

**Mighty Owl Band**  
**Student/Parent Handbook**



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## **Purpose of this Handbook**

This handbook provides an introduction to the philosophy and policies of the Garland High School Mighty Owl Band (MOB) and important information about membership in the MOB and the Garland High School Mighty Owl Band Boosters Organization (MOB Boosters). We welcome you to the MOB family and hope you will share our spirit and passion for excellence.

The directors are dedicated to making the MOB experience the best it can be. They believe in working hard, playing well, and having fun. Each is available by phone or email.

# Mighty Owl Band Student/Parent Handbook

## Welcome to the MOB

On behalf of all parents of the Garland High School Mighty Owl Band (MOB) members, the MOB Boosters Executive Board welcomes you to the MOB family.

Band provides valuable experience in leadership, teamwork, and self-discipline that goes beyond what students learn in academic subjects. Ultimately, involvement in this band also provides rich rewards of friendship, fellowship and personal satisfaction. We invite you to jump right into this band experience and have fun.

Mighty Owl Band website: [www.mightyowlband.org](http://www.mightyowlband.org)

## Mighty Owl Band Directors

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## Above and Beyond

Above and Beyond is the MOB student leadership organization. Auditions for these positions are held each year in the spring. Membership in Above and Beyond requires a year-round commitment and willingness to adhere to scheduled events during summer break as well as during the school year. These students are committed to doing whatever it takes to make the MOB the best it can be.

## MOB Boosters Organization

The Garland High School Mighty Owl Band Boosters Organization (MOB Boosters) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth and support of the MOB program. Our goal is to make it possible for our students to experience the highest quality music education possible. Our activities include fundraising to cover band expenses not provided for in the school budget, providing volunteers for band events throughout the year, and supporting the directors and student leaders in every way.

We encourage every adult family member to join MOB Boosters and get involved in our activities. You make our organization strong, and your band student(s) needs your support to be successful. Please plan on volunteering for events and attending MOB Boosters meetings, games, contests, and concerts. We welcome you to the MOB family and look forward to meeting you!

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Open	Color Guard Liaison		

## Membership in MOB Boosters Organization

The MOB Boosters Organization supports the band program and its activities. Approximately \$25,000 (\$95 per student) in expenses is not covered by Enrichment Fees. Joining the MOB Boosters helps cover these expenses. Depending on the membership level you choose, members receive a Keepsake Ad in the Band Directory, and are listed on the MOB Boosters Honor Roll. Members can vote on important matters, and are eligible to run for the MOB Boosters Executive Board in the spring for the following school year.

## Communication

One of the most important things our organization does is inform parents of important dates, policies, and procedures. Your student will receive a great deal of information from the directors to share with you throughout the year. Sometimes students forget to pass on information, so we encourage you to ask questions.

Our directors share information with parents and students via the MOBBoosters Yahoo Group. To receive emails from MOBBoosters Yahoo Group, you must sign up on the website. Follow the link on the [Boosters](#) page of the Mighty Owl Band website at <http://www.mightyowlband.org>. Our directors also share important information with students in one or more of the following ways:

- Announcements made in class during the school day and at the end of marching practice.
- Information posted on the band hall announcement board, doors and/or chalkboard.
- Calendar and schedule information for the entire year is posted on [Charms](#) which you can access after creating an account with your student's ID. The link to Charms is also on the band website.
- Handouts given to the students in class.
- Periodic emails sent via MOBBoosters@yahoo.com. Please subscribe to this email group to receive all the information you need on a regular basis. MOBBoosters is our most comprehensive form of communication. We are also sending Tweets via Twitter @mightyowlband. Contact Mr. Casstevens if you need help with Twitter.
- If there is information you need, contact any MOB Boosters Executive Board member, check [www.mightyowlband.org](http://www.mightyowlband.org), or ask one of the directors. We are all here to help!

The New Parent Meeting and MOB Boosters meetings provide opportunities to meet other parents and the MOB Boosters Executive Board. Get phone numbers and email addresses to build your MOB support network.

## Attendance

Attendance for many band events is mandatory. These events are denoted on the Charms calendar with an ®. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is essential for the MOB to accomplish its goals.

Students are expected to arrive on time, ready to participate. Being on time means being in place with instrument, music, and a pencil in hand (concert season) five minutes before practice is scheduled to begin. MOB Directors' motto is: **"If you are on time, you are late!"**

## Summer Band Camp

Summer band camp begins August 2. Students are expected to memorize the music they will play in the stands and on the field during sectionals and be prepared to “pass-off” or play the music from memory for their squad leaders. All students are expected to develop and demonstrate proficiency in marching and playing to march in the show. Band Directors select students to march in the UIL show based on the student auditions held Friday, August 5. This audition is clearly competitive and attendance at all summer band camp sessions is required for a successful audition.

**Check Charms calendar on our website REGULARLY for schedule updates.**

### Marching Practice

#### Week 1

Marching practice is Monday - Thursday, August 2 –10 from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon in the Garland High School front parking lot. UIL Marching Show auditions are Friday, August 5 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Color Guard practices every day 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

#### Week 2

Marching practice is Monday – Thursday, August 13 – 17 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Williams Stadium. Friday, August 17 is Fish Camp at GHS. Fish Camp for Freshmen begins at 7:00 am. Sophomore, Junior and Senior call time for Fish Camp is 9:45 am. Fish Camp Pep Rally is 10:30 – 1:00 or later, followed by a Full Band Rehearsal from 2:30– 5:00 at GHS. Color Guard practices every day 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

#### Week 3

Marching practice is Monday – Thursday, August 20 – 24 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Williams Stadium visitor’s parking lot. Friday, August 24 is Full Band Teacher Pep Rally from 7:30 am – 10:30 am at GHS. Color Guard practices Monday – Thursday, 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Band Show Off program Friday, August 24th, begins at 6:30 pm in the GHS Fine Arts Parking Lot. Band Lock-in (optional) begins at 10:00 pm in the GHS Band Hall and ends the next morning – Saturday, August 25 at 5:30 am.

### Sectionals

**Check Charms for schedule updates.**

Afternoon sectionals are generally inside the building.

- Percussion rehearse Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00 - 4:00.
- All Brass rehearse Monday and Wednesday 1:15 – 5:00.
- All Woodwinds rehearse Tuesday and Thursday 1:15 – 5:00.
- Flutes and Clarinets also rehearse Monday 1:15 – 3:45.
- Trumpets, Mellophones, and French Horns also rehearse Tuesday 1:15 – 3:45.
- Saxes and Bass Clarinets also rehearse Wednesday 1:15 – 3:45.
- Trombones, Baritones, and Tubas also rehearse Thursday 1:15 – 3:45.
- Full Band Rehearsals occur on Fridays.

### Safety

Any outdoor activity in August and September can pose health risks to the students due to the heat and humidity. Make sure your student takes precautions to avoid heat illness. **Staying hydrated is extremely important. Students should bring to every rehearsal: a water bottle or camelback, hat, sunscreen, and other protective gear you deem necessary for their health and protection from the heat.** They can refill their water bottles and camelbacks during rehearsals. Encourage your student to **eat** breakfast, lunch and carry a snack with them to

band practice so they are ready mentally and physically for optimal practice time for themselves and the entire MOB.

### **Precautions to avoid heat injury**

Any time your student is marching in the heat of the day, they need to:

- Drink plenty of cool water. Always have water bottle or camelback.
- Eat breakfast and snacks for energy.
- Wear and reapply plenty of sunscreen.
- Wear sunglasses.

Wear light, loose-fitting clothing, tennis shoes and a hat that allows ventilation.

### **Carpooling**

You probably noticed that the rehearsal schedule may create transportation challenges you will eventually resolve.

We encourage networking and carpooling because it is easier and safer for everyone when it is possible. Any time MOB parents gather, you may meet new friends that might help with your transportation issues. The new parent meeting and booster meetings are excellent times for you to meet and get to know other parents that may be able to carpool. You can also reach out via MOB Boosters email and/or your student can contact an Above and Beyond member for help.

Band parent life is much less stressful when you learn who lives near you for carpooling. Many MOB students drive to and from rehearsal themselves and may be available to help if you are comfortable with your student being the passenger of a student. This is a matter of family preference, and it is very important that you discuss and enforce your preference with your child(ren).

### **Rehearsal during marching season**

A copy of the rehearsal calendar can be found on the Charms Calendar from the band website. After school band practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (except on game day) from 3:15 – 5:15 at Williams Stadium on the visitor parking lot (east side of stadium). Bus transportation is provided to and from the school/stadium for afternoon practices. You must arrive at Williams Stadium before 5:15 to pick up your student. All students remaining at the stadium at 5:25 will return to GHS on the school bus for safety reasons. No student will be left behind at the stadium so if you are late, you will pick up your student at GHS.

On rainy days, marching practice is at the regularly scheduled time, but may be in the GHS band hall. After school band practices may also be in the GHS parking lot. A MOB Boosters email, text, and tweet will be sent if the practice location is NOT Williams Stadium. Please be sure you know where (either Williams or GHS) the rehearsal is taking place so you can pick up your child(ren) on time after practice.

Monday practices are in the evening from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm on the football field at Williams. **All students must wear a white T-shirt during rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday and the day before a game.** Directors see the formations more clearly when **all** band members have on white shirts. White band t-shirts can be purchased for approximately \$5.00 in the band hall.

Students must be picked up no later than 9:15 on Monday night. Ideally the driver should plan to arrive at the stadium by 9:00 to watch the final run through. The progress the MOB makes from

week to week is amazing, and this is your opportunity for a preview. Please do not park past the designated areas so you don't interfere with marching formations and distract the MOB and Directors when they are on the parking lot. Tuesday and Wednesday practices are 3:15 to 5:30 on the Williams Stadium visitor parking lot. Thursday/Friday practices are 3:15 to 4:45. The MOB practices on Friday from 3:15 to 4:45 pm the weeks when the game is on Thursday night.

Students are encouraged to bring shorts and a t-shirt to wear with their tennis shoes for practice. The bathrooms at the stadium are open before, during and after practice for changing clothes. For home games at Williams Stadium, the MOB may have a run-through practice from 4:30-5:30. We encourage families to come watch evening band practice whenever they can. Students and Directors need your support and encouragement.

## Uniforms

### Marching

The MOB wears different uniforms on different occasions. The pep rally uniform is also worn for the Labor Day parade and the first few football games of the season while the weather is hot. The marching uniform is worn for all other football games and marching competitions. Students and parents will be notified via MOB Boosters email when the switch from pep rally to marching uniform will occur.

Marching uniforms are distributed during the first week of band camp from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm as follows:

Seniors	7/30/12
Juniors	7/31/12
Sophomores	8/1/12
Freshmen	8/2/12

Students must return all marching jackets and gauntlets to the band hall after each game. **Only** the hats and pants (bibbers) go home with the student.

The bibbers for marching are to be hemmed without a cuff to a length with no break in the front of the leg. Everyone must wear solid black socks so **no** part of their leg shows between the bottom of the pants and the shoes.

When hemming the pants, **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS MATERIAL**. These uniforms are used for several years and need to be long enough for subsequent band students. There are several band mothers available to hem pants at a nominal fee. Their names and phone numbers will be made available to the students during band, or contact Directors for information.

If a student has long hair, it needs to be worn up and tucked under the uniform hat. Hat plumes will be distributed and collected at the marching event.

It is the student's responsibility to clean and care for the uniform during the marching season. The marching uniform can be turned in dirty at the end of the season. The uniform manager takes all the uniforms at one time to be dry-cleaned. **Do not eat chocolate or consume any food or drinks that will permanently stain uniforms!**

The garment bag, hanger, and hatbox issued to your child are considered part of the uniform and must be returned at the end of marching season to avoid payment of a fine. Fines must be paid before the end of the school year for your child(ren) to receive final grades at the end of the school year.

When a student is wearing the official band uniform they are representing Garland High School, the GISD Fine Arts Magnet Program, and the Mighty Owl Band. In keeping with the pride we have for these institutions, students will show respect for the uniform and what it represents.

When in uniform students will:

1. Have hair of a color that occurs in nature. No green, red, pink, blue or other color that does not occur naturally is acceptable in streaks or on the entire head.
2. Wear no accessories other than those supplied with the uniform – no bandannas, scarves, etc.
3. Not wear face paint - No G's, owls, etc.

A complete marching uniform consists of:

Pep Rally Uniform	Marching Uniform
Pep Rally T-Shirt	Uniform jacket and Band Pep Rally shirt worn under the uniform jacket.
Khaki shorts (tan in color) made of heavy material, such as denim or canvas, with a minimum of a 6" inseam – modest length – cargo shorts are fine	Uniform pants with zipper worn in the front hemmed to length with no break above the shoe.
Tennis shoes that are made of 90% white material	Marching shoes
White socks that can be seen above the ankle (ankle-top)	Solid black socks
	Gauntlets
	White and black band gloves—except drum line and color guard
	Uniform hat
	Black rain poncho—issued only during games when they might be needed
	Hat plume—issued at the football game before half time and collected after the band performs

## Concert

The concert uniform is worn for all concert performances. Each band has specific uniform requirements that will be shared by the band director prior to the first performance. The band has some concert tuxedos and black dresses available for students to check out, IF needed. You do not have to use them; you may purchase your own.

Mr. Ramirez distributes concert uniforms. Students must return them on a designated date after the final concert performance in the Spring. Students/parents are fined if concert uniform isn't returned, or is returned late.

## Football Games/Marching Season

The MOB schedule and football schedule are on Charms Calendar via our website.

## Tickets

Season tickets for home games cost approximately \$25.00 and can be purchased at the athletic office on the home side of Williams Stadium (the side by the field house entrance) or online at [www.garlandisd.net/departments/athletics/tickets](http://www.garlandisd.net/departments/athletics/tickets). Check their website or contact them for dates and office hours. Last year they were closed on Mondays; open Tuesday/Wednesday 8:00 – 3:30, Thursday and Friday 8:00 – 12:00. **Season tickets are for home games only.** Band parents generally buy tickets for seats in the reserved seating section next to the band. Discounted tickets are available at the athletic office until noon the day of the game for games where we are the visitor at Williams Stadium.

Tickets for district games in which Garland High School is the visitor generally go on sale the Tuesday prior to game day at school. You can call the ticket sales office at 972.494.8588 if you have questions. Tickets for away games outside of the district must be purchased at the site of the game. If Garland progresses to the football play-offs in November, the band directors inform the students and parents as soon as dates, times and tickets are available.

## Game Days

On game days, the entire MOB meets at the Garland High School campus in the auditorium at the designated call time. Students are assigned a specific row in the center portion of the auditorium. At the conclusion of the inside rehearsal, students will single-file line into the band hall to check out their uniform jacket. All percussionists and larger instrument musicians load their instrument first, and then get their jacket.

We ride buses to all games. All members of the MOB share a clear expectation of efficiency. Students should use the restroom before loading the bus. We provide a small snack and drink for band members before loading buses, but they need to eat dinner before the game since band members do not eat dinner at the stadium. They are required to be playing music in the stands or on the field at all times. They do not go to concession stands.

When we arrive at the destination, everyone remains on the bus until Mr. Beshears comes to each bus with further instructions.

During the game, students will continue with the great traditions we have shared during the past few years. Always be ready to play. Watch and enjoy the game. Play well in the stands and especially at half-time.

After the game we remain in the stands until dismissed. The buses leave immediately after the game. Do not delay.

All students return to GHS. Students must remain for 100% of the game. Students who cannot remain for the entirety should not attend. The MOB is a large group, and needs to move efficiently. In order to do this, everyone must abide by the same expectations (rules).

## Buses

As previously stated, we ride buses to all events.

## Call Times

Call time is the time the student needs to be at the meeting location in uniform with his or her music and instrument. Students should arrive at this location at least 15 minutes prior to call time. Call times are set by the band directors and depend on where the game will be played.

The call time for each game is announced in band classes, included in the weekly email, and posted on the announcement board in the band hall.

## Transportation

All home games are played at Williams Stadium. Band members will ride the bus to and from Garland High School to Williams Stadium and Homer B. Johnson Stadium for **all** games. No exceptions.

For away games outside the district, the band meets in the band hall and is transported to and from the game as a group on buses.

Parents may send a note to the band directors **no later than the day before a game** if their student will be riding home with a parent rather than on the bus from an away game. This is done to protect the safety of our students. The parent must be present at the game and the student must notify his or her bus chaperone at the time they leave. **No ride notes will be accepted on game day.**

During the week prior to an away game or competition, the band directors will announce the approximate time the buses will return to the Garland High School Fine Arts parking lot after the game. **Parents are expected to make appropriate transportation arrangements to and from practice, games, and other band events.** Students are also encouraged to call home from the buses when returning to school so authorized drivers are there to meet them when they return.

Please park in a parking space in the parking lot so the buses and equipment truck can pull through the driveway to unload.

It is critical that you, or another designated driver, be there to pick up your child(ren) when the buses return to GHS. It is dangerous for students to wait outside of the school at night without adult supervision or protection. Chaperones will depart 15 minutes after the trailer is unloaded. *If your student has not been picked up by that time they may be penalized. Penalties might include being moved to A-line or not participating in the show.* Your courtesy and cooperation is appreciated.

## Marching Contest(s)

Each year the band participates in at least one Dallas-area marching contest. Saturday, October 1 is our contest at Mesquite Memorial Stadium. This is the same location as UIL Competition! It is great for the MOB to perform in the stadium before the actual UIL Contest date. **DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THE SAT TESTING ON OCTOBER 1.** The Plano East contest is Saturday, October 9. Contests are likely to last all day as the band progresses through the levels of competition. The band directors will set the call time the week before the contest, and students will be transported by bus to and from the event. Families and friends are encouraged to attend contests to support the band and help maintain order and discipline in the stands. Arrangements for food will be announced. To save district money, we may meet at and leave from Williams Stadium after our on-field rehearsal rather than meet at GHS hours earlier. We would return to Williams Stadium after the contest.

## UIL Grade Eligibility Procedure—No Pass, No Play

If a band student has a failing grade at the end of a grading period, that student is not eligible to participate in band performances for the next grading period. Exception: If the student is passing

**all** classes on the progress report following the report card with a failing grade, they can be eligible to perform from progress report date until the end of that grading period.

As you might imagine, academics are a high priority for the band directors. Teachers notify them if a student is failing, and they urge that student to participate in the individual teacher's tutorial periods either before or after school. Parents, please take advantage of the [GISD Online Gradebook](#) to stay informed of your students' classroom grades and performance and maintain regular contact with their teachers.

There is NO reason for any MOB student to fail a class. In addition to classroom tutorials provided by every teacher at GHS, MOB upperclassmen are available to tutor students. Just ask them.

## Spring Band Trip

Each spring the band takes a trip to spend some time relaxing, performing and having fun as a group. On three of every four years, the trips are limited to a destination within 800 miles of the school. On the fourth year, the band may take a longer trip to a location further than 800 miles from the school. This is the year (Spring 2012) we take a longer trip.

Each student must meet the UIL eligibility requirements on the report card preceding the band trip to be allowed to take the band trip. Each student signs a trip contract that outlines the specific details of the trip including dates, location, and schedules for payments and refund deadlines.

Parents will receive a detailed trip packet including itinerary and chaperone information at the parent meeting prior to the trip departure date. Parents can volunteer to chaperone this trip by contacting Mr. Beshears.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Parent commitment and involvement are crucial to the success of the MOB. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities exist to help you feel part of the MOB family. A [Volunteer Background Check Form](#) must be on file with the band director for you to volunteer as a chaperone in any capacity. Following are some of the many opportunities for parents to get involved in as volunteers:

### Bus Chaperones

Parents may chaperone bus trips with the understanding that chaperone duty is rotated so all parents have an opportunity to chaperone at least once.

### Fundraising

Students are encouraged to participate in fundraising to defray the cost of the Spring Trip and help meet band financial needs not covered by the school district. Parent volunteers are needed to help with all of our fundraisers. Please contact any fundraising chairperson listed in the following chart if you would like to help.

Fundraising Chairs		
Tellisha Silva <a href="mailto:tellishasilva@yahoo.com">tellishasilva@yahoo.com</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising	(h) 972-485-8574 (c) 214-769-8574

Fundraising Chairs (con't)		
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Open (contact Tellisha Silva if interested)	Alumni Concessions	
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## Publicity

Band activities and events are publicized in the Dallas Morning News Neighbors section and online at neighborsgo.com throughout the year. Send photos and/or stories you believe are worth sharing to Karen Terry at [k.terry8674@sbcglobal.net](mailto:k.terry8674@sbcglobal.net). You can also call Karen at 972.681.1107. Stories can include activities outside of band including scouts, academic, athletic, church and other achievements.

## Social Committee

The social committee coordinates events and activities throughout the year. They need parents to prepare or contribute food for functions including the Lock-in, TAKS breakfast, and UIL. If you would like to help with these and other events, contact Clare Schachter Edwards at 972.689.1794 or Pam Abasolo at 214.264.6899.

## Senior Activities Committee

The Senior Activities Committee is composed of parents of Seniors and Juniors who are interested in putting together special treats for Seniors at Homecoming and the end of the school year. Contact Cletis Rumphs if you're interested.

## Senior Scholarships

The MOB offers two scholarship opportunities for ALL graduating seniors each in the amount of \$500.00. The John Philip Sousa Scholarship is for graduating seniors seeking to further their education in music. The Hand in Hand Scholarship is for graduating seniors who seek to further their education at an institution of higher learning. Information on the scholarship program and applications will be available on the MOB website. Applications are also available through the Directors.

## Events throughout the school year

**Band Show-Off:** The band presents a show-off performance at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 19 in the GHS Fine Arts parking lot to give family and friends a preview of the showmanship they have developed in Summer Band Camp.

**Band Lock-in:** The MOB Directors sponsor this fun-filled event to give the band an opportunity to relax, play games and have fun together before the school year begins. Details will be provided no later than the final week of band camp. Lock-in is at GHS Band Hall and begins at 10:00 pm after the Band Showoff program Friday night, and ends Saturday morning at 5:30 am. This is the weekend before school begins on Monday.

**Garland Labor Day Parade:** All GISD High School bands participate in the annual Labor Day parade Monday, September 3, 2012 which begins at the downtown Garland DART station at the corner of Walnut and Fifth Streets. The parade runs south on Fifth Street to Main, west on Main to Garland Avenue and south on Garland Avenue to Avenue F and Central Park. The Garland High School band stops in front of the high school and plays the alma mater. Volunteers are needed to walk the parade and help keep the band cool with misters and drinks of water. The MOB boosters and families gather in front of the parking lot on Garland Road next to the street to cheer for the MOB from front row seats. Wear your booster shirt, and bring chairs. Meet your student at the Teacher's Parking Lot on Avenue D after the parade.

**Winter Concert:** To conclude the first semester of school, all bands performed Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. All concert performances are in the Garland High School auditorium.

**Chamber Percussion Show:** The Chamber Percussion show is a one-of-a-kind performance is scheduled for February 24 and 25, 2012 and will be held at the Plaza Theater. Tickets sell out quickly, so make sure you purchase yours as soon as the Band Directors announce availability. You do not want to miss this one!

**Spring Jazz Concert:** The final Jazz concert is Thursday, May 3, 2012. Guest performers, including former MOB members who have graduated and our own directors, may also perform with the Jazz Band. It is a wonderful evening of fabulous jazz music.

**Spring Concert:** The spring concert is Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 7:30 pm. All bands perform.

**Band Banquet:** The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2012 (Check Charms Calendar) This is an evening your entire family may attend. Typically we have a theme, and students are encouraged to dress for the theme. The directors present awards, seniors read their wills – willing items to underclassmen, and we show a video retrospective of the year. The evening is full of fun, laughter, and a few tears as well.