Music in Sports

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Sports Editor

At every sporting event, no matter the sport, no matter the venue, there will always be a couple of things that are present. There will be fans, players, advertisements, scoreboards, and of course the players, at every sporting event you can think of. Most of these elements are very noticeable and beloved, but there is one that is continuously overlooked and underrated when it comes to the overall experience of the event. Music. Whether it comes in the form of a “pump up” song, a marching band, or a song that comes from the crowd, music sets the atmosphere during these sporting events. Throughout games, the stadium will play certain types of music to pump up the players, pump up a crowd, or intimidate the opposing team. These advantages belong to the home team, which adds to the home-field advantage part of sports that teams know all too well. I believe the best example of music adding to the overall experience of a sport appears in college football. In college football everywhere you turn, there is either a hardcore song playing that puts the crowd on its feet, or there is a marching band of over two hundred people.

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Best Decades of Music

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Music. It’s what allows some to escape from the world and into their own fantasy. Athletes use music to help push through their extreme workouts. Music is what defines each individual and make everyone unique. The great thing about music is that it’s always changing. Which raises the question, which decade of music is the best? My favorite decade of music would definitely have to be the 90’s. Alternative rock rose in popularity, with bands such as Nirvana, The Smashing Pumpkins, and Green Day helping to increase the success of alternative rock. Nirvana is personally one of my favorite artists, with the soft guitar feel and the sharp lyrics. Hip-Hop also rose in popularity, and was actually the best-selling genre by the mid-1990s. Artists included the one-hit wonder Vanilla Ice, House of Pain, Notorious B.I.G., Ice Cube, Warren G., Dr. Dre, Snoop Dog, Missy Elliot, Tupac, and MC Hammer. The 90’s, in my opinion, were one of the most diverse decades as far as music, which makes it my favorite. In second I would have to put the 70’s, with the fact that Hard Rock and southern rock emerged as popular genres. Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, AC/DC, Kiss, Aerosmith, The Eagles, and Lynyrd Skynyrd, were huge back then, and many of their songs are some of my personal favorites. R&B also rose, with Stevie Wonder and the Jackson 5 coming out and being extremely popular. The 70’s, I believe, helped music to become more diverse. To fully form an opinion, I recommend going on Pandora or Spotify and listening to music from each decade. Listening to each genre can help you to better appreciate the quality of music back then, and begin to realize how meaningless the lyrics of our music is now.

Tell us what you think; we’d love to hear it. Tweet us @ MHSPantherPost and we’ll share our favorites.
Who’s Wearing Uniforms?

AJ Johnson
Ads Manager

Hey Midway! I know what you’re thinking why that title and the subject? Well, to be honest the MCJROTC I was able to shadow the students for 2 months and see what it was that made them special. Trust me these cadets have story to tell you.

MCJROTC is not as severe as it appears to be. It’s actually a very organized and semi-independent course. If you love your country, want to challenge yourself and is willing to work for it, this is your class. Mondays and Fridays are physical training days. (Fun time!) Tuesdays and Thursdays you learn about military history, volunteering in the community, and leadership. Wednesday is uniform day; you wear these cute pieces of clothing called digitals (digis for short), or for the more devoted cadets the “dress blues” for the day. When you get to your class you are then inspected. Inspections can be super easy to pass if you keep your uniform cleaned and you pay attention in class. (Don’t tell anyone I told you)

The students that I worked with were phenomenal; each one is unique in their own way. Some cadets are serious, funny, nice, shy, quiet, and strange. Just like me, you will fit right in.

You create a family that you can never replace no matter where you go or what you do.

To answer my title, MCJROTC students that are active and devoted to what they love are the ones wearing those fancy uniforms. In my opinion they’re looking pretty darn good!

Congratulations to the following students who were named to the 2014 Texas All-State Choir at auditions over the weekend:
Natalie Guess, Amanda Chancellor, Sara Albers, Abby Bennett, Elaine Sury, Chris Curry, Nic Key, Isaac Bradley, Seth Findley, and Mark Bell.

If you have not registered your vehicle to park with Mrs. Jiminez then you need to do so ASAP because your car may already be booted.

On Saturday, the Midway Swim Team hosted Winter Classic. The girls team finished 2nd overall and the boys team won the meet.

The District Championship meet is on Friday and Saturday, January 24th and 25th in Belton.

Corrigan week is a Midway tradition and Student Council is excited to announce a fun-packed week the week February 10-14.

Monday, February 10, is the annual Junior vs. Senior Powder Puff game. The proceeds from this event all go to Hunger Free MISD.

Last week TAFE (Texas Association of Future Educators) had their Regional Conference at Baylor. These students competed and received a 1st or a 2nd in their event, qualifying them to attend and compete at the State Conference in February.

Lacey Davies and Tien Pham - 1st in Bulletin Board
Katalina Ortiz - 1st Keynote Speech
Taylor Petty - 2nd Keynote Speech
Macey McMinn - Job Application and Interview
Katie Weaver - 3rd Impromptu Speaking

Tryouts for 2014-2015 BCPP will be in February. Stay tuned for more information.

In the Annual Mr. Midway pageant, Senior guys, representing Midway clubs and organizations, will compete through talent and charm for the title of Mr. Midway and a

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Music influences a lot of people, in a lot of ways. It’s obvious which students are involved in choir, band, orchestra, and musical theatre, but it’s not so obvious who has a band, or is an individual musician, outside of school. So we decided to showcase a few of our student musicians.

Ben Millhouse, a sophomore, is a solo artist. He calls his band B.I.M (which stands for Ben Isaac Millhouse), the genre he works on is Christian gospel, hip hop, and worship music. When asked how he got started at his dad’s graduation party, “I sang for him as my gift to him,” he said. “Then I joined the worship team at my church and then joined choir my freshman year.”

Millhouse started playing drums his freshman year then guitar the following year, and has been playing ever since. He hopes to inspire others to live for Christ and spread the gospel, and make himself known.

The next band we want to spotlight is Brothers N Harmony. The members of this group are Treston Womack, a sophomore, Jaylan Moss, a sophomore, Zach Haverly, a sophomore, and LeVante Joyner, a sophomore. Their genre is pop, hip hop, and R&B.

“We organized ourselves by genre are involved in choir, band, orchestra, and musical theatre, but we each hope to expand their horizons and increase in skill and possibly make a career out of music.”

For complete interviews from the bands check out our twitter @MHSPantherPost

Meet Seth’s Island

Travis Morrow
Editor-in-Chief

Seth Findley’s eyes light up as he sits across the table from me and begins to talk about his band. You can see the joy and the intense love Findley has for his work. For Findley, it is not the dream of success or popularity or even accomplishment but the pure passion for his craft that makes him play his music.

“I’ve been writing since around sophomore year,” Findley, a senior at Midway High School, said. “But I never did anything with it, and then last April, Tim just asked if I wanted to try and make some songs with him.”

That same month, a single titled “The Search and the Find,” debuted on iTunes, and Seth’s Island was officially born. The group consists of two Midway students, Findley and Timothy Arterbury, who work with a series of other contributors – such as Meredith Wilson who sang with Findley on “The Search and the Find.” Most of the group’s vocals are done by Findley, who also plays several instruments. While Arterbury main role is in recording, mixing and mastering the band’s audio.

It has now been almost a year since the single, and during this interlude the pair has been hard at work in their studio at Seth’s house creating their debut album, Stomping Ground. A large body of 14 tracks, the year-long endeavor written almost entirely by Findley, is a deeply personal work for the singer-songwriter.

“The album really came out of different areas of my life,” Findley said. “It’s mainly about what I’ve been through this last year and a half.”

The young artist sees this album as a “coming home” work, about him coming into himself and into his faith as he goes through his final years of high school. It is also a collection of many different genres and styles. The album is in a totally different style from the groups previously released single, which will not be incorporated into this album. I was allowed to listen to three of the tracks and each one of them had an entirely different feel from the previous one. However, Findley does say that the compiled album will have a set form and a steady, progressive movement throughout.

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Sports

Spotlight On:
Athletes in Fine Arts

Sarah O’Connor  Senior  Sport: Soccer  Fine Art: Art
Sarah O’Connor is a senior who is in PreAp Art and is a forward for the girls’ soccer team. She has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old but didn’t join art until her sophomore year despite loving to draw for all of her childhood. “Soccer has taught me how to play for someone more than just myself,” O’Connor said. “It teaches me discipline on and off the field and my teammates keep me accountable for my actions. Everything we do, we do as a team and for someone with a higher purpose than ourselves. On the other hand art has taught me that just because I’m an athlete it doesn’t mean I can’t have other talents. It lets me express myself in a quieter and more personal setting. Being in fine arts and athletics lets you experience every side of you by having more than one passion.”

Chase Wolf  Senior  Sport: Football  Fine Art: Orchestra
Chase Wolf is a senior wide receiver on the varsity football team and also plays the double bass in the orchestra. Wolf started playing the bass when he was in the fifth grade and football in the seventh grade when both organizations were offered at his school. His favorite part of playing football, he said, was “spending a part of every day with my brothers playing the sport I love.” And then he went on to say, “Being and athlete and participating in fine arts can be really challenging at times. Sometimes conflicts will arise over concerts and games, and they both require an enormous amount of dedication and time commitment. In the end, I feel as though they make you into a more rounded individual and provide some experiences that I’ll never forget.”

Jared Pool  Junior  Sport: Baseball  Fine Art: Choir/Guitar
Jared Pool is a junior, a member of the choir, as well as a guitar player and an infielder for the baseball team. “I started playing baseball when I began walking, starting with T-ball,” Pool said, “and I began playing guitar at 14 by watching youtube videos.” Pool’s favorite thing about playing baseball is being outside and having the “adrenaline rush when you make a diving play or hit a run in.” Pool also mentioned that his favorite thing about playing guitar is allowing people to hear how good a guitar sounds and being able to have fun.

Bailey Green  Junior  Sport: Basketball  Fine Art: Band
Bailey Green is a junior, a basketball athlete and a clarinet player in the band. She began playing basketball at the age of nine and clarinet at 11. Green said she “loves the sport of basketball and the interaction with the band in general because they are team sports. It makes more special bonds and friendships in your team, it makes the victories more exciting and the practices more enjoyable.” When asked how it is playing sports as well as fine arts Bailey said, “it’s hard work most of the time but these are my passions and they have taught me to organize my time wisely because of the practices and games being balanced with the rest of my schoolwork. And I have also learned how to be more disciplined in doing my part for both organizations.”

You can find the new single at this link: setsisland.tumblr.com
The iPads rolled out this month, and I have heard both good and bad thoughts about them. Some think they will make it easier to work with school work, some think they will help make the school more "green", and others think they are just an extra, expensive responsibility. Personally I think they are just another responsibility.

All the restrictions make it hard to do any type of web search, especially in the medical classes. On Thursday the principles of health science classes tried to do a review over the heart on an anatomy physiology web page, and had to go on to the site a different way than copy pasting the address.

The blocks on the apps also make it hard to download popular games for after school purposes. For example, FaceTime was deleted from the iPads. This application could help with study groups, tutoring, or just to call our friends. FaceTime can help students who are struggling get the help they need, but it was deleted.

The WiFi system is also not ready to hold all of the iPads. The amount of people on the WiFi at one time will slow the internet down to unbearably slow proportions. Recently I have been working on a speech using Microsoft Sky-Drive which requires the internet, but I could not get the page to open and when I finally did it worked so slow that I couldn’t even type.

I say this while writing in the notes app on my iPad, so I cannot say that they have no use at all. I just think that Midway should have been better prepared for the iPad integration.
Once again, Disney has produced a lovable, heartwarming, captivating princess movie. Adored by audiences everywhere, Frozen, is roughly based off of the story of The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen. Frozen tells the story of royal sisters: Elsa and Anna. Without giving away too much, I will tell you that this movie is not all about how the princess gets her prince, but rather describes the adventures in mending a broken bond between two sisters. Elsa, the older sister, has the gift of ice powers. Cool, right?! No. The king and queen demand Elsa keeps her powers hidden in order to protect those around her. Elsa isolates herself from the world, even from her sister, Amna, Anna, an optimistic, bubbly, silly girl only has one wish: a friend. She has lived her whole life without a companion, and has always been curious to the reason for her sister's separation. After a series of mistakes, Elsa decides to run away and detach herself from society atop the highest mountain. Compromising her safety, however displaying her care, Anna courageously volunteers to retrieve her sister. The movie focuses on Anna’s journey to find her sister and restore their friendship, while meeting the intriguing, hilarious characters of Sven, Olaf, and Kristoff.

One of the most interesting aspects of this movie is that every character has a story and battle of their own. Elsa battles her fears and finds herself conflicted between using her powers for good or for evil. While Anna attempts to rescue her sister, she finds that she has rushed too quickly into love and must discover for herself what love truly means. Kristoff, the leading male character, and his reindeer, Sven, face their fear of people and society, eventually realizing the importance of friendship and the benefits of being helpful. Olaf, the humorous, smiley snowman, gives his best line, “Some people are worth melting for,” helping to show the meaning of real love. In my opinion, this movie exceeds five stars. Its comedy, adventure, and true love make Frozen a must see. The spectacular music will suck you into singing along, whether you want to or not, excluding the impressive instrumental (unless you sing with the instruments, which is totally understandable). “Frozen” is the second soundtrack album to reach No. 1 in the last year, following ‘Les Misérables,’” New York Times said. If you’re debating seeing this movie, debate no more. Disney’s Frozen will not leave you disappointed.

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug is a great film to watch but if you have read the books you might dislike some changes the director made like obviously foreshadowing of The Lord of the Rings several time in the movie and even showing Bilbo’s growing addiction to the ring. But over all, this film is worth seeing. I give it 4 out of 5 stars.

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A golden statement necklace from Amelia’s Fashion Boutique is a new up and coming trend on the streets. Similar necklaces were shown during fashion week in NYC.

Golden Cuff

A greek inspired bracelet that was showed in many Nieman Marcus shows during NYC and Paris fashion week. Great necklace for going out in the evening.

Gem Style Bracelet

A golden gem style bracelet from Amelia’s Fashion Boutique is stylish way to express different colorful gems. Similar bracelets were shown during Paris fashion week.

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