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BAND BOOK
2017 – 2018



MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

MELROSE BANDAIDERS, INC.

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www.melroseband.org

Dear Band Families,

Welcome to the 62nd Melrose High School Marching Band Season. The Melrose Bandaiders, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established to support the MHS band, the band director, and the entire Melrose School band program. The officers and board members extend a warm welcome to all of the new band students and their families and a welcome back to all of our returning band families.

This year promises to be an exciting year starting with our NESBA home competition which we will be hosting on October 14th at MHS and 6 more competitions including finals at the beginning of November. Marching band season is our primary focus this time of year, however, the band is active throughout the year performing at home football games, participating in parades and performing at concerts and events. The enclosed calendar lists the scheduled band activities, and updated information will be posted on the Melrose Band website (www.melroseband.org).

The Melrose Bandaiders sponsor many fundraising activities throughout the year to support the band and color guard. Profits from our general fundraisers help to fund equipment repairs, music purchases, scholarships, and the awards banquet at the end of the school year. Participating and supporting the various band activities provides a way for you to connect to your students' school, their activities, classmates and families, and enjoy the wonderful camaraderie that exists among the band families.

This document is provided as a resource of important dates, activities, and contact information for all band families. It also contains the uniform policy, code of conduct, the scholarship programs, a list of the band staff, student leaders, and the officer and board members contact information. Please contact any of us with your questions and offers to volunteer. This organization is successful because of the support from all the band families and we look forward to your participation.

Yours truly,

Crystal Olwert
President

**“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress,
And working together is success.”
- Henry Ford**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL MEETINGS - are held in September and May, and periodically throughout the year if needed. You will be advised of the dates by e-mail.

GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS - are held monthly, as listed in this book, or as needed.

POSTPONEMENTS - When bad weather closes the middle and senior high schools, any Bandaider function scheduled for that evening is automatically postponed. All parents will be informed of a new date by telephone and/or email.

EMAIL – Much of the communication with band families is done by e-mail. Please notify our Corresponding Secretary, Kelly Sikkema, of email address changes.

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***PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR BAND
BY ATTENDING FOOTBALL GAMES AND COMPETITIONS
AND BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS.***

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Color Guard Instructors

Leanne Hogan
Molly Margolis

Drill Designer

Ed Devlin

DRUM MAJOR

James Talbot

COLOR GUARD CAPTAINS

Caroline Brown, Shannon Collins,
Maddie Strike

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2015 - 2016 COMMITTEE/EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET – Taylor Rubbins

BAND BOOK – Crystal Olwert

CAR WASH – Mike Collins

CHAPERONES –

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE – David Pezzini

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Crystal Olwert & Karolyn Ormond

MARCHING AWARDS PIZZA PARTY – *Marie Botte*

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC – Taylor Rubbins

NESBA MELROSE COMPETITION – Joel Zimmerman

PANCAKE BREAKFAST –

PHOTOGRAPHER –

PIT CREW – Mark Rubbins

POINSETTIA SALE – Jess Dugan

POPS CONCERT – Susan Collins

PUBLICITY –

SPRING FLOWER SALE–

UNIFORMS – Crystal Olwert & Kelly Sikkema

WEBSITE – *Dan Weissman*

YANKEE CANDLE – Crystal Olwert

50/50 RAFFLE – Joe Pelrine

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Date	Event	Time
8/29	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
9/07	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
09	Rehearsal	12-4 PM
10	Victorian Fair	1-4 PM
14	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
14	Parent Information Night & Ice Cream Social	7:30-9 PM
16	Rehearsal	12-4 PM
21	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
22	Football Game vs Watertown	6-9 PM
23	Rehearsal	12-4 PM
28	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
30	Rehearsal	12-4 PM

OCTOBER

Date	Event	Time
05	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
05	<i>Board Meeting</i>	7 PM
06	Football Game vs. Stoneham	6-9 PM
07	NESBA Competition at Wakefield	TBA
09	Columbus Day Parade	11 AM – 5 PM
12	Citywide Band Night	6-7 PM
13	Football Game vs. Winchester	6-9 PM
14	NESBA Competition – Home	TBA
19	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
20	Football Game vs. Burlington	6-9 PM
21	NESBA Competition – Billerica	TBA
26	Rehearsal	6-9 PM
27	Possible Playoff Game	6-9 PM
28	NESBA Competition- Reading	TBA

NOVEMBER

Date	Event	Time
2	<i>Rehearsal</i>	6-9 PM
2	<i>Board Meeting</i>	7PM
3	Possible Playoff Game	6-9 PM

4	Rehearsal	12-4 PM
05	NESBA Competition-Finals-Lawrence	TBA
11	Veteran's Day Ceremony - Knoll	10 -11 AM
16	End of season Pizza Party	6-9 PM
18	Senior District Auditions	TBA
23	Thanksgiving Game /Pancake Breakfast	9:00 AM

**END OF MARCHING SEASON
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (continued)**

DECEMBER

Date	Event	Time
03	Possible Super Bowl Game	TBA
TBA	Home for the Holidays – Downtown Melrose	TBA
07	Board Meeting	7 PM
08	Christmas Tree Sale	4-9 PM
09	Christmas Tree Sale	9-7 PM
10	Christmas Tree Sale	9-12 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

04 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

February

01 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

March

01 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

16 Band Night Concert 7:00 PM

April

05 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

TBA Celebrate the Arts TBA

May

03	Board Meeting	7:00 PM
26	POPS Concert	7:30 PM
TBA	Awards and Scholarship Banquet and General Meeting	

June

TBA	Graduation	TBA
07	Board Meeting	7:00 PM

CODE OF CONDUCT

PROPER BEHAVIOR IS EXPECTED AT ALL TIMES. STUDENTS WILL SHOW RESPECT TO STAFF MEMBERS, ADULTS, AND EACH OTHER AT ALL TIMES.

SPECIFICS

- No smoking at any time.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Profanity will not be tolerated.
- BE ON TIME (to be early is to be on time...)

GENERAL RULES FOR COMPETITIONS AND GAMES

- All students will receive an itinerary - FOLLOW IT.
- Band members will remain in FULL UNIFORM unless notified by Mr. Repucci.
- Band members may not leave the stadium area without permission from Mr. Repucci.

BUS REGULATIONS

- Everyone must have their own seat.
- Noise should be kept to a reasonable level.
- Return on the same bus on which you arrived.
- Signs showing spirit are allowed, but MUST BE IN GOOD TASTE. (Staff members and/or chaperones have the right to remove any sign they deem distasteful.)
- All Band members MUST RIDE THE BUS unless they have prior approval from the Band Director and a note from a parent.
- All Band members will ride on the bus TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON.
- No student drivers at any time.
- Keep buses clean.

GENERAL RULE: REMEMBER -- You are representing your school, your staff, and yourselves. Violations will be dealt with in a manner consistent with the Melrose High School Code of Discipline.

MAKE US ALL PROUD OF YOU.

Matthew Repucci, Director

UNIFORM POLICY

Black shoes and black socks only are to be worn with the uniform for all performances. Shoes and socks **are not** provided as part of the uniform. PLUSONE shoes must be purchased at the student's expense. They are available at National Music, Inc. in Woburn. Shoes should be marked with student's name or initials on the inside of each shoe for easy identification.

Students will be issued a complete uniform for the band season -- jacket, pants, hat, gloves and garment bag. The student will keep the uniform and shoes at home during the marching band season. There is a \$25.00 uniform deposit required the first year of participation in the marching band.

Each student is expected to keep his/her uniform clean and pressed for all performances. Gloves can be hand or machine washed. **All other pieces must be dry cleaned only.** **Dry clean the pants as often as necessary during the marching season.** Each student is responsible for keeping his/her uniform in good repair. Please report any damage to uniforms (i.e., tears in lining or seams), so that repairs may be made promptly. **One pair of gloves will be issued per student. If these are lost students will be charged for a second pair.**

A uniform inspection will be done before each performance. Students will not be allowed to perform unless they pass inspection. The final decision rests with the Band Director.

In the event the student loses any part of the uniform (including hat and plume) he/she will reimburse the Band at replacement cost. After the marching band season, the student is expected to return a **dry cleaned** uniform, in good condition with the same identification numbers that were assigned to him/her at the beginning of the school year. Instructions on discounted rates for cleaning the uniforms at Boston Tailored will be provided near the end of the season.

Hats, plumes and raincoats are not to be taken home under any circumstances at any time.

FUNDRAISING POLICY

The Bandaiders, Inc. provides a range of fundraising opportunities to support Melrose High School Band activities. All funds raised through these efforts will be deposited into the Bandaiders' general fund to benefit the band as a whole. These funds may be used for a wide variety of band related expenses, including, but not limited to, instruments, music, transportation, student scholarships, coach stipends, drum major camp, and trips.

Some fundraisers may be designated specifically to assist students with band trip expenses. Records, called Trip Accounts, will be kept of the fundraising done by individual students through these programs. The money raised by individuals through these specified fundraisers, per federal laws for non-profit organizations, belong to the Bandaiders, Inc. These funds are not the personal property of students or their families. Trip Accounts exist only in the Bandaiders' ledger and not with any bank.

The Bandaiders may grant to each student an amount of money equal to the funds they (or their family) personally raised, as shown in their Trip Account, to off-set the cost of a band trip. Grants may not exceed the billed cost of the trip. Personal spending money will not be covered by these grants. Under no circumstances will the amounts credited to student fundraising accounts be distributed directly to the student.

Trip Accounts are not transferrable to non-related students. Funds in an individual's Trip Account can be shared with a sibling traveling on the same trip in the same year. If a student discontinues band at any time during their high school career or if they move out of the school district, the monies in their Trip Account will revert to the Bandaider's general fund. Upon the student's graduation or leaving the school, any unused funds in their Trip Account can be transferred to a sibling in the high school band program. Otherwise, all remaining funds will remain in the Bandaiders general fund for the benefit of the band as a whole.

MELROSE BANDAIDERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Graduate Scholarships

Each year graduating seniors are able to apply for scholarship assistance to help with the costs of college. Applications and criteria for these scholarships will be distributed to seniors in the early spring.

MUSIC LESSON/CAMP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Each year the Melrose Bandaiders establishes a budget for the partial reimbursement of tuition for private music lessons OR summer music camp. Students in grades 8-11 who are presently members of the Melrose High School Band are eligible for this tuition assistance. The purpose of this program is to improve the individual skill level of Melrose High School band members.

Students may apply for one of the following:

1. Private Lessons Assistance

- A. Private instructor will be determined by the student's family, and approved by the MHS band director.
- B. Bandaiders will pay up to 50% of the cost of lessons upon receipt of a bill from the instructor.
- C. Maximum reimbursement is \$200 per academic year.

2. Music Camp Assistance

- A. Camp will be determined by the student's family, and approved by the MHS band director.
- B. Participation is limited to students in grades 9-11.
- C. Maximum reimbursement is \$200 per academic year.

Important Note: The Bandaiders' budget for tuition assistance will be divided among the qualified students requesting assistance. For that reason, the total reimbursement amount per student may change from year to year.

PAST PRESIDENTS

1957-1958	Richard Murray	1995-1996	Phil & Peggy Sheerin
1958-1959	William I. Peterson	1996-1997	Jack Beck & Bob Messenger
1959-1960	Irving Sibley	1997-1998	Bob & Carol Messenger
1960-1961	John Scott	1998-1999	Bernie Creeden & Maggie Albanese
1961-1962	Dr. Guy DiStasio	1999-2000	Carol Messenger & Kathy Snow
1962-1963	Robert Harvey	2000-2001	Phyllis Burke & Debbie Davidian
1963-1964	Arthur Stetson	2001-2002	Jill Pearlman & Chris Pescheck
1964-1965	Norman Richarson	2002-2003	Toni Thelen & Bill Jacobs
1965-1966	Kaino Paine	2003-2004	Vera Larsen & Al Oliveira
1966-1967	Leo Blacher	2004-2005	Yvette Drinkwater & Linda Solmonson
1967-1968	Howard Gilbert	2005-2006	Nancy Viola
1968-1969	James M. Love	2006-2007	Nancy Viola & Mike Coveney
1969-1971	Warren W. Schaalman	2007-2008	Mike Coveney & Maureen Pesanelli
1971-1972	Albert Dean	2008-2009	Maureen Pesanelli & Nancy Viola
1972-1973	Donald A. Lounsbury	2009-2010	Nancy Viola & Caroline O'Brien
1973-1974	William Burns	2010-2011	Caroline O'Brien & Margaret Nuytkens
1974-1975	Stuart Briggs	2011-2012	Margaret Nuytkens Eric Heath
1975-1976	George Palmer	2012-2013	Eric Heath
1976-1977	David & Janet Surette	2013-2014	Taylor Rubbins
1977-1978	Ted & Jane Bond	2014-2015	Taylor Rubbins
1978-1979	Dick & Janet Collis	2015-2016	Nancy Ingram & Diane Heislin
1979-1980	Frank & Beverly Lamson		
1980-1981	Richard & Mary Jane Dow		
1981-1982	Ed Costello		
1982-1983	Jerry & Madeline Rousseau		
1983-1984	Andy & Domenica Vadala		
1984-1985	Art & Nancy Dunlea		
1985-1986	John & Pam Lima		
1986-1987	Bob & Sue Regan		
1987-1988	Al & Merry Gonsalves		
1988-1989	Bob & Joan LaGrega		
1989-1990	Marco & Ellie Marchi		
1990-1991	Tony & Gen Buzzotta		
1991-1992	Bob & Diane Tulipani		
1992-1993	Kevin & Lisa O'Loughlin		
1993-1994	Jesse & Janice Linhares		
1994-1995	Joe & Pat Whittier		

2016-2017 Nance Ingram &
Diane Heislein

FRANK LAMSON AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Frank Lamson Award is presented by the Melrose Bandaiders to recognize individuals who no longer have students in the Band but have continued to volunteer their services to the Band and Bandaiders. The award is named for past Bandaiders President, Frank Lamson.

1985	Ted Bond
1986	Dick Collis
1987	Jack Bates
1988	Corinne Magnuson
1989	Art and Nancy Dunlea
1990	Bob and Sue Regan
1991	Marco and Ellie Marchi
1992	Laura McCracken
1993	Bob and Regina Lucas
1994	Lee Michael
1995	Gary and Lynn Hale
1996	Bob and Nancy Beaudet
1997	Bob and Diane Tulipani
1998	Rich and JoAnn Iascone
1999	Jack and Jeanne Beck Bob and Carol Messenger
2000	Bernie and Judy Creeden
2001	Hank Murphy
2002	Bill Hunt
2003	Debbie Davidian
2007	Nancy LeSaffre
2009	Maureen Pesanelli
2014	The Hogan Family
2016	Regina and Peter Donovan

BYLAWS OF THE MELROSE BANDAIDERS, INC.

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Melrose Bandaiders, Inc.**

II. Definition

The term **Melrose High School Band** shall include all students currently participating as instrumentalists and Band Front to include color guard, rifle squad and majorettes.

III. Purpose and Goals

Section 1. The purpose of the Melrose Bandaiders, Inc. shall be for charitable, literary or educational purposes including specifically the support and encouragement of instrumental musicianship within the City of Melrose and the support, assistance and encouragement of instrumental musicianship within the City of Melrose Public School system including, but without limitation, the Melrose High School Band; to qualify as a non-profit corporation under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws and to do each and every act and thing such a corporation can or may do in any place where the corporation carries on any activities whatsoever, subject only to the limitation that the corporation may not carry on any activities which would disqualify it from qualification for tax exempt status under the Federal Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C) (3); and generally to aid and support the endeavors of the Melrose High School Band, the Band Director, and the entire Melrose School Band program. To raise and expend funds; to own property necessary for the furtherance of the corporate purposes; to qualify for licenses which are or may be necessary for fund raising purposes including, but without limitation, licenses issued by the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission for the conduct of Beano, raffles and such other fund raising activities as may require licenses.

Section 2. To aid in securing the best possible public relations for the Melrose High School Band.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual; no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be to carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation except as may be permitted under the provisions of Section 501(C) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any

candidate for public office. The corporation shall not engage in any activities which would prohibit, prevent or terminate its qualification or tax exempt status under the provisions of Section 501(C) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code.

IV. Membership

The membership shall be a voluntary organization composed of parents of the Melrose High School Band and other interested individuals.

V. Offices

The offices of the organization shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer. The term of office for each office shall be one year. In event of co-officers, each officer will have one vote. No member shall hold more than one of the foregoing offices at a time.

Section 1 - President

The President(s) shall preside over all meetings of the Governing Board and all General Meetings. The President(s) shall perform such other duties as pertains to the office and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2 - Vice President

The Vice-President(s) shall perform the duties of the President(s) in absence of the President(s). It is expected that the Vice President(s) shall become available for nomination to the office of President(s) of the organization the following year.

Section 3 - Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep and maintain the minutes of the Governing Board and the General Meetings.

Section 4 - Corresponding Secretary

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all meeting notices and such other correspondence as may be delegated by the President(s) or the Board.

Section 5 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies of the organization subject to the direction of the governing board. The treasurer shall give an oral report at each meeting and shall provide an annual written report. The President(s) shall perform the duties of Treasurer in the event of temporary unavailability of the Treasurer.

VI. Governing Board

Section 1. There shall be a governing Board consisting of the persons filling the five offices of the organization, the immediate past president(s), publicity chairperson(s), band director, chairpersons of current projects, together with not fewer than three or

more than five other members of the organization. The band director shall act as a non - voting advisor to the Governing Board.

Section 2 - Duties of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board shall have the authority to transact the ordinary affairs of the organization. The Governing Board is required, however, to submit to the membership for approval all matters of major importance. The Governing Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the offices or committee chairpersons as they may occur during the year.

Section 3 - Appointments

The Governing Board is authorized to appoint such agents and special officers as may be required from time to time including but not limited to an assistant treasurer.

VII. Election of Officers

The officers of the organization shall be elected by the membership of the organization at the May meeting.

Section 1 - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president(s), or in his/her absence, by the Vice-President(s), and shall consist of a chairperson, the Vice-President(s), and at least three other members who are not officers of the organization. The retiring president(s) will serve ex officio.

Section 2 - Duties of the Nominating Committee.

The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to present nominations for five offices, and other members of the Governing Board. The Nominating Committee report will be included in the annual meeting notice.

VIII. Meetings

Section 1 - General Meetings

The General meetings of the organization shall be held in September and May of each year, or at such other times as may be agreed upon by the Governing Board. The September meeting shall serve as an introduction to the coming year's activities. The May meeting is the time when elections shall be held and also for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Board. A seven-day notice of the Annual Meeting will be sent to all members by the Corresponding Secretary.

Section 2 - Regular meetings of the Governing Board.

Regular meeting of the Governing Board shall be held once a month from August through June.

Section 3 - Special Meetings

The President(s), or in his absence, the Vice-President(s), of the organization, may call a special meeting at any time.

Section 4 - Voting

The vote of a majority of the members present at any general meeting shall be considered adequate for the transaction of business.

IX. Inspection of the Books

Section 1 - Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's Records will be audited as soon as possible at the end of the year. The organization shall furnish a fidelity bond for the Treasurer.

Section 2 - Written Reports

Officers shall submit their records at the annual meeting. It shall be required at this time that all committee chairpersons present written detailed information concerning their committees activities to be passed on to the President(s).

X. Amendments

Section 1 - Amendments

Amendments may be made to those bylaws at any meeting of the organization provided that a notice of such proposed amendments be given in writing to all members of the organization at least 30 days before the date of such meeting. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present at that meeting.

Section 2 - Bylaws

Bylaws may be suspended for not more than one meeting except this bylaw which shall not be suspended.

XI. Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meeting of this organization.

These bylaws were adopted on July 20, 1989 and amended on May 22, 1991.

