pasta dinner for several hundred people. The **pre-race dinner** will be **October 15th** and we will be counting on as many of you as possible to help serve dinner and beverages or help with set up and clean up. Together we can continue the success enjoyed in the past. Please consider signing up to help. Contact Marielle Edgecomb at medgecomb@rsu24.org Proceeds benefit the Music Booster Summer Scholarship Program.

MAINE STATE JAZZ FESTIVAL

MDI High School will again be hosting the Maine State Jazz Festival in **March 2012**. We will need all students and parents to volunteer to make this successful. The first organizational meeting will be announced soon as this is an enormous undertaking, requiring hundreds of volunteers. Contact Linda McFarland (lindam27@roadrunner.com) for details. Beat the rush and sign up early to get the duty of your choice; some are big, some are little, ALL ARE IMPORTANT!!

ANNUAL SPRING JAZZ DANCE

This annual event is the highlight of the music season. MDI HS Jazz Bands and Combos perform in a "night club" atmosphere to a swinging crowd of parents, community members, dancing groups and friends who come out to cut a rug. The Music Boosters help to underwrite this event through year long fundraising.

MUSIC BOOSTER SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

Each spring the Music Boosters offer a limited number of summer music scholarships to incoming Freshmen and returning MDI HS music students. The number of awards are dependent upon the success of each year's fundraising success and the number of applications received. Preference will be given to students who participate in Booster related events. Scholarship application forms are available in early spring and must meet the TBA deadline to be considered. Scholarship awards are to be used for lessons and music camp during summer vacation. Students are encouraged to participate in Booster fundraisers to assist their parents in paying for summer lessons and music camp programs.

TO STAY INFORMED

We will be using email and facebook to keep you informed. If you are not getting emails of Music Booster meeting minutes, upcoming events etc, please contact Marielle Edgecomb. If you do not have email, let Marielle know and she'll send you information via mail. The Music Boosters meet in the band room the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm. All are welcome! Please feel free to contact the Boosters with questions. Our officers this year are:

President

Vice President Phyllis Leighton phleighton@roadrunner.com

Treasurer Kathy Cox kacox@roadrunner.com or 288-8952

Secretary Marielle Edgecomb medgecomb@rsu24.org

You should also regularly check out the music link on the HS website, and the MDI HS Music Boosters **Facebook** page to stay informed.

***Coda** (Italian for "tail", plural *code*) is a term used in music in a number of different senses, primarily to designate a passage that brings a piece (or one movement thereof) to a conclusion. " Occurs at the end of a composition and traditionally brings the composition to a convincing conclusion.