

MEPA General Meeting

APRIL 4, 2024 6:00 PM



Welcome Parents!



Call Meeting to Order

MARCHING EAGLES PARENT ASSOCIATION

You are now a member of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Marching Eagles Parent Association referred to as **MEPA**.

Our association consists of all volunteer elected board, committee coordinators and parent volunteers working together to support, encourage and develop the best quality program and experience for our students and their families.

We welcome your involvement and participation. We are looking forward to an exciting 2024-2025 school year!



Our Philosophy



Have FUN and EVERYONE participates! Promote Involvement & Foster a Family Environment!

There will be many opportunities to join the fun!

- Rehearsal volunteers to assist with gate access and provide water, ice or sunscreen when needed
 - Football game volunteers to assist with parking & support the band
 - Trip chaperones
 - Event set up and fundraising
 - Equipment and props maintenance, repairs and movement

All volunteers must complete the Broward Schools volunteer application and receive approval as Level 1 volunteers before service begins at school.

https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32044



Stay informed



The BAND App - This is our communication source!

Point your camera at the QR code then tap on the word "BAND" to join.











Stay Informed



The Weekly Blast is delivered on the Band App, by email and posted on our website.

The WEEKLY Blast (3.31.24)

Updated: 1 day ago



31 March 2024

Eagle Regiment Family.

Happy Easter! I hope everyone has had a restful Spring Break!

Congratulations to our World Guard

for their Prelims & Finals performances last week at the WGI Regional in Stuart, Florida and Congratulations to our "A" Guard for their performance at the SFWGA Prelims Contest at Park Vista HS!



Stay Informed Subscribe to the Calendars https://www.stonemandousieri



https://www.stonemandouglasband.com/calendar

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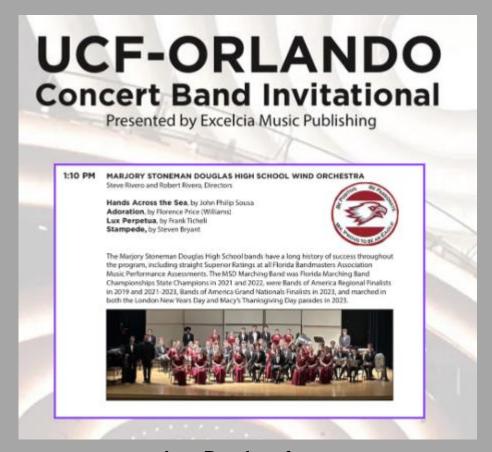


Upcoming Events





https://www.stonemandouglasband.com/events/farewell-performance-2024



Jazz Band performs at Disney Springs on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:00 AM Wind Orchestra performs at the Dr. Phillips Center on Wed., April 10th at 1:10 PM



Winter Indoor Guard and Percussion





SFWGA CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS SATURDAY!

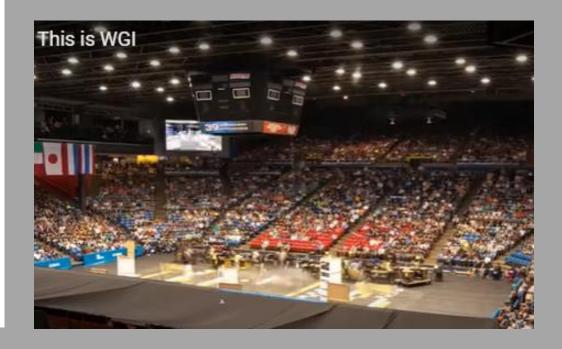
This Saturday will be the South Florida
Winter Guard Association Championships
at UM. The student itinerary and
schedule will be released on Monday.

WINTER GUARD BALANCES!

As a reminder all Winter Guard account balances must be at a \$0 to participate this Saturday at Championships. Please contact the MEPA Treasurer at

Treasurer@Eagleregiment.com for questions on accounts

WGI PERCUSSION WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS APRIL 18-20, 2024 DAYTON, OH





2024-2025 MEPA Board of Directors Vote



The Board Positions include:

- President
- Vice President of Operations
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Chairperson
- Field Crew Chairperson
- Color Guard Chairperson
- Percussion Chairperson





2024-2025 Membership Forms



Membership forms are MAY 7TH for all members!

Form packets are available on the band app.

- Membership Agreement
- Attendance Policy Acknowledgement Form
- Emergency Contact / Medical Form AND copy of insurance card
 - Media Release
 - Participation Waiver
 - Points Policy

For new members, the participation physical evaluation form is due on June 11th, day 1 of Band Camp #1.

For returning members, your participation physical evaluation form is valid for 1 year therefore you may have more time depending on the date of your last physical.



2024 Bands of America Grand Nationals





Click the link to see our 2022 Eagle Regiment Semi-Finalist at Lucas Oil Stadium The Grand National
Championships is a two-day,
Preliminary, Semi-Finals, Finals
event, held in Lucas Oil Stadium,
one of the world's premier indoor
venues. Bands receive evaluation
from panels of leading educators
and marching experts.

Grand Nationals is a spectacular music and pageantry event, one that band fans from across the nation and around the world travel to for exciting and creative performances.



Bands of America (BOA) Grand Nationals Trip



- All members are required to register for the BOA Grand Nationals trip.
- Trip dates are November 14-17, 2024.
- Registration deadline is May 7, 2024.
- Deposit \$225 and insurance if selected per traveler are due by May 15th. Points may not be used for the deposit or insurance.
- Traveling with Bob Rogers Travel.
- Total includes round-trip airfare.
- Package costs are based on projected participation and student occupancy of 5 students per room.
- Trip code is STONEMAN25.
- Please refer to the BRT itinerary, BRT payments form and TripMate insurance.



Bob Rogers Travel (BRT)



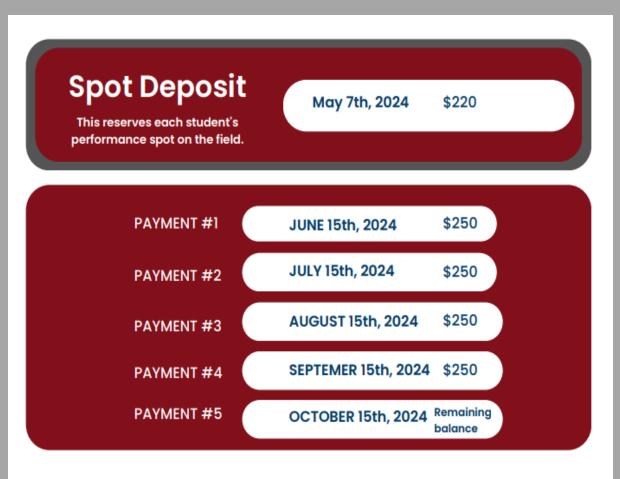
REGISTRATION LINK: https://bobrogerstravel.groupcollect.com/v2/go/stoneman25

Payment Details	Due Date	Amount Due	
Registration Deadline	May 7, 2024		
Deposit + Insurance Premium (if selected)	May 15, 2024	\$225.00 + Insurance Premium (if selected) per traveler	
Payment #2	July 1, 2024	\$325.00 per traveler	
Payment #3	August 1, 2024	\$325.00 per traveler	
Payment #4	October 1, 2024	Remaining Balance	



Membership Dues





Based on the projected participation, we anticipate the membership dues to be in a range of \$1750 - \$1850.

Final determination will be announced in June. Membership dues do not include the mandatory Bands of America Grand Nationals trip.

Points - If you have EXISTING points in your account, and would like to allocate them towards payments, email your request to Treasurer@eagleregiment.com.

Ways to pay:

- Zelle to stonemandouglasmepa@yahoo.com
- Check payable to MEPA
- Paypal via Charms



Amerant Bank Arena Fundraising







How does it work?

Parents and family (18 & up) sign up to volunteer in our assigned concession stand at Amerant Bank Arena with other MEPA parent volunteers assisting with taking and filling food orders in return the arena will make a donation to the Marching Eagles Parent Association based on the amount of sales.

Where are the funds allocated?

Funds are then directly applied to the operational budget of the MSD band program thereby reducing the overall membership dues per member and 50 points (equivalent to \$50) issued to each volunteer's band account for every shift. Shifts are 5-6 hours on average. On occasion, shifts may run longer per the event schedule. Twice a year, tips are averaged, divided and applied as points to each volunteer's band account per the number of volunteered shifts.

What are points?

For certain fundraisers, the Marching Eagle Parent Association will offer POINTS as an acknowledgement of participation in the event. A "POINT" may be used to pay for most MSD band program financial obligations. POINTS are not refundable, cannot be redeemed for cash, will roll-over from one season to the next for those students that continue to be active in the MSD band program and remain within the MEPA General operating budget for departing members. For a complete overview regarding points, please refer to the MEPA Band Program Fair Share policy.







Fundraising at Amerant Bank Arena



Every family is encouraged to donate a few hours per month to volunteer and help the program!



Benefits:

Lower membership dues for all Build up your points in your band account Meet and mingle with fellow band parents Make a difference!

To sign up go to our Sign Up Genius

Or email us at FLAlive@eagleregiment.com



Twice a year, tips are averaged, divided and applied as points to each volunteer's band account per their number of volunteered shifts. When Panthers participate in playoffs higher tips are generated. Go Panthers!



Save the Date



SAVE THE DATE - ER BANQUET:



Our annual Eagle Regiment Banquet is scheduled for Friday, May 10th.

SAVE THE DATE - END OF YEAR CONCERT:

Our annual End of Year Spring Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd.



Thank you for joining us!



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