

Dear 2018 MHS Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

It is with great excitement that I welcome all new incoming and returning members to the 2018 MacArthur High School Band. This letter gives vital information regarding the MHS Marching Band. Below, you will find the dates and times of our yearly band camp. Attendance is crucial for these camps because it is where we learn and refine marching and musical fundamentals, learn the ensemble's expectations, begin memorizing the music and marching drill for our competitive field show for the year, meet and make friends with other students, and bond as a performing ensemble. Band camp is **mandatory** for all students due to the large amount of content that is learned within these weeks. For our MHS Marching Band to have a productive and successful band camp and marching season, it is critical that every student is in attendance for camp. Percussionists have an additional mini camp that they must attend where students will be assigned their instrument for the season, be introduced to our technique program, and learn cadences. The Marching Generals are given numerous exciting opportunities to travel, compete, and perform for audiences throughout Decatur and Illinois. They perform at home senior varsity football games, parades, and marching field show competitions throughout the state. There is much in store for the Marching Generals this year and I am ecstatic to welcome our new members to the group and begin our season. More detailed information about camp will be sent out at a later date. Feel free to contact me with any and all questions or concerns.



Musically yours,  
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### **2018 MacArthur High School Band Camp Schedule**

***Leadership Retreat (for Leadership Team):***  
Monday, July 16th - Wednesday, July 18th  
(9am - 12pm)

***Drum Major Clinics (for Drum Major(s)):***  
Thursday, July 19th - Saturday, July 21st  
(5:00pm - 7:00pm)

***Percussion Camp (for All Percussionists):***  
Thursday, July 19th - Saturday, July 21st  
(9:00am - 4:00pm)

***\*Band Camp Week 1 (for All Members):***  
Monday, July 23rd - Friday, July 27th

***\*Band Camp Week 2 (for All Members):***  
Monday, July 30th - Friday, August 3rd

\*Band Camp Monday-Thursday Schedule: 9:00am - 4:00pm (lunch from 12:00pm-1:30pm)  
Band Camp Friday Schedule: 9:00am - 12:30pm

***First Performance:*** Decatur Celebration Parade - Saturday, August 4th, Time: 10:00 AM