



MEPA General Meeting

**APRIL 4, 2024
6:00 PM**



Welcome Parents!



Call Meeting to Order

MARCHING **E**AGLES **P**ARENT **A**SSOCIATION

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.stonemandouglasband.com/calendar>

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Upcoming Events



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

UCF-ORLANDO Concert Band Invitational

Presented by Excelcia Music Publishing

1:10 PM MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL WIND ORCHESTRA
Steve Rivero and Robert Rivera, Directors

Hands Across the Sea, by John Philip Sousa
Adoration, by Florence Price (Williams)
Lux Perpetua, by Frank Ticheli
Stampede, by Steven Bryant



The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School bands have a long history of success throughout the program, including straight Superior Ratings at all Florida Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessments. The MSD Marching Band was Florida Marching Band Championships State Champions in 2021 and 2022, were Bands of America Regional Finalists in 2019 and 2021-2023, Bands of America Grand Nationals Finalists in 2023, and marched in both the London New Year's Day and Macy's Thanksgiving Day parades in 2023.



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

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TO VOTE





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

Spot Deposit

This reserves each student's performance spot on the field.

May 7th, 2024 \$220

PAYMENT #1 JUNE 15th, 2024 \$250

PAYMENT #2 JULY 15th, 2024 \$250

PAYMENT #3 AUGUST 15th, 2024 \$250

PAYMENT #4 SEPTEMBER 15th, 2024 \$250

PAYMENT #5 OCTOBER 15th, 2024 Remaining balance

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@eagler regiment.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!**



**Start fundraising and
build up your POINTS**

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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