



What is Marching Band?



A Marching Band is...

- A marching ensemble comprised of traditional band instruments, including woodwinds, brass, percussion, a front ensemble with stationary instruments, and a color guard...
- Sometimes marching band shows have props to add color, texture and drama.
- WBHS Marching Band does not require students to be enrolled in a band class, but it is highly recommended.
- WBHS Marching Band requires students to be disciplined and good managers of their time!
- And.... Marching Band is a lot of fun!

WBHS Marching Band is...

- A competitive marching band that participates in Flight I of the MCBA(Michigan Competing Band Association) and BOA (Bands of America) competition circuits.

In the last 12 years, the WBHS Marching Band:

- Has had 9 top ten finishes at MCBA Flight I competition.
- Of those finishes, 6 of them were in the top five.
- In 2008, the West Bloomfield Marching Band won the MCBA Flight I state championship!

WBHS Marching Band also...

- Performs at all home football games
- Marches in the Homecoming Parade
- Plays at the WBHS Prism Concert
- Competes 3-4 Saturdays at MCBA invitationals in the area and around the state
- Hopefully, performs at MCBA State Finals
- Marches in the Memorial Day Parade

Marching Season

- Begins with mini-camps in June and July, and runs through early November
- Certain sections begin rehearsal earlier and rehearse more frequently (Color Guard, Percussion). Instructors will provide students and families with specific schedules

2018 Timeline

- March 15: Registration begins
- April 10: Parent Meeting
- April 24: First marching band social event : designed to welcome new students! New students and veterans socialize, eat pizza and learn a few basics; free of charge
- May 1: Down payment due; second student social event
- May 1: Show theme revealed; section leaders announced
- May 8: New member rehearsals begin
- May 28: Memorial Day parade in Keego Harbor (new members are encouraged to participate!)
- June 18 – 20: 1st Mini-Camp
- July (TBD): 2nd Mini-Camp
- July & August (TBD): Pre-Band Camp rehearsals
- August 20-24: Band Camp at Manitou-Lin (YMCA), Middleville, MI
- August (TBD): post-band camp rehearsals
- September: first home football game, first home invitational (a/k/a “Field Day” – September 8), Saturday Competitions, Homecoming Parade/Tailgate, etc.
- October: Prism Concert, football games, Saturday Competitions
- November: State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit
- November 18: Band Banquet at Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills

Cost

- \$895 for 2018 season (undiscounted fee)
- Includes 5 days/4 nights at band camp

Extra Expenses:

- Marching Shoes (“Dinkles”); Color Guard Shoes (\$40 per pair)
- Show-themed shirts and/or hoodies; prices vary
- End of Season Band Banquet (Sunday, November 18); \$25 per person

What does the fee cover?

- Band Camp: 5 days, 4 nights; all inclusive
- Staffing: Experienced, professional music and drill instructors
- Show design: Custom-designed show with musical arrangement
- Props: Add “visual effect” - color, texture, enhance the story
- Color Guard: Require costumes and flags to match show theme
- Other costs: Transportation, instrument and equipment repair/replacement, entry fees for competitions, copyright fees, uniform repairs/embellishments, etc.

Ways to Reduce Fees

- Student Accounts “101”
- Scrips
- Show Shirt and Program Ads
- Trailer Ads
- Car Wash Ticket Sales
- Sponsorships
- Fundraising

Payment Due:	Date Due:	Amount Due (1 Student)	Amount Due (2 Students)	Amount Due (3 Students)
MANDATORY DOWN PAYMENT	On/before May 1	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
1	June 1	\$149.00	\$298.00	\$447.00
2	July 1	\$149.00	\$298.00	\$447.00
3	August 1	\$149.00	\$298.00	\$447.00
4	September 1	\$149.00	\$298.00	\$447.00
5 (FINAL)	October 1	\$149.00	\$298.00	\$447.00
TOTAL:		\$895.00	\$1,790.00	\$2,685.00

Volunteers Needed!

- Food/Concessions
 - “Feed the Band” on Competition Days
 - Concessions for Fall and Winter Invitationals
 - Judges Lounge (Fall and Winter)
 - Homecoming Tailgate
- Chaperones (Tag Day, Bus, Band Camp, etc.)
- Field Day & Winter Invitational
- Uniforms
- Prop Design
- Pit Crew
- Fundraisers (examples include Tag Days, Car Wash(es), Restaurant Nights, Bulb Sale, etc.)

Register Online!

- www.wbbands.info
- Click “Marching Band” link
- “Click here to register today!” takes you to online (Google) form
- Takes just a few minutes to complete
- Student and parent info only; payments collected separately
- Information is completely confidential



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Join us!

Parent meetings: 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of every month in the iCenter at WBHS
(check our calendar to be sure)

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