

Mt. Pleasant Marching Band Invitational 2025



Saturday, September 20th, 2025

**25th Annual MPMI
Mapleleaf Athletic Complex
5:45pm**



Mt. Pleasant Community School District

Welcome to the Mt. Pleasant Marching Band Invitational!

We are thrilled to welcome you to this annual musical extravaganza! What a wonderful opportunity to witness some of the finest high school marching bands from Iowa and Missouri! On behalf of the Mount Pleasant Community School District, the Music Department, and the Music Boosters, I extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. Thank you for joining us!

The community of Mount Pleasant places great importance on liberal arts education, which includes opportunities for students to express themselves through the fine arts. Music education fosters discipline, precision, dependability, teamwork, and composure—qualities that will help students succeed in life. You will see each of these attributes on display tonight as the bands perform for your enjoyment. As each musician fulfills their role, their contributions will come together to create a beautiful showcase of sound and rhythm. This is a perfect example of teamwork!

A special thank you to all our volunteers and staff members who have worked tirelessly to make this event possible. Your dedication has made this occasion a reality, and we appreciate your time and talents.

We are proud to host this annual marching band invitational and wish all the participating bands the best of luck! Thank you once again for coming to Mount Pleasant, and enjoy the show!

John Henriksen, Superintendent
Mount Pleasant, CSD

**Mount Pleasant Marching Band Invitational
Mapleleaf Stadium, 405 E. Mapleleaf Drive
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Saturday, September 20, 2025**

EX 5:45 pm Mount Pleasant Middle School

1A/2A 6:00 pm Wapello High School

1A/2A 6:15 pm Van Buren County High School

1A/2A 6:30 pm Central Lee High School

6:45 – 7:15 pm Judges' Break

3A 7:15 pm Washington High School

3A 7:30 pm Fort Madison High School

3A 7:45 pm Northwest High School

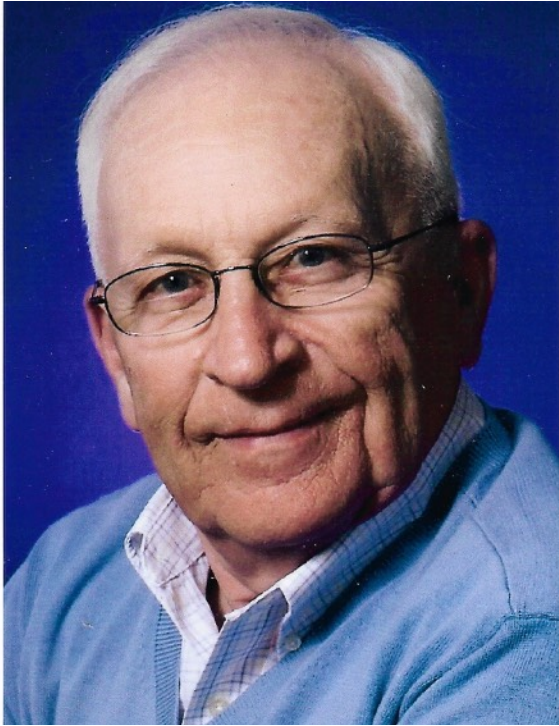
3A 8:00 pm Mount Vernon High School

3A 8:15 pm Oskaloosa High School

EX 8:30 pm Mount Pleasant High School

9:00 pm Awards

Our Adjudicators



Ron Coberley is a graduate of Drake University. He taught instrumental music in the New London, Ia. Comm. School district for 40 years, retiring in 2006. Since that time, he has been active in substitute teaching in band and has been a guest clinician in numerous area schools in marching, concert, and jazz bands. He served as an IHSMA approved adjudicator for 55 years. Tonight marks the 19th time he has been a judge for the Mt. Pleasant Marching Invitational.

Dave Newport retired in the spring of 2010 after 33 years of teaching in the state of Iowa. He was director of bands at Grinnell High School for 20 years and also taught at LaPorte City (Union High School), Montezuma and Winfield/Mt. Union. Dave received his BA and MA in music education from the University of Northern Iowa.

A member of Iowa Bandmasters Association, Newport has served as district president of both Southeast and Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Associations. In 1999, Dave received the Outstanding Iowa Teacher Award from Grinnell College and was the recipient of the Grinnell Educator and Citizen of the Year award in 2006. Newport served as an advisor and administrator with Iowa Ambassadors of Music from 1988-2008 and was the city coordinator in Rothenburg, Germany for Ambassadors of Music in 2013 and 2014 and Salzburg, Austria in 2023.

Dave continues to be active in music education throughout Iowa as an adjudicator, clinician, and honor band conductor. He and his wife, Connie, live in Menomonie, Wisconsin.





Patrick Kearney currently serves as the 8th grade band director in the Johnston Community Schools. Prior to that, he spent 15 years as the high school Director of Bands and 5 years as the district's Facilitator for Teacher Leadership. Mr. Kearney has served as the President of the Iowa Bandmasters Association, Co-Chair of the Iowa Jazz Championships, and Executive Director of the Adventureland Festival of Bands. Bands under his direction have performed at the Iowa Bandmasters Association annual conference and the Jazz Educators Network inaugural conference. He is the 2023 recipient of the Karl King Award from the Iowa Bandmasters Association. Mr. Kearney is an active writer on education issues, with his writing appearing in the Washington Post, the New York Times, and the Des Moines Register, among other publications. His wife, Cathy, is a band director in the Des Moines Public Schools, and his son, Brogan, is a band director at Ankeny Centennial High School.

Doug Krejci has been a percussion musician, educator, and judge for over 35 years. Mr. Krejci has performed with Orchestra Iowa, Ed Shaughnessy, Eastern Iowa Brass Band, Buena Vista University, Cornell College, Kirkwood College, Cedar Rapids Municipal Band, Clear Lake Municipal Band, the Storm Lake Municipal Band, the Iowa City Community Band, the Eastern Iowa Brass Band, Orchestra Iowa, and the Karl King Band among many other groups as a performing, ensemble, and solo percussionist. He currently instructs and arranges percussion for multiple high school drumlines and percussion sections of various sizes independently and through the Iowa Alliance for Arts Education. Mr. Krejci is an in-demand clinician for both marching and orchestral percussion. Mr. Krejci was recently recognized by the Wisconsin School Music Association as a Master Adjudicator, that organizations' highest-rated adjudicator level. Mr. Krejci lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with his wife and 18-year-old daughter, who is also a percussionist.



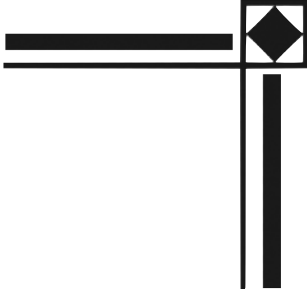
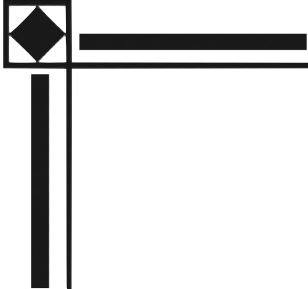


Sherry Stone has been involved in color guard since 1994, performing for nine years, marching five years with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. She has been a judge for both IHSMA and ISDTA here in Iowa, has taught color guard in eight states, and is active in choreographing shows for several marching bands across the midwest. Musically, Sherry also plays piano and is a trained vocalist; she was even an Iowa All-Stater in high school! Sherry holds a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration and works with Bankers Life, helping people with their Medicare and retirement needs.

Sherry has been married to Mike for 21 years and their daughter, Kyla, has just begun her first year of college. Sherry also makes custom dance costumes - you can check her out on facebook - search Sherry Stones It!

Jim Edgeton has been teaching instrumental music for 41 years. He started his career as the 5-12 band director in Goldfield, Iowa. After one year in Goldfield, he attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas to earn his masters degree in music education. He then taught 11 years in the Dallas school district. The opportunity to return to his hometown of Fairfield, Iowa to become the director of bands at Fairfield High School brought him back, where he spent 29 years teaching there. He retired from teaching in 2021. Jim is also involved in many other musical activities. He has directed the Fairfield Municipal Band for the past 30 years, directs the Fairfield Jazz Band, is musical director for the Fairfield Area Community Theater, and has directed the orchestra for the Van Buren Players for the past 12 years. He also directs a church choir and bell choir. He is an active member of the Iowa Bandmasters Association and has acted as an IBA mentor to new directors for the past 2 years. He also continues to serve as a judge and clinician for marching and solo and ensemble events. Past honors include the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association's Karl King Distinguished Service Award, State Of Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award, Fairfield Schools' Teacher Of The Year, a National Board Certified Teacher, and Fairfield's Chamber Of Commerce Citizen Of The Year. Jim and his wife LeAnne live in Fairfield





5:45 pm

Class: Exhibition

**MT PLEASANT MIDDLE SCHOOL
MT PLEASANT 7th & 8th GRADE MARCHING BAND**

Director: Adam Creager

Assistant Director: Laura Westfall

Color Guard Instructor: Angie Blint

Drum Major: Sofia Hall

Color Guard Captains: Lillie Westphal, Danielle Wagner, Ester English


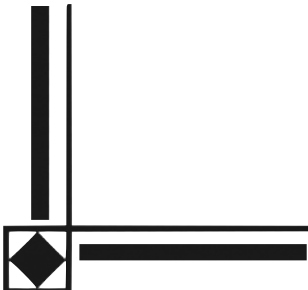
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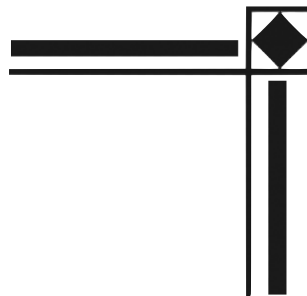
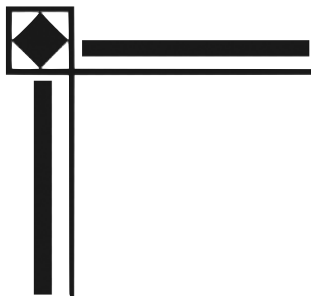
Themes of Life!

Featuring Viva la Vida arranged by Michael Brown and Life is a Highway
arranged by Paul Murtha

About the Band:

The Mount Pleasant 7th & 8th Grade Panther Marching Band is made up of 109 students this year. The band will perform 4 times during the fall season including: The Mount Pleasant Marching Band Invitational, The Mount Pleasant Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 26th, the final home Varsity Football Game on Friday, October 17th, and conclude with their performance at our annual All Bands Night on Monday, October 20th. The band would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our guest from out of town and wish everyone performing tonight the best of luck!





6:00 pm

Class: 1A/2A

**WAPELLO HIGH SCHOOL
INDIAN MARCHING BAND**

Director: Jennifer Swope

Assistant Director: Joe Cross

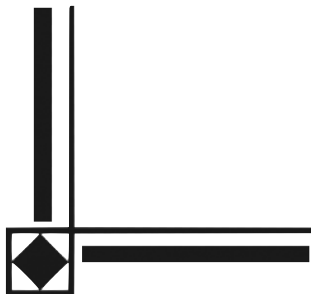
Drum Majors: Esban Castilleja, Kenzie Hammond,
Alexis Brown, Marissa Castillo

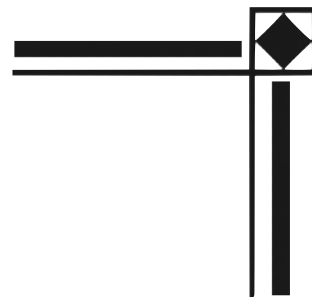
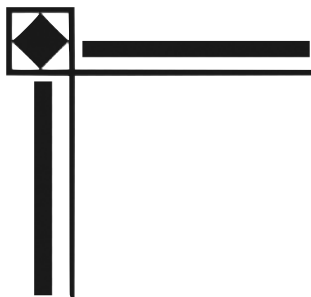
Color Guard Captain: Isis Ross

**Program Information:
The Blues Brothers**

About the Band:

The Wapello Marching Band is comprised of 44 9-12th grade students. They annually perform at the Mt. Pleasant Invitational as well as the IHSMA State Marching Festival. This spring, the band will travel to Florida to perform at Walt Disney World. The band would like to thank the family, friends and administrators who support us.





6:15 pm

Class: 1A/2A

VAN BUREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

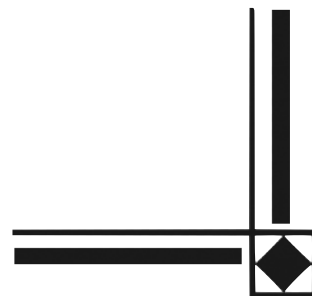
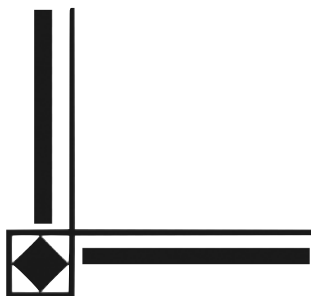
Director: Troy Gerleman

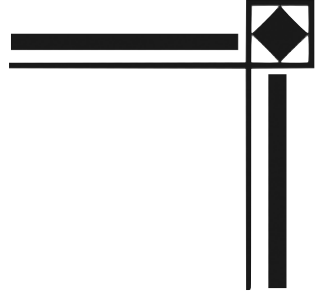
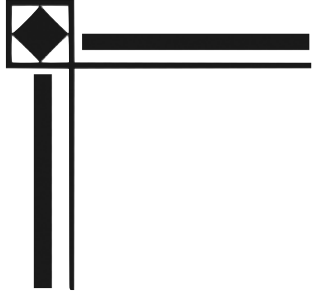
Drumline Instructor:

Color Guard Instructor:

Drum Major:

Program Information:





6:30 pm

Class: 1A/2A

**CENTRAL LEE HIGH SCHOOL
CENTRAL LEE MARCHING HAWKS**

Director: Tracy Madsen

Color Guard Sponsor: Ann Canida

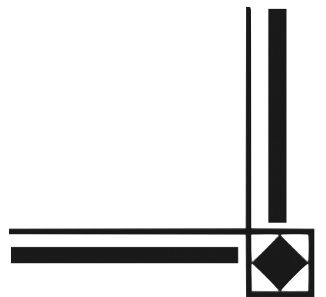
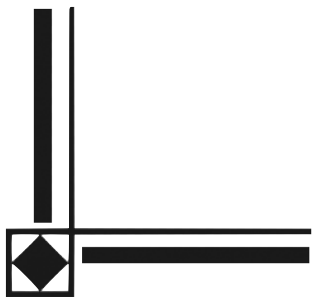
Drum Major: Austin Fogarty, Caden Crozier, Evan Fogarty

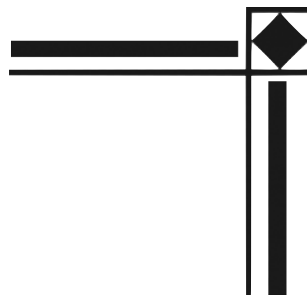
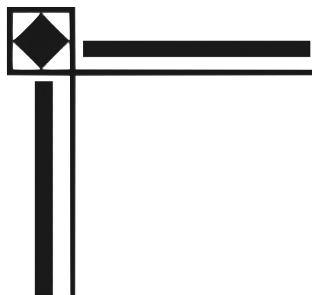
Color Guard Captains: Aubrey Weber, Aurora Edens

Program Information:

About the Band:

The Marching Hawks represent Central Lee throughout the tri-state region and beyond. While competing in the local competitions for parade and field show, the band has also started traveling. In 2021 the Marching Hawks competed at the Liberty Bowl earning 1st place, Class A, in the parade competition, along with the Outstanding Award for Color Guard, Drum Line, Music, Marching and General Effect. In 2025 the band was honored to represent our school at the 264th New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.





7:15 pm

Class: 3A

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING DEMON NATION**

Director: Don Hughes

Assistant Director: Nick Gardner

Drum Majors: Maya Bruty and Johannah Halvorson

Color Guard Captains: Maya Bruty and Johannah Halvorson

**Program Information:
THE SUMMONING**

Musical Selections:

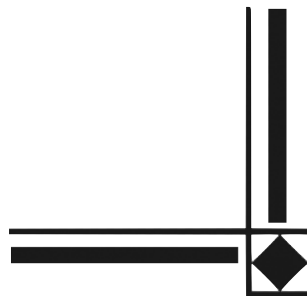
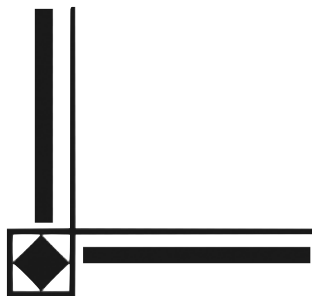
Night on Bald Mountain

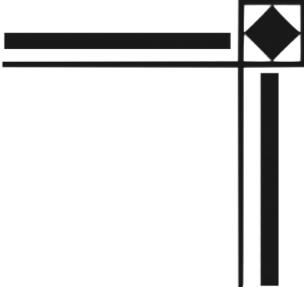
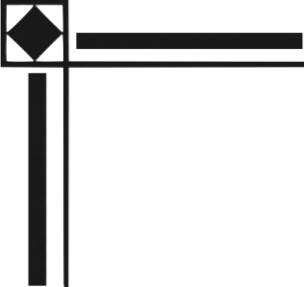
Danse Macabre

The Flying Dutchman

About the Band:

The Marching Demon Nation is part of the Washington High School instrumental program which also includes concert band, jazz band, pep band, and show choir band. The Marching Demon Nation enjoys competing, taking part in five contests throughout the season.



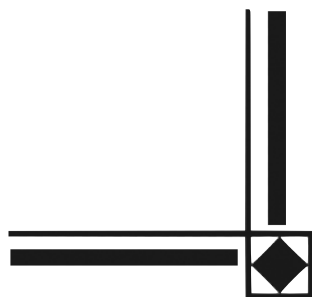
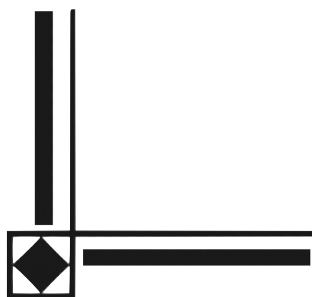


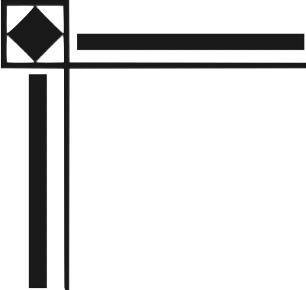
7:30 pm
Class: 3A
FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
BLOODHOUND MARCHING BAND

Director: Colin DePriest
Color Guard Instructor: Liz Woodbury
Drum Major: Avery Rump & Matthew Peters
Color Guard Captains: Mia Woodbury, Kayreena Sterling, & Addison Rump

Program Information:

About the Band:





7:45 pm

Class: 3A

**NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
THE SPIRIT OF NORTHWEST**

Director: Brett Dunsford

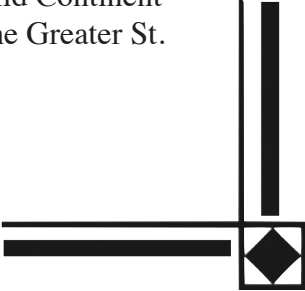

Color Guard Instructor: Kate Schuller

Drum Major: Seth Adams, Olivia Day, Elizabeth Tilton

**Program Information:
Escape the Rock**

About the Band:

The Spirit of Northwest Marching Band is in its 54nd year of competition in the Marching Arts. The marching band continues its storied history of consistent top 3 finishes at marching band festivals in the Greater St. Louis region along with festivals in Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Iowa and Kansas. The Spirit of Northwest competes and performs annually at the St. Louis Thanksgiving Day Parade, the 8th largest Thanksgiving Parade in the United States, and at the St. Louis 4th of July Parade, the 3rd largest 4th of July Parade in the United States, where they are a consistent top 3 finisher. The band is also a 4 time participant in the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional. Previous trips for Northwest include the 2019 AutoZone Liberty Bowl, where they won the Grand Championship, a 2022 appearance at the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade, and the 2024 Class A Championship at the All State Sugar Bowl in New Orleans along with a 2nd place parade finish. In addition to the award-winning marching band, Northwest's High School Band Program includes a 90-student Concert Band, 2 pep bands, a competitive Jazz Ensemble, and a competitive Winter Guard in the Mid Continent Color Guard Association. Their Jazz Ensemble competes at top Jazz Festivals in the Greater St. Louis Region.





8:00 pm

Class: 3A

**MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL
THE MARCHING MUSTANGS**

Director: Scott Weber & Elise Rodenberg

Color Guard Instructor and Designer: Elise Rodenberg

Drum Major: Korah Jo Robinson, Anna Stephens and Andrew Weber

Color Guard Captains: Ingrid Morf and Nora Dye

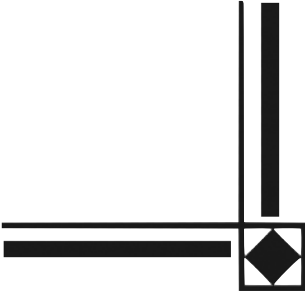
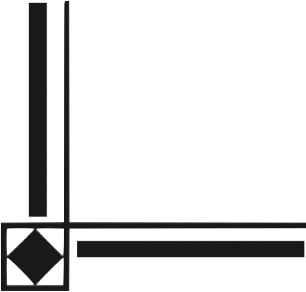
**Program Information:
REMINISCE.**

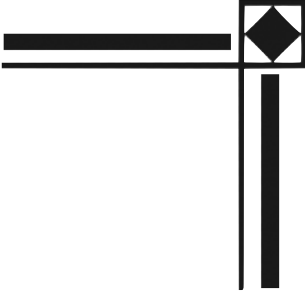
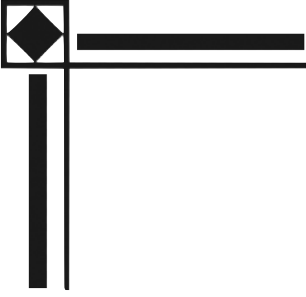
Everyone has a journey different then our own. But closeness is found when we realize we are never really alone,. Even in the darkest hour there is always home. Home is not always four walls, home is captured in the moments in time that we reminisce about. The memories framed in the background of our mind, the reason our journey is filled with so much light. No matter what, you can always go home. And our home - is Mount Vernon.

MUSIC: Castle on a Hill - Ed Sheeran; You Will Be Found, Dear Even Hanson; I Lived - One Republic

About the Band:

The Marching Mustangs are excited to perform for you this evening. The band has a long history of excellence having earned Division 1 ratings at State marching band festival the last 10 years. The band has represented the State of Iowa in three Chicago Thanksgiving Day parades, has represented Iowa at the 2023 National Memorial Day parade in Washington DC and will be traveling to Walt Disney World this November to participate in the 2025 Walt Disney Thanksgiving Day parade in Orlando, Florida.





8:15 pm

Class: 3A

**OSKALOOSA HIGH SCHOOL
OSKALOOSA MARCHING INDIANS**

Director: Lucas Trainer, Rusty Raymond, Aaron Adam

Color Guard Instructor: Kelsey Veldhuizen

Drumline Instructor: Phil Kamm

Drum Major: Lilia Morris

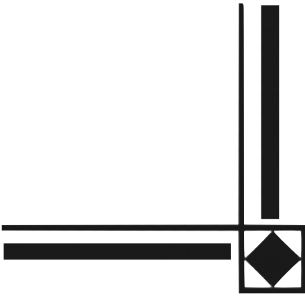
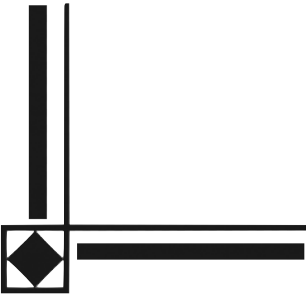
Color Guard Captain: Audrey Kauzlarich

Program Information:

The Oskaloosa Marching Indians are proud to present their 2025 marching band show entitled "T Squared: The Music of Tchaikovsky and Taylor Swift" featuring music from both artists' catalogues including Swan Lake, I Knew You Were Trouble, 1812 Overture, Wildest Dreams, among others. "T Squared" masterfully weaves between the two icon's hits demonstrating that despite being separated by over a hundred years, great music is timeless. We look forward to you joining us as the Oskaloosa High School Marching Band sets forth with a goal of honoring the legacy of those who came before us while shaping the sound of our next era.

About the Band:

The band has a long tradition of excellence having received 51 consecutive Division I ratings at IHSMA State Marching Band Contest. The OHS Band prides itself on being a major part of Oskaloosa's identity by providing high quality music for community and athletic events entertaining audiences for generations.





8:30 pm

Class: Exhibition

**MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL
PANTHER MARCHING BAND**

Directors: Micah Peck, Adam Creager, Laura Westfall

Technical Assistant: Dave Schneider

Color Guard Instructor: Whitney Rogers

Color Guard Choreographer: Sherry Stone

Music Arranger and Drill Designer: Jim DePriest

Drum Major: Lauren Novak and Ronin Lanferman

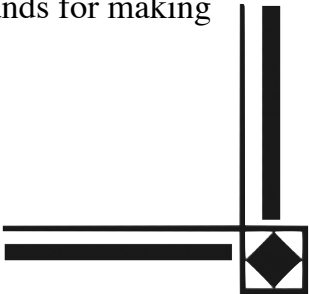
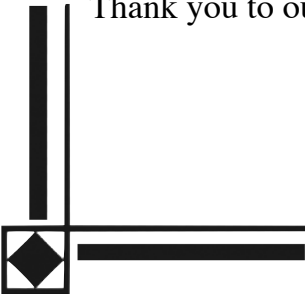
Color Guard Captains: Olivia McCormick,
Kate Musselman & Ashlynn Beauchamp

Program Information:

The Panther Marching Band's show, titled **Sabor de la Calle** (Flavor of the Street), features musical selections including "Havana" from the musical *Havana*, "Breathe" from *In The Heights*, and "El Cumbanchero" arranged by Jay Dawson.

About the Band:

The Mount Pleasant Panther Marching Band has a busy performance schedule during the fall season. They serve as the official band for the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion over Labor Day weekend and are the host band for the Mount Pleasant Marching Invitational in September. The band performs at all home football games and the Homecoming parade, and they will compete in several competitions in the coming weeks, traveling to Muscatine, Davis County, and Linn Mar. Notably, the Panther Marching Band has achieved 37 consecutive Division I ratings at the State Marching Band Festival.



Thank you to our Boosters and Volunteers, the fans, and all the participating bands for making this such a wonderful night of music!



Mount Pleasant 2025 Marching Band Invitational

Concession Stand Menu

FOOD

Hamburger \$6
Cheeseburger \$6
Grilled Brat \$5
Grilled Jumbo Hotdog \$4
Marching Taco \$6
Super Nachos \$6

SNACKS

Nachos \$3
Ice Cream Sandwich \$3
Popcorn \$1
Dill Pickle \$1
Chips \$1

CANDY

Candy Bars/M&Ms \$2
Airhead Extreme \$2
Nerd Clusters \$2
Skittles \$2
Sour Patch \$2
Ring Pop \$1
Suckers 2/\$1

DRINKS

Pop \$3
Gatorade \$3
Lemonade \$3
Tea \$3
Water \$2
Coffee \$2
Hot Chocolate \$2

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