



Marching Band Informational Meeting 2022

What do you do in marching band?

- Athletic band
- The show tells a story through our music and visuals
- Compete at competitions
- 2021 - Oasis: Illusions of Water
- 2022 -

WILL BE REVEALED IN A FEW MINUTES



The Commitment

- Rehearsals:
 - June Mini-Camp - June 13-15 (M-W)
 - Band Camp - July 18-29 (M-F)
 - Derby Days Parade - July 30
 - After-school rehearsals - M/W/F through the season
 - Occasional full-day Saturday rehearsal
- Competitions:
 - 3-4 Marching Band Invitationals
 - ISSMA Scholastic Prelims
 - ISSMA Scholastic Finals

- A big difference between sports and band -

There is no substitute for YOU.

- Productions are created based on the number of committed students and instrumentation
- Each member contributes in a unique way
- There are no subs/alternates
- All members rely on each other to be at every rehearsal and performance
 - It's hard to rehearse marching in forms if the forms aren't there

Band Camp

Attire:

- Athletic shoes (tennis shoes, sneakers)
- Comfortable, breathable clothing that adheres to the school dress code
 - It will be hot! Shorts, short sleeves, hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are all essential.
- Rain jacket/poncho, towel, and extra clothes may be needed in case of rain

Lunch:

- 12 pm - 1 pm
- Students and staff are responsible for their own lunch. Students will NOT be permitted to leave campus until dismissal at 5 pm.

Water:



But what if I play fall sports too?

- You're in luck!
- Several students choose to participate in fall sports AND marching band
 - Mr. Thrasher will communicate with coaches to ensure students are receiving all instruction they need with the band and with their coaches
- Games/performances ALWAYS come before practices/rehearsals
- *Performances > Games*

*5-6 band performances vs. many sporting events

I'm in junior high, so I probably can't take marching band as a class, right?

- Not necessarily!
- Taking marching band as a class (8th period) is an option for junior high students
 - Ms. Swaney - sswaney@ses.k12.in.us
- If it cannot fit in your schedule, it is not required. But it is HIGHLY recommended. A good amount of music rehearsal time is spent during class.

Why should I do marching band?

- Great exercise
- Improves playing ability and builds musicianship
- Gives you more band!
- Teaches and builds upon crucial life skills
 - Responsibility, discipline, communication, self-awareness, resiliency, problem solving, leadership
- Gives younger students the opportunity to bond with older students
 - They will already have friends in high school when they become freshmen
- Build bonds that last a lifetime

Band Boosters and Volunteering

Band Boosters:

- Fundraising
- Meal prep
- Uniform fitting/maintenance
- Grant applications
- Paying for nearly all expenses
- Keeping the band program running

Additional Volunteers:

- Loading/unloading the trailer
- Hauling the trailer to and from competitions
- Helping assemble/move props
- Chaperone
- Additional help to the Boosters

We need help with every event. Even if you can't help with every time, we are grateful for any help you can offer!

Marching Band Fee

Total cost due for the season:

- New Member: \$250
- Returning Member: \$200
- Alternate payment plans are an option
 - We can work with you to come up with a payment plan that is manageable for you!
 - Ex. \$30/month for 8 months; \$20/month for 12 months
- Additional assistance from the school can be provided

Please do not let the marching band fee keep you from participating! Please contact Mr. Thrasher to ask questions, set up a payment plan, or inquire about additional assistance from the school.

Recommended Payment Plan

Payment Amount	Payment Due
\$50	June 1
\$50	July 1
\$50	July 18
\$50	August 3
\$50	September 1

Marching Band Fee (cont.)

Items band fees help pay for:

Show T-shirt

Transportation

Drill (Marching charts)

Equipment

Staff Pay

Marching Shoes & Gloves

Music

Uniform Maintenance

Contest Fees

Student Meals

Sponsorship Form

- Sponsor the Band
 - There are several different sponsorship tiers to choose from
- Sponsor a Student
 - If a student receives a direct sponsorship, any payment received from that sponsor will be directly applied to the student's fees, meaning it can pay for their fees!
 - Anything received in addition to that student's fees will go towards the band.

*If potential sponsors have already donated to the band's calendar fundraiser, that would NOT qualify as a "Friend of the Band" or "Corporate Sponsorship."

Friend of the Band

Support Crew: \$50.00 and up

- Receive a show shirt
- Logo/name on band website
- Logo/name in concert programs

Friend: \$15.00-49.99

- Name in concert programs

Corporate Sponsorships

Platinum: \$400.00 and up

- Logo/name on sponsor banner in gym
- Logo/name on marching band trailer
- Logo/name on band website
- Logo/name in concert programs

Gold: \$200.00 - \$399.99

- Logo/name on marching band trailer
- Logo/name on band website
- Logo/name in concert programs

Black: \$100.00 - \$199.99

- Logo/name on band website
- Logo/name in concert programs

Forms

*Due by June 15 (end of Mini Camp):

- Commitment Form
- Emergency Medical Form
- Contact Form
- Sponsorship Form (encouraged)

Yours to keep:

- Recommended Payment Plan
- Tentative Rehearsal Schedule

*Receiving these forms by June 15 will allow us to prepare drill (our spots on the field) for band camp.

Questions?

Contact Mr. Thrasher

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And now...

THE SHOW



OVERCOME