

# 2017 MHS Band Camp Information

## Basic questions you may have:

### *What happens during band camp?*

A lot happens during band camp! Band camp is used to get everyone on the same page in regards to marching and music fundamentals. We begin working on our field show for the year, learn how to read drill, learn group expectations and develop our ability to work as a team, learn the music we will play in the stands for football games, learn how to parade march, and more. Band camp is a lot of hard work, but don't let this scare you. Throughout camp we will do fun icebreakers and other games, get to know each other, listen to music, I may treat the group to ice cream or other treats, and we will make it a great time!

### *Is Marching Band required?*

Students enrolled in Symphonic Band will take part in concert band, marching band, and pep band. Marching band goes from August to late October, concert band will be from late October to end of May, and pep band will be from November to late February. Marching band does take a lot of effort and dedication, but the rewards are great. It is my hope that after going through one season of marching band, the band will be like your second family.

### *I have an unavoidable conflict during band camp. What should I do?*

Please notify me as soon as possible. If the conflict is truly unavoidable, we will make arrangements for you to catch up for the time you have missed. For members doing Jam in the Park, email me and let's arrange for you to be at camp when you are done.

### *My son/daughter uses a Foundation instrument that was returned at the end of the year. Will he/she be able to use it for band camp?*

It is strongly encouraged for high school students to invest in their own instrument. If this is not a possibility, please email me for a rental agreement form or go to the MacArthur main office and ask for the form. This year, the rental fee was increased to \$30 per school year. I need both the signed form and fee to provide the student with an instrument. Please do this before band camp and return the contract to me. Thank you!

## Important items for camp:

- Water Jug - Please stay hydrated!
- Gym shoes/Tennis shoes - Closed toe, No flip-flops/sandals, heels, or shoes with a high ankle. Improper shoes will prevent you from marching properly and could result in injury.
- Sunscreen
- Comfortable clothing for outdoors, must be school appropriate (t-shirt covers the stomach, shorts/pants worn at the waist, shorts reach the top of the knee, no leggings)
- Lunch if not leaving the school during the lunch break
- Instrument/Sticks
- Extra Reeds/Valve Oil - items to keep your instrument playable throughout the day/week
- Music
- Pencil
- Hat/Sunglasses

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## Expenses:

\$10 dry cleaning fee - Marching uniforms are cleaned at the end of the season. Money is needed before the end of band camp.

\$6 band t-shirt - required for Decatur Celebration Parade and required to wear under uniform for marching band, and for pep band performances.

### Woodwinds and Brass only:

Lyre and Flip folio

### Music Shoppe prices (not including tax):

DEG Flutist Friend Flute Lyre with Flip Folder \$12.75

Yamaha Metal Clarinet Lyre \$8.39

Yamaha Trumpet/Cornet Lyre \$6.99

Yamaha Straight Baritone/Tuba/French Horn Lyre \$7.69

Yamaha Metal Trombone Lyre \$10.49

Yamaha Sax Lyre \$8.39

Plasti-Folio Flip Folder \$6.40

### Percussion only:

Students that audition and make the snare or tenor line will need to purchase at least two pairs of the stick models below. Please get these models so we may have a uniform sound in our drum line. Please purchase at least two pairs (one for practice, one for performance).

Snares: Innovative Percussion Field Series Jim Casella Marching Snare Drumsticks (FSJC)  
Estimated Price: \$9.95 per pair

Tenors/Quads: Innovative Percussion Field Series Shorty Tenors Sticks (FS2T)  
Estimated Price: \$8.95 per pair

Snares/Tenors/Basses: Stick Tape/Scotch White Electrical Tape  
Estimated Price: \$4.00

## Tentative Fall Performances

Decatur Celebration Parade — Aug. 5th 10:00am (Call Time 9:00am)

Home Football Game vs. SHG — Sept. 1st 7:00pm (Call Time 6:00pm)

O'Fallon Metro East Marching Classic — Sept. 9th (Times TBD)

Home Football Game vs. Normal U. High — Sept. 22nd 7:00pm (Call Time 6:00pm)

Panther Marching Invitational (Charleston) — Sept. 30th (Times TBD)

Homecoming Football Game vs. Southeast — Oct. 6th 7:00pm (Call Time 6:00pm)

Effingham Marching Hearts Festival — Oct. 14th (Times TBD)

Home Football Game vs. Lanphier — Oct. 20th 7:00pm (Call Time 6:00pm)

Turkey Tournament — Nov. 22nd @ SDMS (Times TBA)

Home Basketball Game vs. Rochester — Dec. 12th 7:30pm (Call Time 7:00pm)

Holiday Band Concert — Dec. 12th 7:00pm (Call Time 6:30pm)

# 2017 MHS Band Camp Information (Condensed)

Drumline/Percussion Mini Camp: July 21-July 23 (9am-3pm), lunch 12:00-1:30

Leadership Retreat for Section Leaders and Drum Majors: July 21-July 23 (5:30pm-8:00pm)

Band Camp Week 1: July 24-July 28 (9am-4pm), lunch 12:00-1:30

Band Camp Week 2: July 31-August 4 (9am-4pm), lunch 12:00-1:30

\*Friday for both weeks of band camp is an early dismissal. (9am-12:30pm)

First Performance: Decatur Celebration Parade: August 5th, Call time: 9 am at MHS

## **What to bring on the first day:**

- Water Jug
- Gym shoes/Tennis shoes
- Sunscreen
- Lunch or Lunch Money
- Instrument/Sticks
- Pencil
- Hat/Sunglasses

## Potential expenses:

\$10 dry cleaning fee - due before end of band camp

\$6 band t-shirt fee - due before end of band camp

Woodwinds: Lyre and Flip-Folio

Percussion: Proper sticks/stick tape