

Welcome to Marching Band 2017!

Parent Meeting

April 11, 2017

What is Marching Band?



A Marching Band is...

- A marching ensemble comprised of traditional band instruments, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, a front ensemble with stationary instruments, and a color guard...
- Sometimes marching band shows have props to add color, texture and drama.
- WBHS Marching Band does not require students to be enrolled in a band class, but it is highly recommended.
- WBHS Marching Band requires students to be disciplined and good managers of their time!
- And.... Marching Band is a lot of fun!

WBHS Marching Band is...

- A competitive marching band that participates in Flight I of the MCBA(Michigan Competing Band Association) and BOA (Bands of America) competition circuits.

In the last 11 years, the WBHS Marching Band:

- Has had 9 top ten finishes at MCBA Flight I competition.
- Of those finishes, 6 of them were in the top five.
- In 2008, the West Bloomfield Marching Band won the MCBA Flight I state championship!

WBHS Marching Band also...

- Performs at all home football games
- Marches in the Homecoming Parade
- Plays at the WBHS Prism Concert
- Competes 3-4 Saturdays at MCBA invitationals in the area
- Performs at MCBA State Finals, BOA Regionals and/or BOA Grand Nationals
- Marches in the Memorial Day Parade

Marching Season

- Begins with mini-camps in June and July, and runs through early November
- Certain sections begin rehearsal earlier and rehearse more frequently (Color Guard, Percussion)

2017 Timeline

- March 15: Early registration begins (March 15 – April 15)
- April 16: General registration begins (April 16 – May 15)
- May 16 on: Late registration (see Mr. Mielens)
- April 25: Show theme revealed; section leaders announced
- May 2: Marching Band Experience Night for New and Returning Members; non-members can come and try it out; no charge
- May 9: New member rehearsals begin
- May 28 or 29: Memorial Day parade in Keego Harbor (date TBD; new members are encouraged to participate!)
- June 19-21: 1st Mini-Camp
- July 17-19: 2nd Mini-Camp
- August 7-9; August 14-18: Pre-Band Camp rehearsals
- August 21-25: Band Camp at Manitou-Lin (YMCA), Middleville, MI
- August 26: Short rehearsal and performance at WBHS Football Stadium
- August 28-30: Post-Camp rehearsals
- September: Homecoming Parade/Tailgate, first home football game, first home invitational (a/k/a “Field Day”), BOA Regional
- October: Prism Concert, Saturday Competitions
- November: State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit

Cost

- \$995 for 2017 season (undiscounted fee)
- Includes 5 days/4 nights at band camp + trip to BOA Regional

Extras:

- Marching Shoes (“Dinkles”); Color Guard Shoes
- Show-themed shirts and/or hoodies
- End of Season Band Banquet (November 19); \$25 per person

What does the fee cover?

- Band Camp: 5 days, 4 nights; all inclusive
- Staffing: Experienced, professional music and drill instructors
- Show design: Custom-designed show with musical arrangement
- Props: Add “visual effect” - color, texture, enhance the story
- Color Guard: Require costumes and flags to match show theme
- Other costs: Transportation, instrument and equipment repair/replacement, entry fees for MCBA and BOA competitions, copyright fees, uniform repairs/embellishments, etc.

Ways to Reduce Fees

- Student Accounts “101”
- Scrips
- Show Shirt and Program Ads
- Trailer Ads
- Car Wash Ticket Sales
- Sponsorships
- Fundraising

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| Early Registration (March 15 - April 15) | Down Payment: Due April 15 | Payment 1: Due May 15 | Payment 2: Due June 15 | Payment 3: Due July 15 | Payment 4: Due August 15 | Final Payment: Due September 15 | Total |
| | \$150.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$155.00 | \$945.00 |
| General Registration (April 16 - May 15) | Down Payment: Due May 15 | Payment 1: Due Immediately | Payment 2: Due June 15 | Payment 3: Due July 15 | Payment 4: Due August 15 | Final Payment: Due September 15 | Total |
| | \$175.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$155.00 | \$970.00 |
| Late Registration (May 16 on) | Down Payment: Due June 15 | Payment 1: Due Immediately | Payment 2: Due Immediately | Payment 3: Due July 15 | Payment 4: Due August 15 | Final Payment: Due September 15 | Total |
| | \$200.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$155.00 | \$995.00 |

Early Registration Incentives:

- Register between March 15 and April 15 and receive \$50 off of total fee. 5 monthly payments.
- Register between April 16 and May 15 and receive \$25 off of total fee. 4 monthly payments.
- Register on May 16 or thereafter and pay full fee. 3 payments.

Volunteers Needed!

- Food/Concessions
 - “Feed the Band” on Competition Days
 - Concessions for Fall and Winter Invitationals
 - Judges Lounge (Invitationals)
 - Homecoming Tailgate
- Chaperones (Tag Day, Bus, Band Camp, etc.)
- Field Day & Winter Invitational
- Uniforms
- Prop Design
- Pit Crew
- Fundraisers (Tag Days, Car Wash(es), Restaurant Nights, Bulb Sale, etc.)