

The Pride of Morristown 2022

Commitment Contract and Band Fee Information

The fall marching season is right around the corner, and we are already well into the planning and design phase. In order to properly plan for a successful season, we must know the exact number of participants. The purpose of this form is to better communicate the expectations and responsibilities of all Pride of Morristown members AND parents. This applies to winds, percussion, and color guard.

The marching band has many rehearsals outside of the school day that make participation co-curricular. This means that high school members will be graded and receive credit for all activities involved with the marching band. All members receive one P.E. credit at the end of the summer and one full fine arts credit at the end of the semester. You can see a calendar with all rehearsals and performances posted on the band website at www.MorristownBands.weebly.com. This is updated often and is always available for you to access. We try our very best to make you aware of all scheduled activities before the season begins, but as with any sport or activity, rehearsals and competitions are subject to change. We will always communicate any changes with you immediately via email to give you as much advanced notice as possible.

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is essential in allowing the Pride of Morristown to reach its potential for the season. When one person is missing, it really does affect the rest of the group. Attendance at all of band camp is especially crucial. Missing one day of band camp is equivalent to missing more than a week of after-school rehearsals. Please understand how important each individual's role is for the whole group. It is the students' AND parents' responsibility to make sure you can make it to and from all rehearsals. Many families are willing to carpool to lessen the burden of transporting students to and from rehearsals.

There are many opportunities for parents to be involved with the marching band, including, but not limited to: prop design and building, uniform mending, equipment crew, making/serving meals, etc. Parents are welcome and encouraged to be just as involved as the students in making this a successful season.

Band Camp is an intense experience for most first-time members. Students will come home tired each day, and it can be hard for students to remember that this period of hard work pays off immensely as the season unfolds. Please know that all of our returning students had the same feelings of fatigue and nervousness when they joined. Despite this, for many students, Band Camp becomes their favorite part of the year.

All participating members are required to pay a band fee in order to help offset our operating costs throughout the season. The cost to participate is \$250 for new members

and \$200 for returning members. (The extra cost for new members is for the purchase of marching shoes.) This fee is non-refundable.

Your band fee helps with (but does not cover) the following costs:

Show T-shirt	Marching Shoes & Gloves
Transportation	Music
Drill (Marching charts)	Uniform Maintenance
Equipment	Contest Fees
Staff Pay	Student Meals

...and much more!

Within this packet you can also find a recommended fee payment schedule. Please note that we offer some opportunities during the school year to help families earn money toward their marching band fees as well. **We also are willing to create a payment plan that fits your family's needs. Please do NOT allow the band fee to keep you from participating.** Financial assistance from the school may also be available. Contact Mr. Thrasher about any questions or concerns you may have pertaining to fees.

Commitment Statement

I have read the above information and understand the commitment each participating student must make to the Pride of Morristown marching band. By signing below, I am making this commitment for _____ to participate for the length of the marching season. I understand this means arrangements will be made immediately for him/her to have a permanent part in the fall marching show. I agree to do everything possible for him/her to be at every rehearsal and performance. I understand the importance of attendance at all events and will notify Mr. Thrasher *at least 2 weeks* in advance of any unavoidable conflicts. I also commit to paying the \$250 band fee, or \$200 band fee for returning members, by September 1, 2022 or as soon as my payment plan allows. I understand this fee is non-refundable.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date