



BAND NOTES

October 2026

Monthly Newsletter for Band Enthusiasts



Check out
the full
year
band
calendar
online

5th Grade Band

- **Band Together Party & Fundraiser** for Parents, Sat Nov 7, 5:30-10 pm, MI Community Center
- **5th Grade Curriculum Night**, Wed, Jan 20, 2027, 6:30-8 pm, IMS Gym

Islander Middle School

- **Band Together Party & Fundraiser** for parents, Sat Nov 7, 5:30-10 pm, MI Community Center
- **IMS Band Concert - 6th, 7th, Beginning Instruments**, Thu Nov 19, 6:30 – 8 pm, IMS Gym
- **8th Grade Band Field Trip** Performance/Exchange WWU- Thu Dec 3, All day
- **MISD Evening of Jazz**, Fri Dec 4, 6 pm - 9 pm PAC- MIHS
- **IMS Winter Concert**, Tue Dec 15, 6:30 - 8 pm, IMS
- **Tutorpalooza**, Sat Jan 23, 2027, 8 am - 6 pm MIHS



Join Us at Band Together to Celebrate All Things Band!

This is a 5th- 12th grade band class event--

Get ready for an out-of-this-world evening celebrating our amazing MISD Band community! Enjoy great food, big laughs, and good vibes while raising funds to keep music education exceptional and accessible for all.

Music brings us together, inspires our kids, and helps them thrive. Let's celebrate the community that makes it all possible. **Join us November 7 for an extra fun night!**

We Need You!

Please volunteer to help with our Band Together Event.
Many hands make light work!
Sign up today. Thank you!

Mercer Island High School

- **HS Jazz Festival - Mountlake Terrace HS**, Sat Oct 24, 8 am – 5 pm
- **Wind Ensemble Rehearsal**, Wed Oct 28, 7 pm – 9 pm
- **Eastshore HS Jazz Band Festival**, Thu Nov 5, 11 am – 4 pm, (Bring brown bag lunch)
- **Band Together Party & Fundraiser** for parents, Sat Nov 7, 5:30-10 pm
- **MISD Jazz Symposium**, Tue Nov 10 – Thu Nov 12, Warm Beach Retreat Center
- **MIHS Wind Ensemble Rehearsal**, Wed Nov 18, 7 pm – 9 pm
- **WIBC - Optional Honor Group**, Fri Nov 20- 23, 8 am – 3 pm
- **Wind Ensemble Rehearsal**, Wed Dec 2, 7 pm – 9 pm
- **MISD Evening of Jazz**, Fri, Dec 4, 6 pm - 9 pm PAC- MIHS
- **Symphonic Winds Evening Rehearsal** Tu Dec 8, 7-9 pm

Volunteer Sign Up



Band Together's Groovy Dessert Dash 2026!

Calling all Dessert Dashers, Bakers and Lovers of MI Band!

Please sign up to donate one or more desserts (*homemade or otherwise acquired*) to help make this year's Band

Together auction a huge and very groovy success!

Sign Up to provide a groovy dessert!

Take a sneak peek at some of the amazing items up for bid at our Band Together Auction.

Once again, our community has delivered! The Band Together Auction is packed with incredible donated items, experiences, and opportunities, all supporting our band program.

The Auction Catalog goes live November 1, so be sure to get your event tickets today for access. Trust us, you won't want to miss it!

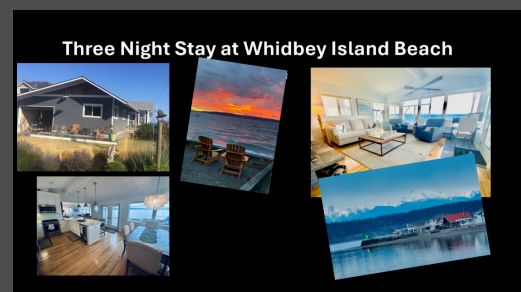
Featured items include local favorites from Beecher's, Cactus, Cobb's Popcorn, Dick's Drive-In, DeLille Cellars, Oh! Chocolate, and SaltWorks, plus beautiful florals from House of Posie, a Wine & Cheese Party, a Wood-Fired Pizza Party, and much more. Start planning your bids!



Lopez Island Beach Home- Enjoy 5 nights at this stunning contemporary waterfront home. This spacious retreat is perfect for a family getaway or a gathering of friends.



Enjoy a relaxing 3-night stay at this beautifully updated guest house nestled on acres of peaceful forest on Strawberry Point at the north end of Whidbey Island. Take in stunning views and experience tranquility.



Enjoy stunning views and an escape to storybook town of Langley on Whidbey Island. This getaway includes easy access to the beach for long walks, tidepool exploring and coastal charm.



Jo Malone London Party:
Bring your besties to a special in-store Pamper Party at the Jo Malone London Bellevue boutique, first and only flagship boutique in the Pacific North West, located at Avenue Bellevue. This party includes cologne gifts for you and three friends, fragrance combining, hand and arm massage service, and refreshments.

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Tickets for Yamato – The Drummers of Japan
Don't miss a chance to special chance to see the Yamato – The Drummers of Japan live in Seattle in April when they bring their 40 taiko drums to the stage for a high energy performance.

Mercer Island



JAZZ

We have a fun-filled fall of jazz ahead! The MIHS Jazz Ensemble will represent Mercer Island High School at two regional festivals this season, performing at the Mountlake Terrace High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, October 24, and the Eastshore High School Jazz Festival on Thursday, November 5.

Our annual Jazz Symposium will take place November 10-12, 2026, bringing together all

IMS 8th Grade Band Selected as Premier Ensemble for ComMission Possible Project



The Mercer Island School District is proud to announce the Islander Middle School eighth grade band has been selected as the Premiere Ensemble for the 2027 "**Beyond the Notes**" **ComMission Possible project**.

The ComMission Possible project creates real, meaningful connections between ensemble students and composers. Participating students explore their own creative thoughts while working directly with a renowned composer to bring an original

MIHS jazz bands and the IMS 8th Grade Jazz Band for three days of learning, collaboration, and performance at Warm Beach Conference Center. Students will work with guest clinicians, build connections across grade levels, and deepen their musicianship in an immersive jazz experience.

The season culminates with the MISD Evening of Jazz on Friday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the MIHS Performing Arts Center. This special concert will showcase the outstanding work of our student musicians and celebrate jazz education across the district. We hope you'll join us for an evening of exceptional music and community.

band work to life. Only one participating school is selected as the Premier Ensemble and earns the honor of premiering the piece—live, with the composer in attendance. IMS is that school this year!

“This is a really unique opportunity for our students to experience the entire creative process - from their own ideas to a professional composer creating a new work, to bringing that music to life for the very first time,” said IMS 8th grade band teacher Melody Snyder.

[Read more about this project & the guest composer on our website!](#)

How Awesome was All Island Band Night. Outstanding!

From our youngest musicians to our most experienced performers, the evening showcased the dedication, talent, and spirit of the entire Mercer Island band community. It was inspiring to hear the progression of student musicianship across grade levels and to see families, friends, and community members come together in support of music education. Bravo to all of our students and directors for an unforgettable night! Thank you parents for supporting all our students on their musical journey. **[Check out all the photos on our website.](#)**





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