



February 2014

## Mona Shores Band Parents Association Board

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## A letter from the president

Hello Mona Shores Band Parents!

It's hard to believe that it is already February and we are more than half way through this school year. As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun!" (I don't think that was meant for all the snow shoveling we have been doing this year, but that's a different story...) Here are a few updates:

We have just completed a VERY successful Meat Block fundraiser this month! It was great to see the amount of student participation. In fact, it did so well we are going to have another one later in the year to get ready for grilling season! This will probably be in May, but look for more information coming soon!

On **February 25<sup>th</sup>** there is a very important county-wide election. I assume you have all heard about the **Technology & Security Enhancement Millage** election coming up? I encourage you to get out and vote 'yes' for this millage as there are several needs in the auditorium and throughout our program that could be addressed with the funds from this millage. In this time of shrinking school funding, this millage will help keep the MSHS Band program one of the best in the state! If you have questions about this election, please contact Lane White, Director of Technology for Mona Shores, or myself. We'd be happy to supply you with more information and answer your questions.

We have some families in arrears on their student accounts. When these accounts are in arrears, your student is placed on the "Fees & Fines" list which means he or she cannot attend any extra MSHS events such as dances, Prom, etc., until the fine is paid. Invoices have been sent home with your student many times. If you have an outstanding balance, please take care of it ASAP. This money is needed to continue with the outstanding opportunities and programming for our students and for our band program to remain viable and successful. You can pay on your student account at the scrip table on Wednesday evenings. If you aren't able to do so, please contact me at (231) 638-2190 and we can set something up for you.

There are many other exciting events and opportunities available for you to get involved with the MS band program; please note the opportunities mentioned in this newsletter. In addition, you are always welcome to join us at our regularly scheduled board meetings the first Monday on the month at 6:30 pm at the high school.

Musically yours,

Jeff Grossenbacher

MSBPA President

## Volunteers Needed!

### **Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Destination Imagination (concession event)**

We have 29 slots yet to be filled for DI on March 1st. We need help with everything from making sandwiches, serving lunches, running concessions and cleaning up.

- 6:30am – 10:00am 6 slots open
- 10:00am – 2:00pm 7 slots open
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm 8 slots open
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm 8 slots open

If you can help during one or more of the time slots above, please contact Karol Kulikowski (see bottom left) as soon as possible. Thank you!!!!

Additionally, we have some positions open for the coming year. It would be great if we could get a couple of people to work in each of these positions to make it easier on each person. Contact Karol Kulikowski for more information.

**Hospitality:** This person or team will plan for and provide snacks and water for many band events (before football games, travel events, etc.)

**Travel Coordinator:** This person or team will make travel arrangements for any away events (busses, hotels, etc.)

**Uniform Co-chair:** This person will help fit uniforms throughout the year and help with uniform distribution and collection during home games.

**Jazz on the Lake Auction baskets:** This person or team will coordinate the collection and presentation of the auction baskets for our Jazz on the Lake event in the spring.

Check out our website at [www.monashoresband.org](http://www.monashoresband.org)

## Meet Michael Rambat

Dear Mona Shores Band Parents,

My name is Michael Rambat and I have been assigned to teach music in the Mona Shores Music program this winter and spring. I am in my senior year as a music education major at Grand Valley State University. The classes I will be working with are Introduction to Electronic Music, AP Music Theory, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Beginning Brass, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, and the Wind Ensemble.

I graduated from Lansing Catholic Central in 2006 and have taken an alternate route to get here. During high school I loved playing football and once out of high school I wanted to continue playing football and took my talents to Adrian College. At Adrian I also participated in the concert band and jazz programs and they showed me how much I love music, so I switched my major from business management to music education. I then transferred to Lansing Community College to start my training as a music educator. After two years of study there I transferred to Grand Valley to study Music Education with an emphasis in saxophone playing.

Mr. Boyden, Mr. Nimtz, and Mr. Shaub have welcomed me to the program. They have established a fantastic program at Mona Shores and I am looking forward to learning from some of the best. I am also excited to practice and enhance my teaching abilities in your district. It will be nice to meet you all at the upcoming events and I am looking forward to work with your son and or daughter.

Sincerely,

Michael Rambat



Are you using Scrip to it's full advantage? You can earn funds for your student's band account by simply purchasing and using gifts cards for your weekly needs. Think grocery shopping, gas for your vehicles, eating out, home improvement projects, clothing needs and more! Even some florists, photographers, and eye care businesses are included. You'd be surprised at how many businesses participate! Scrip is located in the front lobby of the high school. Hours of operation are 5:30 – 7:30 every Wednesday evening. To find our more or to see a full list of available businesses, check out [www.monashoresband.org/band-camp/script/](http://www.monashoresband.org/band-camp/script/)

## Upcoming Events

**Tues, February 25; MSHS; 1:00pm / 2:30pm**  
Festival of Bands  
8th Grade Band at 1:00pm, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble at 2:30pm

**Sat, March 1; MSHS; All Day**  
Concession Event: Destination Imagination  
Parent Help Needed! See Page 1 of Newsletter  
*Note: this is not a band student event*

**Fri, March 14; MSHS; 7:00pm**  
Collage Concert  
Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble

**Sat, March 22; Grandville High School**  
MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble  
Select band students

**Wed, March 26; Location TBA; Time TBA**  
State Jazz Festival  
Jazz Ensemble

**Sat, April 19; MSU; Time TBA**  
MSU Jazz Festival  
Jazz Ensemble

**Thurs-Sun, April 24-27; Florida**  
Orlando Trip

**Wed, April 30; MSHS; 1:30pm**  
Fifth Grade Orientation Concert  
Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble

See your band calendar for a complete list of events.

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## The Joey Hekkema Memorial Band Scholarship

Joey Hekkema's family has chosen to honor his memory by helping students participate in the Mona Shores High School Marching Band, one of his great passions. Funds raised will provide the financial means for at least one student to participate

### ONLINE

#### **\$25 minimum**

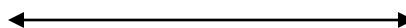
Go to <https://cffmc.org/give/online-giving>  
Select "Memorial Gift"

Type "Joey Hekkema" in the "In Memory Of" box.  
Fill in the amount and complete the rest of the form. The "Area of Interest" box will not matter for these donations.

Click the "Donate" button.

in the band program—every year, forever! What an amazing way to honor Joey and his love of music and the Mona Shores Band program.

**Should you wish to honor  
Joey's legacy in this way,  
here's how**



### BY CHECK

#### **No minimum, every dollar is appreciated**

Make your check payable to "Community Foundation For Muskegon County".

Put "Joey Hekkema" on the memo line.

Send it to:

Community Foundation For Muskegon County  
425 W. Western Ave., Suite 200  
Muskegon, MI 49440