

# Millard North Band Boosters

May 2007  
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## NEWSLETTER



### Director's Notes

Another school year is coming to a close. The students have worked very hard throughout the year, and are deserving of some well-earned rest and relaxation. All ensembles performed on a high level and lived up to our lofty expectations.



The Mustang Marching Band earned superior ratings at all marching competitions that they entered. The Mustang Marching Band won the Sweepstakes Trophy at the Columbus Marching Festival, and the third place Sweepstakes Trophies at both, the Links Invitational and the Omaha Marching Invitational.

*Mr. Larry Rathbun*  
Millard North Director of Bands

Our concert ensembles performed well at home concerts, the Bellevue West Concert Band Festival, The NSBA Concert Band Festival, and at District Music Contest. The Millard North Wind Ensemble earned a 1+ rating at District Music Contest for receiving superior ratings from all three judges.

Jazz bands earned excellent ratings at the UNO Jazz Festival and provided music for a wonderful evening of dancing at our Big Band Dance. Members of our jazz bands joined forces to form a 'big band' that performed live on stage in Branson, Missouri. Soloist and small ensemble members earned high ratings at District Music Contest, and our freshman and sophomore band students were the Class 2 Champions at the Elkhorn Band Olympics.

The Millard North Band Boosters offer their support throughout the entire school year. We are very fortunate to have parents who are so willing to help out in providing whatever is needed for the success of our band program. I also want to thank the Millard North administration and staff for your support of our band program. We appreciate it so much!

Last – but definitely not least – I want to thank Mrs. Keiser for all her help in making our entire instrumental music program one that we are all proud to be associated with. Our students have heard her say (more than once) "Millard North Band – you rock!" Mrs. Keiser is a HUGE part of why we DO "rock". She is an outstanding educator, and does so many things behind the scenes to help keep us afloat! Thanks, Cathy!!!

### Mathis, Cave, Fortson, Jia Awarded Band Boosters Scholarships



MN Band Boosters awarded four scholarships which were presented at the annual Music Department banquet held Tuesday, May 8 in the Mustang Center at Millard North High School.

This event is held annually to honor the accomplishments of students involved in the Millard North music programs. For more award recipients, see page 4 of this newsletter.

*Congratulations!*

Pictured (L to R): Craig Mathis, Brandon Cave, Kim Fortson, Amy Jia

# Presidents' Message

Hello Band Boosters:

As the school year comes to a close, we want to thank all of the officers, committee chairs and volunteers that helped make this year such a success. Many don't realize all the things the band boosters do behind the scene to help our kids excel and learn.



It starts in the early summer when kids come for rehearsals and there are parent volunteers to measure the kids for uniforms. There are parents that hand out frozen pops on those hot summer days to the kids during band camp. There are parents taking pictures and making the photo buttons, registering the kids and collecting money, and parents to help educate and inform the new students about where to go, what they are supposed to do, and who to contact for information. There are parents that organize and staff the pool party where the kids can socialize and relax after a tough week of Band Camp.

Then comes the Fall when the hard work of Band Camp pays off when the kids get to perform for the first time at "Premier Night". Of course, parents are there to organize the event, as well as, all of the different committees have tables set up to educate the other parents about where they can get involved with the boosters.

There are football games where the Pit Crew loads up the instruments and delivers them to the football field and then returns them to the school after the game. This year, we also had the concession stands at the football games that was a great fund raiser for the Boosters and took many volunteers to cover.

Then there are the marching competitions where the Pit Crew moves the instruments to the destination of the week. There are bus loads of kids where parent volunteers chaperone, make sure the uniforms are ship shape for the competition, have extra socks, etc. and then also have water and cookies for the kids after the competition. There is a Lock-in party for the kids after the marching season is over that is organized, run, and staffed by parent volunteers.

Then, comes the concert season. There are treats after the concerts for the kids and parents, put together by parent volunteers. Bus chaperones, cookies, jazz band trips, Big Band Dance, and contests, all keep the parent volunteers busy throughout the year. There is a Post Prom party that is also supported.

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Then there is the administrative arm of the boosters that keeps the whole thing a float. There is the web site administration, newsletter publication, Band Students Directory, treasurer, secretary, fund raisers (quilt, toner cartridges, contributions, concessions), budget preparation, and spirit wear (Millard North clothing).

All this wouldn't be possible if it wasn't for the hard work and dedication of our directors. As we went through this season, the band preformed the Wizard of Oz; Mr. Rathbun and Mrs. Keiser were the Wizards of Ahs. Thank you all for a wonderful year and we look forward to another great year  
*Steve & Denise McCown.*

## 2007 District Music Contest Results

District Music Contest Results ~ Millard North Band Students 2007

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>PARTICIPANT/S</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Wind Ensemble		1+ (superior rating from all 3 judges)
Flute Solo	Carolyn Latta	1
Flute Solo	Katie Trygg	2
Oboe Solo	Joe-Ann Moser	2
Oboe Solo	Stephanie Brennan	2
Bassoon Solo	Greg LeCleir	1
Clarinet Solo	Amanda Ludes	2
Clarinet Solo	Katherine Thorson	2
Clarinet Solo	Natalie Vanderveen	1
Alto Saxophone Solo	Elizabeth McCue	2
Alto Saxophone Solo	Jenna Romano	2
French Horn Solo	Trevor Runge	2
Trumpet Solo	Brandon Cave	1
Trumpet Solo	Scott Thorson	2
Baritone Horn Solo	Jonathan Hossack	1
Trombone Solo	James Latta	2
Trombone Solo	Craig Mathis	1
Snare Drum Solo	Clayton Goodwin	1
Snare Drum Solo	Andy Gould	1
Flute Duet	Carolyn Latta, Val Reeves	1
Clarinet Quartet	Kara Focht, Brittany Rutherford, Katherine Thorson, Natalie Vanderveen	1
Trombone Ensemble	John Coughlin, Ryan Elder, Jared Evans Jonathan Hossack, James Latta, Craig Mathis Sean Roberts, Matt Welton	1
Percussion Ensemble	Dan Bennett, Dana Caudle, Clayton Goodwin,	1



# *Time Marches On... Best Wishes!*



Rose Almgren  
Tenor Sax



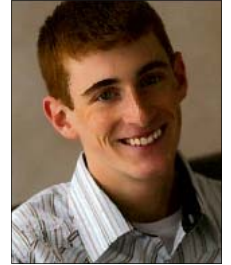
Janelle Baideme  
Guard



Christine Bone  
Clarinet



Shari Brockett  
Clarinet



Brandon Cave  
Trumpet



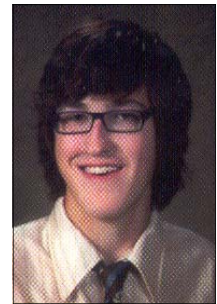
Cara Clark  
Flute



Angela Clodfelter  
Baritone



Allison Dahmke  
Flute



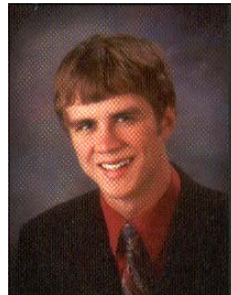
Reid DeSpiegelare  
Tenor Sax



Kate Elahi  
Clarinet



Nate Elwood  
Percussion



Jared Evans  
Trombone



Kim Fortson  
Drum Major/Alto Sax



Kim Garvey  
Flute



Andy Gould  
Percussion



Jonathan Hossack  
Baritone



Amy Jia  
Drum Major/Bass Clarinet

# *Farewell 2007 Seniors!*

## *We'll Miss You!*



Derek Johansen  
Baritone



Kaila Krieser  
Clarinet



Allison Levinger  
Clarinet



Jake Marr  
Bari Sax



Craig Mathis  
Drum Major/Trombone



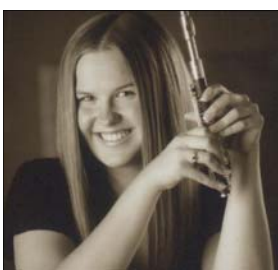
Sean McMahon  
Trumpet



Sarah Quandahl  
Flute



Alison Queen  
Guard



Val Reeves  
Piccolo/Flute



Trevor Runge  
French Horn



Amanda Schlender  
Alto Sax



Julie Smith  
Guard



Matt Stevens  
Trumpet



Scott Thorson  
Trumpet



Alex Vanbeaumont  
Tenor Sax



Natalie Vanderveen  
Clarinet



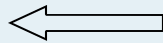
Jesse Weyrich  
Euphonium

# Music Awards Banquet

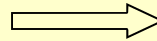
The Millard North Music Awards Banquet was held Tuesday, May 8 at the Millard North Mustang Center. This event is held annually to honor the accomplishments of students involved in the Millard North music programs.



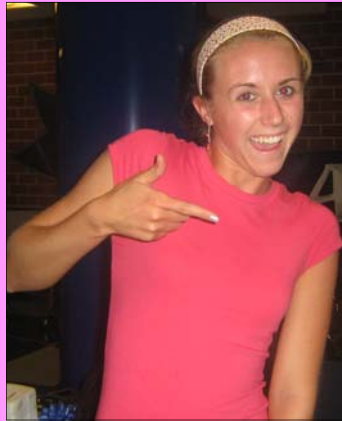
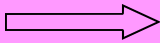
Craig Mathis was the recipient of the John Philip Sousa Band Award



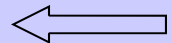
Val Reeves and Amy Jia were awarded the Millard North Band Spirit Award



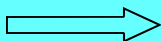
Kim Fortson received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award



Jonathan Hossack received commendation as this year's Millard North Outstanding Band Student



Natalie Vanderveen was presented with the Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award by MN Director of Bands, Larry Rathbun



Brandon Cave was awarded the Woody Herman Jazz Award



# Big Band Dance is Huge Success

The 7th annual Big Band Dance was held Friday, May 11 at Millard North High School. Several hundred danced the night away as both Jazz bands played.

This successful event could not have been possible without the help of many parent volunteers who assisted with the setup, decorations, ticket sales, refreshments and clean up.

Thank you to those that helped make this evening possible! Aside from being a seriously fun event, this year's Big Band Dance provided funds which will allow MN Band Boosters to provide continued support for the Mustang instrumental music program.

## band buddies?

If you are interested in being a "Band Buddy" for an incoming Freshman family, please contact New Families Orientation Chairs Bonnie Levinger or Beth Hansen. Band Buddies serve an important role in helping acclimate new band families to our organization by answering questions and providing information about events throughout the year.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact:

Beth Hansen	333-4839
Bonnie Levinger	334-1504

Thanks Elliott  
for your work  
on this year's  
band video



## With Appreciation to Outgoing Committee Chairs

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to those individuals who will be "graduating" from the band booster organization this year. We are grateful for your many years of service and dedication to the band!

## Thank You to All Post-Prom Volunteers

Post Prom Chairperson, Kris Porto wishes to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to make the Band Booster Hall this year a memorable success! The decorating team brought life to the Paris-related theme and look forward to the challenge of decorating next year!



A huge thank you goes out to Steve & Denise McCown for their endless devotion to the Millard North Band program and for their service as Band Booster presidents for 2006-07.



# M N Band Uniform Fittings

## Summer 2007 Schedule



Fittings will take place on  
Tuesday Evenings 5:30 to 9:00 PM

### Seniors & Juniors

June 12 & 19

### Sophomores

July 10 & 17

### Freshman

July 24 & 31

**Wear a T-shirt and shorts** (like you wear under your uniform) for your fitting, so we can quickly fit your uniform. On June 19<sup>th</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup>, plan on coming in an hour earlier or later than your scheduled practice time for your uniform fitting. If you are not able to come on your designated night, please call to make other arrangements. I would like to fit upper classmen first. If you need a uniform for senior pictures, call to arrange to pick it up.

**If you have questions regarding uniforms or would like to help with fittings,  
please call Nancy Thorson at 496-2495**

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### Other Items

During the evenings of uniform fittings, we will be issuing hats, ordering black marching shoes, pep band shirts and spirit wear, taking pictures for buttons, and collecting Band Booster dues.

The following money will be collected at this time:

(Checks need to be made out to **Millard North Band Boosters**)

- **\$30** for black drillmaster marching shoes (freshmen & new students)
- **\$20** for Pep Band shirt (freshmen & new students) + **\$5** (optional) for name embroidered on shirt
- **\$3** per picture button ordered (optional)
- **\$50** per family - band booster dues
- Various \$\$ for spirit wear, depending on style (optional)
- Uniform alteration fee – To be determined

**Freshmen Parents – Please come in with your child during the uniform fitting so that we can explain some details about the uniform and answer any questions that you might have.**

**If you have questions regarding these items or would like to help on one of the above evenings,  
please call Nancy Thorson at 496-2495.**

**We need lots of volunteers and it is a great way to get to know other band parents!**

**Band Web Site – [www.mnband.net](http://www.mnband.net)**

# Summer Band Schedule -- Clip and Save!

## 2007 - 2008 Summer Band Schedule MNHS Mustang Bands

Tuesday, June 5 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 12 – Drum Line/Pit Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 12 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 19 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 19 – Drum Line/Pit Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Tuesday, June 19 – Band Rehearsal (all band students in grades 9-12)  
**6:00 p.m.** – Flute, Trumpet, French Horn  
**7:00 p.m.** – Clarinet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba  
**8:00 p.m.** – Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Bass Clarinet  
Tuesday, June 26 – NO REHEARSAL (COLOR GUARD/DRUM LINE/BAND)  
Tuesday, July 3 - NO REHEARSAL (COLOR GUARD/DRUM LINE/BAND)  
Tuesday, July 10 – Drum Line/Pit Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 10 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 10 – Band Rehearsal (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students only – Varsity Marching Band)  
**6:00 p.m.** – Flute, Trumpet, French horn  
**7:00 p.m.** – Clarinet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba  
**8:00 p.m.** – Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Bass Clarinet  
Tuesday, July 17 – Drum Line/Pit Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Tuesday, July 17 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 17 – Full Band Rehearsal - (all band students in grades 9-12) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Monday-Thursday, July 23-26 – 9<sup>th</sup> grade band camp – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Monday & Tuesday, July 23 & 24 – Student Leadership Team – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, July 24– Drum Line/Pit Percussion Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 24 – Color Guard Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 24 – Band Rehearsal for Varsity Marching Band – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday, July 27 – **Band Camp for All band students 9-12** – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Friday, July 27 – 3:00 p.m. – Gold Card Sales Begin**  
Friday, July 27 – MNHS Band Pool party – (TBA)  
Monday-Friday, July 30 – August 3 – Band camp for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Friday, August 3 – Gold Card Blitz – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (including 9<sup>th</sup> Graders)**  
Tuesday, August 7 – Band Rehearsal (varsity marching band) – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 9 – Band Rehearsal (varsity marching band) – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 13 – First day of school!

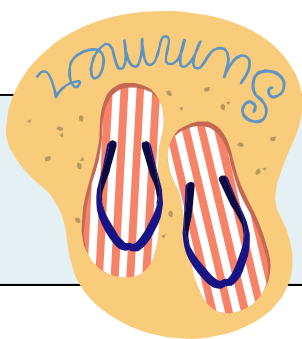
UNIFORM FITTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE  
BEFORE BAND CAMP DURING THE EVENING.  
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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Watch the website over  
the summer for important  
updates about Band Camp,  
uniform fitting information, summer  
band activities  
and rehearsal schedules!



*Have a Great*

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