



Mason County Royals Band Program Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome!

The MCHS Royals Band is more than just an opportunity to play an instrument. Our goal is not only to give great performances, but to achieve the highest level of music education and life education possible. Participation in any ensemble requires commitment, discipline, self-motivation, and above all a positive attitude and willingness to work hard to achieve common goals.

In this handbook you will find an ‘overview’ of all the ensembles offered here at MCHS. My goal is for us to have fun listening to, learning, and performing music. After all, music is one of the arts, and it should make each and every one of us feel accomplished and happy. I hope that when each of you graduates, you look back and say, “I really had a great time participating in the band at MCHS”.

I truly believe the bond developed between fellow band members is a special one. I want to be here for each of you if you ever need something. Whether it is to just talk about school, or important life issues, my door is always open. If I can’t help, I promise to find someone who can. Don’t bare a burden all alone, know that there are many people who care about your well-being, and want you to succeed in life. But we can’t help if you don’t ask for it, so if you need something... ask!

We will all have a great time working hard together toward our common goals. I’m not promising that there won’t be a lot of hard work involved, but I am promising that all that hard work will pay off greatly in the end. Thanks for being a member of the Royals Band, and I look forward to a great year with you all!

With Pride,
Carp

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ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE FOUND ON THE WEB!

www.royalsband.net

LISTSERV AND CALENDAR

By providing your email address, you will receive email updates from the director. We do most of our communication this way, so it is the most efficient way to be kept informed. You will *not* receive SPAM or chain-letter emails from the listserv.

I will try to keep the calendar updated as often as possible. Please realize that due to the nature of our activity, some information on dates and times will change. *All times, dates, and events on the calendar are subject to change.* Your best bet is to check the calendar often. The calendar may be printed from the web.

GENERAL INTRODUCTION AND EXPECTATIONS

Being in the band at Mason County High School is a big commitment. For those of you who are new, it may seem overwhelming, but the time and energy that you put into this group will come back to you many fold throughout your life and will give you many good memories of your time here while you are in high school.

The program is multi-faceted and you have many options when considering how to participate:

- Participation in the Concert Band – This should always be your first choice.
- Participation in the Marching Band – This should also be your first choice.
- Participation in Percussion Ensemble
- Participation in the Basketball Pep Band
- Participation in the Jazz Band
- Participation in Music Techniques

Each of these has their own, more detailed, expectations. Here is a general list:

Marching Band (fall semester, ½ credit):

Band Camp in the summer & After School Rehearsals in the fall

Various Community Parades including the Veterans Day & Christmas parades

All Home Football Games; All Football Playoff Games

Saturdays throughout the competition season (usually Sept & Oct)

The occasional “community gig” – these vary by year

Concert Band / Percussion Ensemble (full year, 1 credit):

Concerts scheduled throughout the year; Commencement (Graduation)

Concert Band Festival; State Concert Band Festival (Possible)

After school sectional and full band rehearsals, as scheduled

Basketball Pep Band (winter semester, ½ Credit):

Participate in 2/3 of all home games as well as District, Regional, and State Tournament Games. Some rehearsals after school may be scheduled. The pep band season actually starts in November.

Music Techniques (full year, 1 credit):

Improving the individual musician through independent study and practice.

Jazz Ensemble (full year, 1 credit):

Study of Jazz History and Styles. Performing in many different jazz styles. Gigs scheduled throughout the year.

Will I be able to study with all of these activities? Yes! But, you have to make it happen. It is not surprising to see band members participate in Honor Societies, participate in other organizations, be on the honor roll, be student of the month, or even be Valedictorian. A high percentage of band students historically represent the best students in school. Our program promotes personal achievement and the ability to manage time.

Unlike most sports, **EVERYONE IN THE BAND PARTICIPATES ALL THE TIME!**

Your attendance at ALL performances and rehearsals is extremely important.

It is also important that you practice your instrument (drum or horn) or your equipment (flag, etc) outside of class. Consider it your “homework.” You are expected to practice your instrument a minimum of 20 minutes per day, at least four days per week.

In order to make the best use of our time, we need to be on time and focused during rehearsal. Not only are you expected to be at rehearsal, but you are expected to:

- Be ready to go on time
- Not talk during rehearsal – you will get breaks
- Focus on the job at hand – you will spend a good deal of time in rehearsal – don’t waste your time (or everyone else’s) with poor rehearsal technique
- Clean up after each rehearsal and put your equipment away – EVERY TIME!

You will receive points for each scheduled rehearsal. You will lose points each time you are late or miss a rehearsal. Doctor / Dentist appointments are not excused. Please use the calendar to schedule appointments at appropriate times.

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE MANDATORY. Unexcused absences for performances could result in a failing grade for the quarter that the performance was scheduled in, as per the course syllabus. Frequent absences from rehearsals or performances may result in removal from the program.

REMEMBER: Performances are the reason we rehearse! It is vital to every member of the band that everyone attends every rehearsal and every performance. There is no second string, there is no bench, and there are no substitutions!

General Policies

Students are expected to:

- *turn in all forms and pay band fees or turn in other monies on time.*
- be honest, open, and up-front with band director.
- have all necessary equipment during rehearsals or performances. This includes, but is not limited to: *instrument (in working order), reeds, valve oil, cork or slide grease, music, & pencil, uniform, dot book.*
- play / touch only their own instruments
- not chew gum at any time while playing instruments or while in the band room
- keep their horn in working order, and properly maintained before rehearsal begins
- help keep the band room and instrument storage rooms clean and tidy at all times
- store instruments in the proper place / cases when they are not being used
- take proper care of school owned property and instruments (students or their parents will be responsible for careless damage)
- stay out of the band office -- it is not a student lounge
- *use acceptable language* at all times and show class when representing the band
- avoid public displays of affection, *especially while in uniform*
- not bring food or drink into the band room at any time.
- avoid horseplay!
- There will be no horseplay in the band room or around instruments!
- Remember that all school & county rules are in effect during band functions

At football games:

- All Members of the Marching Band (including Guard and Percussion) will attend every home game unless logistics for a Saturday competition conflict
- The band will stay the entire game to support our football team
- We will be in Uniform, unless otherwise specified.
- We will play *something* for PRE GAME and POST GAME
- The band will sit in sections during the game
- Bathroom break will ONLY be during the 3rd quarter -- go before the game!
- Pep Band Books should be treated with care so that they last.
- There will be NO EATING while in uniform. Please use the time before our Call Time to eat dinner, or wait until after the game.

Marching Band Memorization of Music / Drill Notebook:

- All members will keep a music notebook – a binder w/plastic sheets works best
- All members will keep a drill notebook – a small spiral bound index card book
- All show music must be memorized by the end of band camp (before if possible)
- Some other music may be required to be memorized
- All members must have drill spots properly marked and memorized
- All members must have a pencil at every rehearsal

Uniforms:

The uniform defines the band.

We must always treat our uniform with respect!

- Eating and drinking are not permitted while in uniform (except water)
- The uniform must be worn in full, unless given permission from the director
- Profanity while in uniform does not show class - neither do displays of affection
- Do not run while in uniform and always travel in groups of 2 or more
- No jewelry, earrings, watches, etc. are to be worn while in uniform
- Do not wear hat backwards or walk around with jacket open
- If lost or carelessly damaged it will be the responsibility of the student to pay for repair or replacement of the uniform - This can range from \$5.00 to \$350.
- Only Uniform Volunteers may alter the uniform. If your uniform needs alteration or repair, see a Volunteer as soon as possible. *NEVER* cut a Uniform!
- Parents may be required to launder pants. (Please HANG DRY Pants). The band will dry clean uniform jackets.

We purchased BRAND NEW UNIFORMS in 2007. They *must* be taken care of!

DRESSING POLICY: We will line up and travel double file (Girls / Guys) to AND from the dressing rooms at every performance. This activity will make sure that we all stay together and do not waste time or miss directions. It also shows a tremendous amount of class in an organization. DON'T change on the bus or in the band room!

Remember to wear your current year band t-shirt at competitions and other places we go so that we can still look like a group -- even when out of uniform!

You are responsible for purchasing marching shoes. You must have proper shoes to wear while in uniform! You will not need new shoes every year, as long as they fit and are well maintained. Band shoes are approximately \$35 and color guard shoes will vary, depending on the style ordered. Shoes must be cleaned before each performance. *Please take pride in your uniform, horn, and shoes. We strive to sound our best. Why wouldn't we want to look our best at all times as well???*

The Shoestring

The shoestring represents the past, present, and future of the band. It is given out at the first competition that you march in. Beads of different colors will be added at our last competition of each year. Wear your shoestring at EVERY performance. Treat it with the respect you would your uniform.

TRAVEL AGREEMENT

TRAVELING WITH THE BAND IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT.

When you sign the information sheet, you agree to abide by the terms set forth below. This agreement encompasses all band trips during the current school year.

Students are expected to travel TO AND FROM events with the band, on the bus. If you find that due to logistics you cannot travel with the band from the competition back to the high school, you must follow the following procedures:

1. Written notice must be given BEFORE WE LEAVE SCHOOL
2. Parent MUST check with a director before you take your child from our care.

Please do not decide AFTER we leave school that you do not wish to travel home with the band. ONLY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS may take your child out of our care – older brothers and sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, boyfriends, friends, etc. MAY NOT!! ONLY PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS may take students out of our care!

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN AHEAD!

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in travel privileges with the band being revoked for all or part of the year. Please realize that when students do not ride back with us, it is extra work and logistics for the band directors – we don't want to leave anyone behind who is supposed to be going with us.

The following are also expected of students riding the bus:

- All school and county rules will be followed.
- Boys and girls will sit in different seats after dark.
 - Exceptions to this will only be made for short trips to MCTC or Downtown
- The busses will be cleaned when we are done – volunteers are appreciated.
- Appropriate language and behavior is expected at all times.
- Stay in your seats and face forward – Don't get up and walk around.
- YOU WILL NOT SWITCH BUSES – Ride the same bus to and from events.
- Inside voices are expected – No Shouting!

Portable DVD / CD Players: Only DVD's rated G, PG, or PG-13 will be allowed to be shown on a portable player. Anything rated NC-17 or R will be confiscated. Band directors are not responsible for this equipment. Acceptable and appropriate choices are expected when bringing CD's, DVD's, or Video Games on trips. Band directors may confiscate any items they feel are inappropriate to have on school trips.

THE USE OF EARPHONES IS REQUIRED FOR CD OR DVD PLAYERS.

If any student acts in a behavior that is deemed to require discipline by the transportation department of Mason County Schools, the student may lose travel privileges with the band. If that happens, it will be up to the student to secure transportation to band functions. It does NOT excuse the student from performances or rehearsals.

When you travel with the band, you are representing yourself, your school, your fellow bandmen, your director, and your hometown. You should never act in a way that would tarnish the image that we work so hard to polish.

If you are caught in any unlawful act, such as, but not limited to, shoplifting or vandalism, you will be responsible for your own actions. You may also be immediately dismissed from the band and your parents / guardians may be responsible for your transportation home. Any student that is arrested will remain in custody until their parents come pick them up. The band will not be responsible for them at this point. School or law officials will be notified of any major infractions, as is required by board policy or by the law.

The following is a list of things for which this band will have a zero tolerance . Since it would be impossible to predetermine every possible scenario, please use this list as a guide for behavior to avoid. Dismissal from band and requiring alternate transportation home from trips in other circumstances will be at the discretion of the band director, and are considered appropriate actions.

- Hazing
- Shoplifting
- Vandalizing Property
- Physically assaulting another person
- Use of, or possession of, illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco

Additionally, students are expected to follow all school / school district rules and regulations while on band trips. Please refer to your Mason County High School Student handbook and code of conduct for rules and disciplinary procedures. You are expected to act in a way that represents our program in a positive manner. Anything less is unacceptable and will be handled according to the severity of the situation.

Bags may be searched prior to or while taking any trip with the band.
By signing the Information / Handbook Agreement form,
you authorize us to search your bags at any time before or during a trip.

BASKETBALL PEP BAND

The pep band is a fun group that supports our boys and girls varsity basketball teams. With the fun and excitement comes the continued responsibility to represent our group in the highest manner musically and with proper behavior. This group is very exposed – more people will see us in pep band than will see us in concerts. Therefore, we need to play and act our best at all times.

You will be given a grade based on your performance, attendance, participation, and behavior at pep band games. The band will be divided into two bands and one band will play at each game. The schedule and personnel of the bands will be posted on the website as soon as it is known. As always, the schedule and call times are subject to change. Please see your class syllabus for further information about grading.

If you cannot make a game, it is your responsibility to find a suitable replacement BEFORE the night of the game. These changes *MUST* be written on the SUBSTITUE FORM, and initialed by the substitute no later than 3:30 on the day of the game.

Each game is worth 50 points towards your grade. Points may be deducted for the following infractions (this list may be amended):

NO SHOW, NO REPLACEMENT – Subtract 50 points
LATE FOR CALL-TIME (before tip-off) – Subtract 10 Points
LATE TO GAME (after tip-off) – Subtract 25 Points
LATE FROM BREAK – Subtract 10 Points
OUT OF UNIFORM – Subtract 10 Points
NOT READY TO PLAY – Subtract up to 5 Points PER INFRACTION
HACKING – Subtract up to 5 Points PER INFRACTION
NOT PARTICIPATING – Subtract up to 10 Points PER INFRACTION
NOT PICKING UP MUSIC / STAND / TRASH – Subtract up to 10 Points

Extra points can be earned by attending extra games (25 points per game).

Call time will always be 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of the game. We will start playing once the 20:00 clock starts to run prior to the Varsity game. You are considered late if you are not ready to play by the time the 20:00 clock begins to run.

CONCERT BAND

You will receive a course syllabus for concert band, but here are the basics:

Your grade is based on:

- Participation in daily rehearsals, a few after school rehearsals and/or sectionals
- Concerts
- Preparation of your part (may be assessed for a grade)
- Completing occasional Humanities assignments

Please keep in mind that this is a *performance* based class, therefore, in order to earn a high grade you must participate in rehearsals and performances.

UNIFORM:

The concert band will wear dress blacks for all concerts except Concert Festival, where we will wear the Uniforms. Dress Blacks are black dress shirts, pants, socks, and shoes. Ladies may wear a black dress, provided it covers the knee while seated and does not have a plunging neckline.

CONCERTS:

We will perform in a minimum of four concerts. These will most likely not be on the MCHS campus. At least two will be at the Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC). All concerts will be mandatory.

THE JAZZ BAND

UNIFORM:

The jazz band uniform is the Jazz Band Polo (provided, will be available for purchase) or black dress shirt and black pants, black socks & shoes.

CONCERTS:

The Spring Dinner Dance is our biggest event! We will also perform as part of the winter and spring concerts with the concert band. We also usually get one or two gigs per year that we would play in, but these will vary from year to year.

Jazz Band will focus on ensemble playing and improvisation. We do not expect every member to become master improv players, but we do expect everyone to participate in the activities and to at least try. We will focus on Jazz musicians and history. Class projects may be required.

MUSIC TECHNIQUES

Music Techniques is a class designed to help the *individual* become a better musician. Some small ensemble playing will be required, but it focuses on the individual. The class is set up as a large scale *independent study*. Only those students with the maturity to work independently and stay on task should take this class.

Each member of this class will be required to:

- Take All-District and All-State auditions
- Perform a solo at the Solo & Ensemble festival
- Perform a jury evaluation at the end of each 9 weeks
- Memorize scales, as determined by the director
- Participate in Humanities assignments

Taking this class in conjunction with concert band will earn your Humanities credit.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Percussion ensemble is a unique experience. We will focus on learning rudiments and techniques on a variety of percussion instruments. All percussion students will be required to learn all of the instruments, including the melodic keyboard instruments. We will perform various percussion ensemble pieces as well as preparing percussion parts for use with the concert band.

When performing with the concert band, the concert uniform will be used. This will require the purchase of shoes, if you have not yet done so. When the ensemble performs by itself, other uniform options may be used.

The percussion ensemble *will* participate in the Solo & Ensemble festival. This is a required performance.

Overall Grading Policy

Basically, the grading policy is the same for all performing ensembles at MCHS. The grading breakdown is:

Public Performances.....	50%
Playing/Written Tests.....	20%
Rehearsal/Classroom Participation.....	20%
Written Work/Tests.....	10%

MARCHING BAND GRADES

You will receive a full syllabus for Marching Band. Here are the basics:

Your grade is based on the following:

- Attendance / Participation at Rehearsals (including Summer Rehearsals)
- Attendance / Participation at Home / Tournament Football Games
- Attendance / Participation in Competitions
- Participation in parades
- Memorization of Music

We do our best to publish our schedule as early as possible. Please keep this in mind when making Doctor / Dentist appointments. Work is *not* an acceptable excuse for missing any rehearsal or performance.

PICTURE / VIDEO RELEASE

We encourage parents to take as many pictures of our performances, practices, and fun time as possible. We will publish as many pictures as possible to the web site. We will not identify students in photos by name. If you do NOT want your child's picture posted on the website in any way, please make that indication on the information form.

Please turn pictures in to Mr. Merz as quickly as possible after they have been taken so that the website can be kept fresh and current. Regular pictures are fine, but digital picture finals or pre-scanned pictures that are emailed to Mr. Merz are better in that they can be processed more quickly!

Videos of marching band or the band classes may also be taken throughout the year – for archival or educational purposes. If you wish that your child not be shown in these videos, please indicate that on the information form.

Pictures will also be used for the end-of-year video. The more pictures and the more diverse the pictures are, the better the video will be!

SENIORS: You should submit 3-5 “baby” pictures, plus 1 “senior” picture for use in the end of the year video. I encourage you to submit your baby pictures **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – REALLY! EVEN AUGUST IS FINE!** Pictures submitted after spring break have no guarantee of making it on the video. You may submit your baby pictures first and your senior picture later in the spring.

HONORS BANDS

Participating in Honors Band Clinics are an exciting and fun way to read perform new literature and make friends from other bands. It is also a good opportunity to meet college faculty, tour campuses, and take auditions. Members of the band will have the opportunity to do several Honors Bands throughout the year. In order to be recommended for Honors Band Participation, you must meet the following criteria:

- Be in good financial standing (no negative booster balances)
- Demonstrate the highest quality behavior, maturity, and attitude
- Maintain an acceptable grade point average

These are the minimum requirements that I will consider when nominating people for Honors bands. Nomination does not guarantee acceptance. Some honors bands require a taped audition prior to selection. You will be required to make up any and all school work associated with your absence during these honors bands.

Historically, we have attended the Morehead State University clinic and the Eastern Kentucky University clinic (both in February). We may add the option to attend UK, WKU, ASBURY, etc., depending on our schedule and the conductors.

The band will do everything possible in order to make this event free to students (except food while on the trip). I cannot guarantee that the school / school board will continue to pay for registration fees (average \$40 each) or hotel rooms. If you sign up for a nomination, are nominated, and accepted, you agree to be responsible for the costs incurred for registration, housing, and transportation if the school is unable to pay for it.

If you are selected to attend the honors bands and then you back out you might NOT be nominated for bands in the future. (Personal emergencies will be evaluated on a case by case basis and will be at the discretion of the band directors).

Parents are required to transport students home after the clinic concerts conclude.

Solo and Ensemble

KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival usually takes place in early March and is held in Morehead. ALL band members are strongly encouraged to participate. In order to encourage participation, the band will pay for all registration fees. 'NO SHOWS' will have the cost of the solo or the prorated amount of the ensemble charged to their band account. Anyone receiving a *distinguished* rating will receive an official KMEA award pin, purchased by the boosters.

Audition Bands

There are several bands that students are encouraged to audition for:

- All-District Band
- All-State Concert / Symphonic / Jazz Bands and Orchestra

The All-District bands will feature only the best musicians from KMEA District 8. All-State bands will feature only the best musicians from all across the state of Kentucky.

All-District Bands usually audition in November and will perform in January – usually during the MLK weekend. Students in grades 7-8 are eligible for the Junior High group and those in grades 9-12 are eligible for the Senior High group.

The All-State Jazz band will hold auditions in early December, probably at Bryan Station HS. If you make the All-State Jazz band, you will become ineligible for the All-State Concert / Symphonic Bands and Orchestra.

All-State Concert / Symphonic Bands will have two audition rounds. The first round will be held in Morehead in November. The final audition will be at John Hardin High School in early December. You must be recommended for the second audition.

Rehearsals and performances of the All-State bands will be held in conjunction with the KMEA In-Service Conference, in Louisville, KY in early February.

The band will pay all audition fees, as outlined in the Solo / Ensemble section! Students will be responsible for paying fees only if they sign up and then do not take the audition.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Each band student will have a band ‘account.’ All inquiries about a student’s balance should be directed to the Band Booster Treasurers. If there is a positive balance, you may debit your account to pay for band fees or other band related items or band trips. Please issue all requests in writing. Instrument repairs, reeds, and other maintenance costs may be ‘charged’ to your account, but only on accounts remaining in good standing. **YOU MAY NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE USE ANY STUDENT ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN BAND RELATED ITEMS OR FUNCTIONS.** If you quit the band program, for any reason, any positive balance in your account will be immediately absorbed by the boosters and will not be refunded.

There are quite a few expenses incurred by the boosters in order to run the band program. They support all aspects of the program, and we only ask parents to pay for a small fraction “out-of-pocket.” It is also very important that ALL parents and students are active fundraisers. In order to encourage fundraising, the boosters will split almost all fundraisers with the students who participate in them. For example, if you sell \$300 worth of cheese and sausage and we get 40% profit, the boosters will usually split that profit with the student ($\$300 \text{ sales} \times 40\% = \120 : \$60 goes to the general fund / \$60 to the students’ individual account). In some instances, the entire profit will be applied to the student account! *In other words, you can participate in band for all four years without paying a single cent – But you have to work for it!!!*

If your account falls below zero (i.e., you owe the band money) any money you earn by fundraising will be applied to your account and then automatically used to cover negative balances.

Any negative balance may be referred to the school for collection.

The fees charged covers many other expenses incurred by the boosters including instruction, props, music, uniforms, maintenance, travel costs, entry fees, supplies, food and snacks. In order for this program to remain on solid financial ground to provide the best possible support for your children, it is imperative that the band fees be paid in a timely manner. Payments may be deducted from student accounts, upon written request.

All check payments should be made payable to “Mason County Band Boosters” and put into the band “Drop Box” outside Mr. Carpenter’s office. It is suggested that you get a receipt for cash payments. *Please put the student’s name on the bottom of any checks as well as on the outside of the envelope it is submitted in!* This will help us to make sure your account gets properly credited.

We will do several fundraisers throughout the year. These may include: cookie dough, fruit, frozen pizzas, bake sales, car washes, products (cheese and sausage / wrapping paper, etc), peeler cards, and anything else that we can think of! Most of these fundraisers will allow your student account to accrue funds – the more you fundraise, the less you will have to pay for band fees!

Due to the nature of some fundraisers, not all fundraisers will directly benefit a student's account. It would be impossible to credit individual student accounts on things like bake sales and car washes, but it is still important to have as much participation in these fundraisers as possible!

The Band Classic

Each year, we host a marching band competition. This is our biggest overall fundraiser and we need *everyone's* help! This is a task that takes the effort of all of our members in order to run smoothly and to be successful. While the proceeds of this event do not get directly credited to individual student accounts (could you imagine the logistics of that?!?) it does go to the general booster fund that benefits all the students anyway. Parents are not only needed to work on the day of the competition, but are also needed to chair the many committees needed to plan this event. Sounds intimidating, but its not really that bad!! The more folks who chip in to help out, the less we all have to do in the long run! Each band student is required to participate in the Band Classic.

BAND FEES BY CLASS

By participating, you are agreeing to these fees, as established by the boosters.

Marching Band

\$150 – base fee paid by all members.

\$50 – Instrument Rental Fee (paid by any members using school owned instruments)

\$35 – Shoes (paid by any members needing marching shoes)

\$50 – Color Guard Fee (paid by members of the color guard)

Percussion Ensemble

\$50 – All members will pay this fee – no exemptions.

Marching band members will also be responsible for the base fee.

Percussion members will not pay an additional \$50 Instrument Rental Fee

\$35 – Shoes (paid by any members needing uniform shoes)

All members are expected to have their own pair of drumsticks. (Vic Firth SD1 General preferred)

Jazz Band

\$35 – Jazz Band will pay this fee.

Members of marching band are exempt from this fee.

\$50 – Instrument Rental Fee, if applicable.

Concert Band

\$35 – Concert Band Fee. Members of marching band will be exempt from this fee.

\$50 – Instrument Rental Fee, if applicable.

\$35 – Shoes (if needed)

Pep Band

\$35 – Pep Band fee.

Members of marching band, concert band, and perc. ensemble are exempt from this fee.

\$50 – Instrument Rental Fee, if applicable

Music Techniques

Due to the independent nature of this class, individuals may be required to purchase items based on their individual learning plan. We will work to minimize these costs.

Instrument Rental Fee – This \$50 fee will be used to cover any normal wear and tear maintenance on school-owned instruments. Please keep in mind that acts of negligence, vandalism, or not performing routine maintenance (oiling valves, slides, swabbing, etc.) will not be covered by this fee. Students may be responsible for repairs over \$50 or for repairs caused by their actions. *Students will only be required to pay one Instrument Rental Fee per school year, regardless of how the number of school owned instruments they actually use.*

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE of REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES (Marching Band)

The official band calendar is posted on the web site. Please refer to the online calendar often as it will have the latest information. Check the “CALENDAR” tab for the latest updates to the calendar.

Please use the following as a reference, but please realize that due to the nature of our activity, all dates and times are subject to change!

Beginning the first full week of school, our weekly rehearsal schedule will begin. We will rehearse on MONDAYS, and THURSDAYS. The exact times of these rehearsals will be released later in the summer. We may designate some of these days as sectionals, but for early planning you should reserve all of these dates for rehearsal. If we don't have a home football game on a Friday before a competition, we may use that day as a dress-rehearsal day. Those dates will be released as soon as they are available.

The Summer Schedule beyond band camp will be released at a later date. I cannot set these dates until I know what days I will have to be in meetings. We WILL rehearse the weeks leading up to school.

Football Schedule (all regular season games have a call time of 6:00)
August 21,28, September 18, October 9, 23 (playoff games TBA)

Saturday Competition Schedule:

September 15 – NKMBF (Campbell County)
September 22 – Mason County Band Classic
September 29 – MSU Blue and Gold
October 13 – TBA
October 20 – TBA
October 27 - TBA

Parades:

Veteran's Day Parade – (est) November 11, Time TBA
Christmas Parade – (est) December 7, Time TBA
Other parades *may* include the Simon Kenton or Germantown festivals or others

Other Gigs:

We *MAY* perform the National Anthem at the Buffalo Trace Balloon Race Kick-off.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION:

Please remember that Pre-Camp and Band Camp are required. If it is absolutely necessary to miss part of these weeks you *must* contact the band director as soon as possible.

WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING BAND CAMP! DOCTOR'S / DENTIST APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING ANY PART OF BAND CAMP. You have these dates well in advance, please schedule accordingly.

Both Pre-Camp and Band Camp are held on the MCHS Campus.

Pre-Camp Week – July 18 to July 20

“Rookies” are ALL first AND second year marchers (including color guard).

Tuesday – Guard / Percussion / Rookies 8:00 to 12:00 – Winds 1:00 to 3:00

Wednesday – Guard / Percussion / Rookies 8:00 to 12:00

Thursday – Guard / Percussion / Rookies 8:00 to 12:00 – Full Band 1:00 to 3:00

Band Camp Week 1 – July 23 to July 27

M,T,W,H,F – Full Band, 8am – 5pm.

Band Camp Week 2 – July 27 to July 31

M,T,W,H,F – Full Band, 8am – 5pm.

* Lunch Breaks will be held from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, and food is provided for all students. Permission to leave campus must be written and on file with Mr. Carpenter

Snacks may be provided by the boosters throughout the day. It is advisable to eat a *light* breakfast before coming to camp each day.

What should my child bring to band camp??

- Comfortable Gym Shoes – Do NOT wear brand new shoes to camp or you will get blisters. **NO SANDALS or FLIP-FLOPS. Socks must be worn.**
- Sunglasses / Hat / Visor / Sunscreen / Bug Repellent
- Comfortable Clothes (Shorts / T-Shirt) – You may want to bring sweats for morning rehearsals and have a rain coat or poncho handy.
- Personal Water Cooler – *Do NOT share coolers or cups under any circumstance!*
- Pencil, Music, Drill Notebook (Memo Book or Spiral Bound Index Cards), Binder with Clear Plastic Sheets – THESE ITEMS ARE A MUST!
- Khaki or jean (preferably khaki) shorts and either an all-white T-shirt or the band show shirt for the parent performance.

Our inside facilities are limited, so it is really important that you have *your own personal water cooler* for rehearsals.

These two weeks will be the most intense of the season, please make sure to get lots of rest once you get home!

What should be expected these weeks?

Morning – Stretching, Conditioning, and Fundamental Marching. Also, learning drill / guard routine.

Afternoons – Sectionals (guard on the field) and full band.

All music should be memorized by the end of band camp week 1. All drill spots should be accurately marked in your “dot book.” Instructions on how to do this will be given during Week 1.

We will be wearing marching shoes to rehearse in at times. PLEASE, always wear socks to rehearsal!!

Please make sure you have the following by the beginning of PRE-CAMP:

- Pencil
- Binder, Clear Plastic Sheets
- Dot Book (small memo notebook or spiral bound index cards – at least 50)

Music will be available to download from the website in early June. Check under the LISTEN tab.

THE INFORMATION FORM

The information form serves many purposes:

First, it gives us important demographic information on the student. This is crucial if we ever need to contact the parents in case of an emergency, accident, or illness.

Second, it gives us contact information and email addresses. We communicate A LOT by email. Please print email addresses CLEARLY so that we can get information to you quickly.

Thirdly, it lets the directors and chaperones know of any medical conditions or allergies that would be important to know in an emergency (i.e., how do we know if your child is allergic to bee stings unless you put it on the sheet?!?). It also gives (or denies) us permission to treat your child as necessary in the event of a problem.

Fourth, it serves as a contract between the students, parents, and the band program. By signing the information form you agree to abide by the policies of the band program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please list any medication that your child is taking and any allergic reactions. We need to know if it is okay to give your child over the counter medication such as Tylenol or Advil (or their generics) for minor headaches / pains or medicine for stomach aches. These are our most problem commons and we want your child to be comfortable.

We do not require a physical exam to be part of the band program; *however, we highly recommend that your child get a physical prior to practicing with the band.*

See the separate Handbook Form attachment for this form.