

Proudly Supporting Monte Vista High School

**keynoters** INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Jazz A  
Jazz B  
Marching Band

Orchestra  
Symphonic Band  
Wind Ensemble  
Concert Band

Welcome to 2024 - 2025 Instrumental Music Programs!

September 2024

**Letter from Instrumental Music Director: Ed Cloyd**

**2024 Marching Band's Theme  
~ Sands of Time ~**



Greeting Instrumental Music Families!

Welcome to September and month number two of this new school year! Before I look ahead, let's take some time to acknowledge some of the things that have already been happening in the Monte Vista music world. We started at the end of July with a very successful marching band camp.

The new students jumped right in with the help of our leadership team of instructors and upperclassmen which culminated with a showcase and bbq on the last evening! The next few weeks, we started class and got to know our new classmates while familiarizing ourselves with the school and our instruments again! I am pleased to report that every class has shown such great improvement even in the short time we have been rehearsing together. The early foundations are so important to the success of any performing group and the energy has been great. The marching band has been able to show their school spirit by performing at several football games already while working on learning our competitive show during the week. The students have been working extremely hard in some serious heat!

Looking forward, I ask that everyone keep track of any updates that may come your way by clicking on these newsletters and emails! We are always looking for volunteers at the various concerts and competitions so please contact our Keynoters if you are interested. October begins the competitive marching band season which runs into November so they will be representing our campus around northern California against other fantastic high school groups! Winter Concerts are just around the corner as well as various festivals and recitals after the new year. Special thanks to our wonderful Board of Directors for organizing these many activities and helping our students to have everything they need to be successful on the stage or on the field! I am looking forward to seeing you all at a future rehearsal or performance! Let's keep up the good work Mustangs!



**Ava Anderson (Junior)** designed 2024 MBCG shirt's design. This is her second year designing MBCG Shirts. Thank you, Ava, for sharing your talent again this year!



**Make sure to be on time**

Check communication via CutTime from the MV Keynoters or Calendar for student call time (typically 30-60 minutes prior to concert time.)

**Make sure you have appropriate concert attire**

Students are expected to know how to dress appropriately (Check [HERE](#) for detail!)

**Volunteer!**

Our events all depend on parent/caregiver volunteerism. Please check your email for Signup Genius information on how you can help!

**Stay in the loop with CutTime!**

As you have already heard in the class or at the Back to School Night, we are using CutTime, next gen system, to share important information to students and guardians. To learn more about CutTime, please click [HERE](#)

## Letter from Orchestra Director: Sara Dasovich



Hello Orchestra Parents! We are off to a great start this year! Thank you for attending Back to School Night, it was lovely to meet many of you. There is a lot of good energy in our class this year, and students have submitted very entertaining Introduction Videos. I'm impressed with the creativity, leadership, diligence and hard work of our students. It's been a pleasure getting to know them! We are working on finalizing our pieces for the semester. We have some challenging repertoire and students are already making improvements. Thank you for

your support of their regular practicing--it really makes a difference in the strength of our group! And thank you for your continued support of our Instrumental Music programs. We could not accomplish what we do without your help, so a big thank you! We are always looking for more volunteers, so please keep posted with email communication and [mykeynoters.org](http://mykeynoters.org) for volunteering opportunities!

Registrations for our international tour of Paris and Normandy are underway! It's not too late to join, and the \$150 voucher is good until September 12th. If you are on the fence about whether to send your student, it is an amazing opportunity to perform on tour and take part in an orchestra masterclass, while experiencing the language and culture of France. We need more participation, especially from the lower strings, to make this trip happen--thank you for your consideration! Let me know if you have any questions about anything, at any time. Thank you, Sara


## Letter from Keynoters President: Cathy Oshima



I am so excited to introduce myself as this year's President of MV Keynoters, the parent booster group that provides financial and logistical support to the instrumental music programs under the fabulous direction of Mr. Cloyd and Ms. Dasovich at Monte Vista High School.

My son, Cooper, is a Senior and has been in Marching Band (flute) for all 4 years of his high school career and Symphonic Band for 2 years. I'm originally from Los Angeles but

have been in the East Bay since 1999. Walnut Creek has been the forever home for me, husband Tim, sons Alex & Cooper since 2014. Cooper went to Alamo Elementary & Stone Valley Middle School and his older brother Alex went to Stone Valley and Monte Vista (class of 2021). We love the community and we don't plan on leaving anytime soon.

My passion for supporting the Monte Vista Music Program has grown exponentially since Cooper's Freshman year. I started as a volunteer passing out water bottles at the first competition. MBCG Room parent Jenni Rhee was so welcoming that year! I immediately felt comfortable stepping up to volunteer some more. I hope that I can extend the same welcoming spirit and I look forward to 



meeting as many parents as possible. Please come up and say hello to me at any time.

We have a wonderful Board for 2024-2025 and are looking for your talents. Tell us what you are good at and we will find a spot for you to help! There is something for everyone. In the coming weeks and months, I invite you to learn more about MVHS music programs and to get involved (it takes a VILLAGE of teachers, students, student leaders, clinicians, and supportive parents and guardians to make this all possible!)

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful community of music makers and music supporters. I look forward to meeting you to make great things happen for your student musicians in 2024-2025!



## Marching Band & Color Guard SNAP!Raise Campaign - Coming Soon

We had a very successful fundraiser last year with Snap!Raise, and we will work with SNAP! Raise again this year to raise money needed to run MV's fabulous, multi-award-winning Marching Band/Color Guard program. SNAP!Raise already works with multiple schools in the district, and we raised over \$20,000 for the MBCG program last year! We're really optimistic that together we will reach our target of \$19,000.

The 4-week sprint, September 25 through October 23, works by activating our broader community of supporters - friends, relatives, dentists, colleagues, etc - rather than just tapping out parents. Marching Band and Color Guard students will receive information about the fundraiser in the coming days, and you can ask questions to Justin, our SNAP!Raise rep, in person at the **MBCG Family Social at Oak Hill Park on Sept 25 (Wed)**. We look forward to everyone's active and enthusiastic participation to make the fundraiser a success and smash our goal!



## Treasurer report: Heather Gemmer



Hello, new and returning families to Keynoters and to the music programs at Monte Vista High School. It is my pleasure to serve as the treasurer of Keynoters for another year and to support such an impactful organization. Keynoters is a nonprofit organization that funds the music programs at Monte Vista High School through donations like yours, corporate matching, fundraising campaigns, grants, volunteering, etc. Funds raised directly benefit our students by providing transportation to and from events, uniforms, instrument rentals,

instrument repairs, new instruments, sheet music, competitions fees, field trips, professional musicians to work with students in the classroom and more!

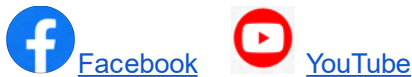
**Thank you** for your donations this year to Keynoters. We are on target to meet our budgeted goal for parent/family donations! This is fantastic! Thank you for your generosity. If you have not had the chance to make your donation and would like to help us in our mission, you can do so with this link: [Donate here!](#)

But the work has just begun. Keynoters will continue to fundraise, request corporate matching and apply for grants to fill in the gaps.

Another way you can help is to request a donation match through your employer. Many employers offer matching which increases your donation and in many cases, doubles your donation. Some companies that have matched before are Chevron, Clorox, Gilead, PG&E, Google, Apple & more. If you would like to learn more, please let me know.

Thank you again for your support whether it is through a monetary donation, time donated, items donated or your talent donated. We could not do this without all of you. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with many memories for our students. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

[treasurer@mvkeynoters.org](mailto:treasurer@mvkeynoters.org)



Instrumental Music [Instagram](#) go

Marching Band/Color Guard [Instagram](#)



**September 25 through October 23**

SNAP! Raise fundraiser for Marching Band

**Sep 20 (Fri)** Homecoming Game (MBCG)

*Come see the Halftime Show by MBCG!*

**Sep 25 (Wed) 6:30pm ~ 8:30pm**

MBCG Family Social at Oak Hill Park

*Come meet MBCG families, hear about the MBCG program and volunteer opportunities, and watch practice! Sign up [HERE](#)*

**Oct 15** All State Auditions Due

<https://www.codaorchestras.org/high-school-all-state-orchestras/>

**Oct 19 (Sat)** Del Oro Band Review (MB)

**Oct 31 (Thu)** (tentative time 7am-1pm)

\*Halloween Parade at local elementary schools (MB)

**Nov 1 (Fri)** Football Home game & Senior Night (MBCG)

**Nov 2 (Sat)** Folsom Fall Festival (MB)

**Nov 7 (Thu)** 6pm ~

1st Connect w/Ed and Sara (*Location TBA*)  
ALL parents/caregivers are invited

**Nov 8 (Fri)** Football Home game (MBCG)

**Nov 9 (Sat)** Napa Valley Band Reserve (MB)  
MBCG Senior Night

**Nov 16 (Sat)**

Lincoln Review of Champions (MB & JA)

**Nov 22 (Fri)**

\*City Center Tree Lighting Ceremony (MB)

**Dec 11 (Wed)** Winter Concert (OR, SB, WE, CB)

**Dec 13 (Fri)** Winter Jazz Concert (JA, Jazz B)

**\*Halloween Parade and Tree Lighting (MBCG)**

*Transportation provided by MBCG parents.*

***We'll need MBCG Volunteer drivers!!***

*Please make sure to have Level 2*

*volunteer clearance through Be A Mentor:*

<https://www.srvusd.net/Students-and-Families/Volunteer-Requirements/index.html>

## Marching Band



### Marching Band/Color Guard Leadership



#### Drum Major: Taisen Tullus (Senior)

Wow! Another awesome year of Marching Band has begun! I'm eager to start the season off strong and really encourage the great musicality that is within the players of Marching Band. Our show this year "The Sands of Time" is really full of some

amazing music and I'm really excited to see how it ends up through the hard work of the band!

#### Co-Drum Major: Caden Harris (Junior)

Can't wait for another great season with the band! There are few things that can bring people together better than performing a Marching Show. Sands of Time is a fascinating show, and I'm loving seeing it come together!

### Class Parents: Sandy Young and Ammara Basheer



My name is Sandy Young. My son, Nick, is a Sophomore. This is his second year in MBCG and he loves it. He plays trumpet and is also in WE, Jazz B, and Chamber. He has been looking forward to this year's MBCG season ever since last season ended!

My name is Ammara Basheer. My son, Hashim, is a Sophomore. This is his

second year performing with Pit in MBCG. He also plays percussion in Concert Band. The band room is his second home! We are this season's MBCG Room Parents, and we are honored to support this fantastic group of students! MBCG has provided our sons with a wonderful group of friends and role models, as well as the opportunity to have fun, stay active, learn the value of hard work, and be part of an award-winning team. We are excited to meet more MBCG family members. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [marchingband@mvkeynoters.org](mailto:marchingband@mvkeynoters.org) with any questions!



### How to fold your MB uniform tutorial by Taisen!

MB members need to know how to place your uniform back into your garment bag properly after their performance!

Please make sure to check out this tutorial video [Here](#)

### Class Parents/Volunteers:

Class parents will communicate with you directly to ask for your support for each class!

Orchestra: Maggie Wong

Symphonic Band: **OPEN!**

Wind Ensemble: **OPEN!**

Concert band: Ammara Basheer

Jazz A: Nani Hansen

Jazz B: Michelle Park

Marching Band: Sandy Young & Ammara Basheer

Color Guard Parent: Chika Lewandowski

### Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Families!



We need your HELP! **PLEASE** let us know if you are interested in supporting the class as a class parent!

### Introducing other Keynoters Board members:

Vice President: Ammara Basheer

Secretary: Sandy Young

VP of Fundraising: **Open**

VP of Communications: Mika Meierding

Member at Large: Theresa Madeira  
Amy Mayer

We are looking forward to having an extraordinary year with you ALL!  
Please continue to keep an eye out for an email from Keynoters President via CutTime, and please follow us on SNS as we often share important info and latest news & pictures!



Students & Parents/Caregivers

We would love to hear from you!

Please share pictures & videos:

[comm@mvkeynoters.org](mailto:comm@mvkeynoters.org)

## WELCOME FRESHMEN to Instrumental Music Program!

We welcomed 68 Freshman musicians to our program this year. They are the largest class, and we are so excited about how our program is growing! We are very much looking forward to having a great music filled 4 years with them.

### Jonathan Ren (Wind Ensemble)

I think the Wind Ensemble group is fun and pieces are fun and challenging! I'm looking forward to the performing experience.

### Araina Tiwari (Orchestra, Marching Band)

I really enjoy learning and playing new and challenging pieces for double bass and Marching Band!

### Allie Bauer (Symphonic Band, Marching Band)

I am excited this year since it'll be my first High School band experience. I'm also excited to have fun times and memories with my friends!



Thank you!  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Your children will most likely fly away from their nest in 4 years or less! Before their departure to the next chapter of their lives, there still are so many opportunities for you to be involved in their activities. Please reach out to your teachers, Class Parents, Keynoters President if you wonder how you can help! There are countless opportunities available to help, small and large, that will not only improve the program, but also give you a deeper insight to your children! It takes a WHOLE village to support Monte Vista's Instrumental Music Programs. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events. Here are our wonderful volunteers/donors who supported our events thus far!

**Past Events:** *Marching Band Showcase & Family Dinner, Marching Band Uniform Day, Instrumental Music Photo Days, Football Nights*

YanWei Liu  
James Harris  
Teresa Tong  
Truc-Co Jong  
Amy Venier  
Ing Laongsuwan  
Ritu Ahuja  
Nancy Srivastava  
Michele Long  
Maria-Elena Bartra  
Madhu Khurana  
Amy Mayer  
Terence Szewczyk  
Bonnie Antoun

Erica Sosnick  
Brenda Thorson  
Mara Rogers  
Alec Pizarro  
Ronda Ly  
Janet Piiwaa  
Victoria Haniff  
Christine Tsang  
Sophie Saint Macary  
Melody Johnson  
Ebonie Harrison  
Heather Gemmer  
Ritu Ahuja  
Nani Hansen

Michelle Park  
Colleen Tullus  
Peter McDonald  
Valerie Jaimes  
Rebecca Aust  
Khurana Family  
Maggie Wong  
Sebastian Beaulne  
Christine Tsang  
Karatov Family  
Sue and Norm Burg  
Jennifer Bauer  
Sandy and Charles Young  
Ammara Basheer

Cathy Oshima  
Mika Meierding

Special THANK YOU to  
**Gandhi Family** for  
supporting MBCG Family  
dinner at the Summer MB  
Camp!

WE ♥ OUR  
volunteers



### !!! ATTENTION to ALL Music Families !!!

Please make sure you are up to date with SRVUSD volunteer requirements. See detail [HERE](#)

All volunteers **MUST** register through

Be a Mentor <https://beamentor.org/linkpages/mentorasp/specialprojects/srvusd/>  
and complete TB Risk Assessment: Please see detail [HERE](#)

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