

Murrieta Valley High School Band Program

Spring 2025
Kick-Off Meeting

Wednesday May 7, 2025

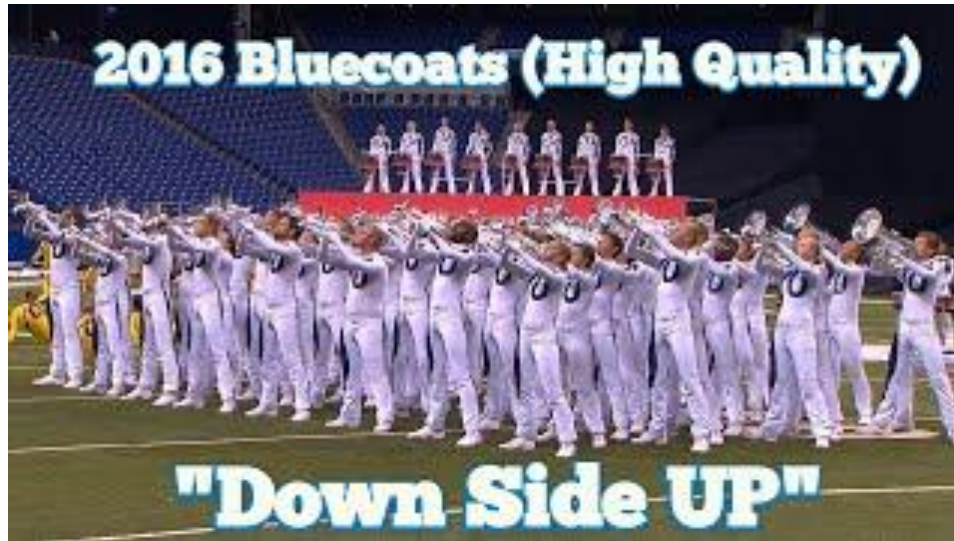
Welcome to the Crimson Cadets!

- Class of 2026
- Class of 2027
- Class of 2028
- Class of 2029
- Class of 2030?

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Scheduling

Band Classes Offered

- Wind Ensemble
- Symphonic Band
- Percussion (Advanced Concert Band)
- Color Guard (Performance Corp)
- PE Marching Band (Advanced Marching/Concert Band)
- Jazz Band

Classes for Wind (Brass and Woodwind) Players

Those wind players who audition for and are selected into the MVHS Wind Ensemble will be enrolled in the following classes:

- Wind Ensemble
- PE Marching Band (Advanced Marching/Concert Band)

Those wind players who did not audition for or were not selected into the MVHS Wind Ensemble will be placed in the MVHS Symphonic Band. They will be enrolled in the following classes:

- Symphonic Band
- PE Marching Band (Advanced Marching/Concert Band)

Classes for Percussionists

All percussion students will be enrolled in the following classes:

- Percussion (Advanced Concert Band)
- PE Marching Band (Advanced Marching/Concert Band)

Classes for Color Guard Members

All color guard students will be enrolled in the following classes:

- Color Guard (Performance Corp)
- PE Marching Band (Advanced Marching/Concert Band)

Jazz Band Class

- The MVHS Band Program also offers a Jazz Band class in its effort to provide students with a comprehensive band program.
- Students enrolled in Jazz Band must also be enrolled in a MVHS Band Program concert ensemble (unless playing guitar or bass)
- This class is open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors with at least one year of high school concert ensemble experience and by audition. Freshmen will be considered for enrollment in Jazz Band on an individual basis with required audition.
- Students should immediately speak with the Director of Bands if they are interested in auditioning for the Jazz Band class.

MVHS Counseling Staff

- Mr. Luevano (A-Di and MSJC) - jluevano@murrieta.k12.ca.us
- Mr. Vandenburg (Do-K and CTE) - jhvandenburg@murrieta.k12.ca.us
- Mrs. Thornburg (L-Pa and IB Diploma) - jthornburg@murrieta.k12.ca.us
- Mrs. Castro (Pe-Ve and AP) - ncastro@murrieta.k12.ca.us
- Mrs. Mendoza-Montoya (Vi-Z, AVID and EL) – dmendozamontoya@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Communications

Aeries Student Information System

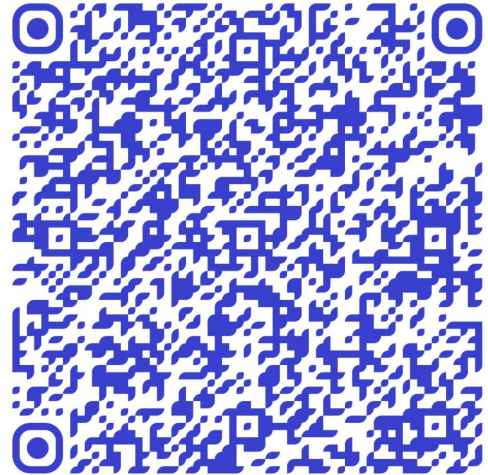
- Mass communication with students and parents/guardians via email and text messages
- Online gradebook (accessible by students and parents/guardians)
- Attendance records

MVHS Band Program Website

- www.mvhsband.net
- Official home of the MVHS Band Program
- General information about our band program and booster organization
- Contact information for our band program and booster organization
- Band Program calendar
- Band Program fundraising information
- Donation link (Click the big yellow “Donate” button on the homepage)

MVHS Band Program Social Media Accounts

- Facebook:
 - @mvhsbandprogram
 - @crimsoncadets
 - MVHS Percussion Section (Private Group)
 - MVHS Color Guard (Private Group)
- Instagram: @mvhsbandprogram
- YouTube Channel: MVHS Band Program



Cut Time

- We use this website to send out communications occasionally, as well as keep track of the program's resources, such as uniforms and student information.

Calendar / Events





Checking Your Calendar

- Band has no “bench.” Every member is critical!
- It’s essential that every member of the Band attend every rehearsal. Everyone contributes both musically and visually.
- It is the student’s responsibility to check both their AND their family’s calendars to ensure they have no conflicting events with rehearsals or performances.
- All student appointments should be scheduled around Band Program events.
- Continually review the Band Calendar and Events List, as events may change or be updated.

Band Camp - Dates and Times

- Band Program Registration Day = June 7th = 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 - Freshmen: 9:00 a.m.
 - Sophomores: 10:00 a.m.
 - Juniors: 10:45 a.m.
 - Seniors: 11:30 a.m.
- Leadership Camp
 - June 10 - Leadership members only. (8:30am - 2:30pm)

Band Camp - Dates and Times

- **Mini Band Camp - June 11-13**, 8:30am-1:30pm in the MVHS band room!
 - All students in the program attend! **Even if you're unsure of whether you want to join or not**, attend this event! We will play **fun games**, make **new friends**, explore some **music and basic marching** ideas, maybe watch a movie, and more!

Band Camp - Dates and Times

- **Band Camp - July 21-25, July 28-August 1**
 - The dawn of our next season! We build up from the basics, mastering our technique, developing playing skills, working together in sections and as an ensemble, and begin to learn our new show!
 - Schedule:
 - **12-9pm each day** except August 1.
 - August 1 will likely be **8:30am-1:30pm**, followed by our Parent Showcase and Family Night Barbecue from **6-9pm!**

**All times are subject to change, as we continue to coordinate our schedule with the MVHS Athletic Department*

Band Camp - What Do I Bring?

- Instrument/equipment
- Any needed accessories. Reeds, valve oil, etc.
- Black 1" binder with music (handed out at Mini Band Camp)
- Black athletic shorts, plain white t-shirt.
- HAT!
- SUNSCREEN!
- Sunglasses
- Food! - Students will eat Dinner from 4-5 each day.

- WATER!! - Coleman Gallon Jug
- Dot Book (spiral bound index cards at least 3" x 5" with a shoestring run through the spiral)

Band Camp - What Do I Bring?

Dot Book Example! And Coleman Jug.



Weekly After-School Rehearsals (Fall Semester Only)

- Mondays: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Usually only music, no marching)
- Wednesdays: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
 - Rehearsals end at the MVHS Stadium at 9:00, so we can maximize our time on the field. Students need another 15-20 minutes to help push all equipment up and put everything away. Pickup is closer to 9:15 or 9:20.
- Friday (after school) or Saturday (morning) rehearsals can supplement the band's preparation when the field is open and the program needs the time. Dates TBD.
- Given a late performance time, the group may rehearse on Saturday morning.

Home Football Games

- Friday, August 22 - Rancho Cucamonga
- Friday, September 19th - King
- Friday, October 10 - Chaparral - **Homecoming!**
- Friday, October 17 - Centennial - **Military Night**
- Thursday, October 30 - Roosevelt - **Senior Night!**

Competitive Field Show Tournaments

- 10/11/2025 - Saturday, October 11 - Field Tournament (Location TBD)
- 10/25/2025 - Saturday, October 25 - Field Tournament (Location TBD)
- 11/1/2025 - Saturday, November 1 - Field Tournament (Location TBD)
- 11/8/2025 - Saturday, November 8 - Field Tournament (Location TBD)
- 11/15/2025 - Saturday, November 15 - PRELIMS! (Location TBD)
- 11/22/2025 - Saturday, November 22 - CHAMPIONSHIPS (Location TBD)

MVUSD District Marching Band Showcase

- Thursday, November 13
- Murrieta MESA High School

Budget

Estimated Expenses

- Music/Design Content (Fall and Spring) = \$10,000.00
- Coaching (Visual, Winds, Percussion, and Color Guard) = \$62,000.00
- Uniforms/Spiritwear = \$24,500.00
- Instrument Repair = \$2,000.00
- Equipment/Props = \$8,000.00
- Competition/Membership Fees = \$5,000.00
- Transportation = \$16,000.00
- Boosters Expenses = \$3,500.00

Total = \$131,000.00

Requested Donation For Each Student

- This year, we are asking families to make a donation of **\$750.00** for each student who is participating in the MVHS Band Program
- This donation can be made at one time or divided into installments
- More information regarding family donations can be found on the MVHS Band Program Voluntary Pledge Commitment Agreement and the Voluntary Pledge Form
- No student will be denied participation in the MVHS Band Program due to lack of funds/donations

Boosters

MVUSD District Marching Band Showcase

2025-26 Booster Board

- President: Fidel Michel
- Vice President(s): Chris Jansen and David Butz
- Treasurer: Gloria Kim
- Secretary: Audrey Humaciu
- Ways and Means: **OPEN**

MVUSD District Marching Band Showcase

- **Web Design/Maintenance – OPEN**
- **Color Guard Liaison – Rachel Glenn**
- **Hospitality – Amy Ball**
- **E-Crew – OPEN**
- **Logistics – Tim F.**
- **First Aid – OPEN**
- **Prop Construction – OPEN**
- **Uniforms – OPEN (Looking to pair up with a current booster)**
- **Spiritwear – OPEN**
- **Historian – Allison Cooper**

Contact Us

Nighthawk Marching Band Boosters

- Fidel Michel, President
 - mvhsccpresident@gmail.com