

2022 PIRATE MARCHING BAND

Orientation & Season Information

REMIND

Our district uses remind as its communication tool for extracurricular activities. This will be the easiest way to receive information, ask questions, and communicate with Mr. Sleggs.

PLEASE JOIN REMIND BY TEXTING @2022pmb to 81010

BAND NEWS

Band news is the band newsletter and will be sent out each week, usually on Sunday afternoons, outlining the events of the week, schedule changes, competition info, help needed, travel info, and lots of other important information. The band news is always accessible and can usually answer any question you have.

BAND CALENDAR

The most up to date band calendar can always be found online at brband.org just click calendar and it will take you to the monthly view of the google calendar maintained for the band! If you use G-Cal you can subscribe to the calendar.

WEEKLY REHEARSALS (once school starts)

Monday & Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7:30pm

**Some weeks may have an altered practice schedule due to events at the school, always check the band news!*

***The band room is always open between the school day and the beginning of rehearsal/game.*

REPORT TIME

This is the time you need to be at school, READY to rehearse, change, load, etc. The band room opens 1 hour before every report time and rehearsal. I advise arriving AT LEAST 15 minutes before report time to make sure you can have your equipment and uniform materials ready to go.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Marching Band is an extracurricular activity meaning all members of the band must meet the academic eligibility requirements to participate in the fall season. To maintain extracurricular eligibility, a student may not earn more than one "F" and not more than one "D" range grade (i.e. D-, D, or D+) per grading quarter. Students must be passing at least five courses and maintain a cumulative 1.6 GPA. Courses worth a quarter credit are not considered for eligibility. Fall eligibility is determined by the 4th quarter of the previous year.

ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

Inside the band handbook is a lengthy section on attendance. In essence, if the band has an event, you're expected to be there. Marching band is not a casual activity, think of it like a varsity sport - with no bench. Every member is vital! It is also policy that there are consequences for unexcused absences such as loss of 3rd quarter or sitting performances.

All absences need to be communicated directly to Mr. Sleggs via email or remind. If someone is not there and we don't know why, we tend to get worried!

2022 DRUM MAJOR

The drum major of the 2022 Pirate Marching Band will be **Mr. Travis Bloom!**

2022 BAND FEES

The fees for the 2022 marching band season will remain the same as they were last year. A \$50 pay to participate fee in addition to the \$20 Dry Cleaning Fee. **Fees must be paid by the first competition to perform.** Fees can be paid in the high school office beginning in August or the board office at any time. The board is willing to allow students to participate if they set up a payment plan at the board office with Mr. Haines.

UNIFORMS

All uniforms are provided and the band boosters have worked extremely hard to purchase all new uniforms within the last few years. All members must have an official PMB Member Shirt and the correct marching shoes. We maintain an inventory of member shirts and gloves for purchase at any time. Students will be fitted for shoes during band camp.

PMB Official Member Shirt - \$10

Colorguard Leotard - \$15

Marching Shoes (band & color guard) - \$30

Band Gloves - \$5

SUMMER UNIFORM

The Summer Uniform consists of the official black **MEMBER SHIRT, KHAKI SHORTS and ATHLETIC SNEAKERS!** No jewelry is permitted while in uniform (earrings, rings, bracelets, watches, piercings) and make-up should be kept to a minimum as you are going to sweat at every performance.

UNIFORM FITTINGS

Uniform Fittings will be held over the summer in July so we do not waste any time once band camp begins. Picture day is usually the first week of August so we have to have all the uniforms ready to go before August. You will receive reminders and a sign up link as we grow closer to fittings dates in July.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Come fall we will need help in the concession stand at Home football games. This is the band's **PRIMARY SOURCE OF FUNDRAISING** and how we keep the cost of being in our band program so low! I am asking, begging, pleading, that every parent sign up for at least 1 shift in the concession stand.

SUMMER PARADE & REHEARSALS

The Spencer Independence Day Parade is the debut of the 2022 Pirate Marching Band and includes all new members! The parade is of course mandatory and it is expected that we have a full representation of our wonderful marching band. Let's all do our best to serve our community and country! There is nothing more patriotic than being in a marching band and marching down Main St. in "Small Town USA" in an Independence Day Parade!! If your family has planned vacations and are out of town please talk to Mr. Sleggs ahead of time.

TENTATIVE PARADE INFO

Spencer Independence Parade - SUNDAY July 3, 2022

Report Time @ BRHS - 10:30am

Parade Begins @ 12:00pm

Parade Ends @ Firestone Park

Tentative Return Time: 1:30pm