

CHS Marching Band Students,

Congratulations on being accepted into the CHS Marching Band! This fall, we are performing Don't Stop Believin', Dream On, Any Way You Want It, and Walking on Sunshine. This letter will provide you with all the information you need to know about the upcoming marching season.

MARCHING BAND

Marching band is a fun, team-building activity that requires a lot of energy and concentration. For many CHS students, marching band is their favorite activity of the year. Don't be nervous about learning to march. We have an outstanding staff and student leadership team that will teach you everything you need to know. They're patient, kind, and really the best at what they do.

BAND CAMP

We meet two-weeks before the school year starts to learn the fall marching band show. This is called "band camp" and all students are required to attend the entire camp. Always arrive at least 15 minutes before official start time. Attendance is taken on the field at the listed start time. Be prepared to be outside most, if not all, of the day.

NEW MARCHERS, DRUM LINE, PIT PERCUSSION, LEADERSHIP TEAM, AND COLOR GUARD

There is a required workshop for ALL new marchers, drum line, pit percussion, leadership team, and color guard on August 18, 9AM-1PM. Others are welcome to join if they would like to refresh their marching. All other students are expected to be at camp starting on August 19 at 1:00PM.

August 16	9:00AM	New Marchers, Drum Line, Pit Percussion, Leadership Team, & Color Guard
	1:00PM	Dismissal

***Eat a full breakfast before arrival and bring a snack and water. There will not be a lunch break.

CAMP DATES FOR ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS

The schedule for August 19-20 will be:

1:00PM	Rehearsal
5:00PM	Dinner Break
6:00PM	Rehearsal
9:00PM	Clean-up/Dismissal

The schedule for August 21-23, and August 26-30 will be:

3:00PM	Rehearsal
5:00PM	Dinner Break (all meal breaks will be one hour this year)
6:00PM	Rehearsal
9:00PM	Clean-up/Dismissal

GAME DAYS

Attendance is taken at 3:30PM on game days. This should give you time to get home, refresh, and come back to school in time for rehearsal. If you want to stay after school until rehearsal starts, you may hang out in the band room. You must be under adult supervision at all times. Students will get a dinner break and time to change into their uniforms before games. Home games and clean-up typically take between 2.5 and 3 hours. Students can call home toward the end of the game to let their ride know when they are almost done.

GAME DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Meal Break</u>	<u>Game Start</u>
Friday, 9/6	3:30PM	5:30PM	7:00PM
Friday, 9/20	3:30PM	5:30PM	7:00PM
Friday, 9/27	3:30PM	5:30PM	7:00PM
Friday, 10/25	3:30PM	5:30PM	7:00PM
Friday, 11/1	3:30PM	5:30PM	7:00PM

ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS

Due to the one-month space between our shows on 9/27 and 10/25, there will be additional rehearsals on Friday, October 11, 3:00-5:00PM and Friday, October 18, 3:00-5:00PM.

UNIFORMS

Students will be fitted for uniforms during band camp in August. Please be patient with us in the fall as we fit students for uniforms. Some uniforms may not be the perfect fit, but will allow the student to participate in the band. Thank you in-advance for understanding.

Drum Line and Pit Percussion students will be performing in costume for both our pre-game and halftime show. The costumes fit the theme of our show. These costumes also allow us to expand the size of the marching as the costuming frees up some of our traditional uniforms. Due to a limited number of traditional uniforms, students in costume will not be fitted for a traditional uniform this season. If, however, you would like to take a picture of your child in a traditional uniform, arrangements can be made by contacting the director.

MUSIC

Music will be shared online on GAFE (Google Applications for Education) after you complete your online form (see below). Students will go to hcpss.me (Google Chrome works best) and login to GAFE using their school login ID and password. Go to "shared with me" and you will find a marching folder that includes part assignments for every song in the show and pep band music. If you have any questions, email david_matchim@hcpss.org. Music will be uploaded by Friday, June 14.

MUSIC MEMORIZATION

All marching band participants will be required to memorize their show music BEFORE band camp begins. Students will be tested on their memorization the first day of camp. Recordings will be shared in the GAFE folder with the sheet music. Show music includes: The Star Spangled Banner, Fight Song, Don't Stop Believin', Dream On, Any Way You Want It, and Walking on Sunshine. Start memorizing your music right away. A spreadsheet in GAFE will show your part assignment. If you need advice, email me and I'll connect you with your section leader who will be happy to provide you with music memorization tips.

PEP BAND

When the marching band isn't playing on the field during halftime, it sits in the stands and plays music to bring energy to the stadium. This is a required part of marching band. **Pep band music will not need to be memorized this year.** You will receive a folder with pep band music at the beginning of camp. A lyre (clip that attaches to your instrument and holds your pep band folder) will be ordered for you and the cost included in your marching band fee. Lyres are typically \$5-15 each.

BAND CAMP SHOWCASE

Pending availability of the stadium, we will have a potluck-style dinner and perform our show at the conclusion of camp on Friday, August 30. More information will be available in August.

HCPSS MARCHING BAND SHOWCASE

The annual marching band showcase has not yet been scheduled. We will meet with other Howard County high schools to perform our halftime show. The event is open to the public for a small admission fee. More information will be available soon. The event is typically on a school night in an HCPSS high school stadium. If the event is at another high school, the field trip transportation fee is approximately \$10 per person and the cost for the trip will be added to your marching band fee.

MARCHING BAND BANQUET AND AWARDS NIGHT

The marching band banquet has not yet been scheduled. It is typically scheduled on a school night the first week of November. It is a potluck-style dinner. The student leadership team will present awards to members of the band. The banquet and awards ceremony is followed by a slideshow of pictures from the season. The date will be shared with you as soon as it is available.

GAME ENTRY

Parents who wish to attend the halftime performance will need to pay for entry into the event.

MEALS AND BREAKS

Students will need to bring a reusable water bottle to camp and will have time to fill-up throughout the day. When we're on the field, we often have "gush-n-go" breaks where you'll have 30 seconds to run and drink some water from your bottle on the side of the field. Water fountains will not be nearby. You will also have multiple 10-15 minute breaks to rest and a 60 minute break for meals. At camp and games, students will need to bring dinner. Refrigerators are not available, so plan accordingly. If you plan on having your meal delivered by a parent or sibling, please plan for the meal to arrive on-time. Students may not leave campus during meals or breaks.

DRESS CODE

We will be outside most of the day, so wear weather appropriate attire in compliance with the CHS dress code. You **MUST** wear sneakers. Flip-flops, sandals, skater shoes, etc. are not comfortable or safe for marching. Wear the same type of shoes you would wear at a track practice. If you come to camp without appropriate footwear, you won't be allowed to participate in rehearsal and your grade will be adjusted.

MARCHING UNIFORM FEE

During the first week of camp, you'll be fitted for a uniform or costume, and be issued a dot book and marching band t-shirt. Each student pays a fee to cover uniform cleaning and the cost of the shirt. The fee is typically around \$40 and is due the day after fittings. New members and returning members that have grown will need to purchase shoes and/or gloves. New shoes are typically around \$40 and will be ordered through our music boosters, The CHS Friends of Music. Occasionally, we have second-hand shoes available for a reduced fee. Gloves are typically \$3-4 a pair. These items can be used year-to-year as long as they fit and are in good condition.

***This year, drumline and pit percussion members will be dressed in 80s attire. You will be responsible for the purchase of a costume (to be ordered through our boosters for approximately \$40-50) and a show shirts (\$15). To offset the cost of purchasing your own costume, you will not be asked to pay the uniform cleaning fee that other students pay (it's about \$20 of the \$40 dollar fee that everyone else pays) AND you can receive credit toward your fee by participating in the March-a-thon. The credit is only available to drumline and pit percussion members as a result of the additional costuming fee.

***Color guard and Counterpoint fees are different from the rest of the marching band. Students in these factions should refer to their advisor for fee and fundraising information.

We make every effort to keep marching band affordable. There are many neighboring counties that charge nearly \$1000 a season for students to participate. Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Music (our music boosters) we are able to provide an excellent marching experience at a small cost to students and families relative to many other high school marching programs. As always, if you have a financial concern, please do not hesitate to contact me.

ATHLETICS

HCPSS policy states that students participating in school athletics must split overlapping practice time equally. For example, if cross country practice is 3-6PM and marching band practice is 3-9PM, the overlap is 3-6PM. Students would switch activities at 4:30PM. HCPSS also says that if a performance and athletic event conflict, the curricular requirement takes priority. However, I allow students to choose as long as they split their time evenly and are not consistently missing one activity for the other.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

If you're not sick, tending to a family emergency, or participating in a school athletic event pre-approved by the director, you're expected to be at all band camp days and performances. An unexcused absence from band camp will severely impact your grade. Multiple absences from marching band camp will result in you failing the course and/or being removed from the ensemble. An unexcused absence from a football game is the same as missing a concert (2 letter grades lower on your quarter grade...ouch). If you're new, this may seem a little strict, but marching band is an activity that really requires everyone there at all times. Here's some more information regarding unexcused and excused absences:

Unexcused Absences include, but are not limited to:

- Work
- Non-school athletics
- Internships
- Homework (this requires time management on your part)
- Family vacation
- Private Lessons

Excused Absences:

- Illness (parent note required)
- School athletics (see athletic policy). This is managed between you, the band director, and your coach.
- Family emergency

Tardiness

- You get one free tardy
- Each subsequent tardy will result in a 1% deduction from your quarterly grade.
- Attendance is taken at 3PM and after dinner break.
- Be safe...arrive early. Make arrangements for carpooling, if necessary.

DISCIPLINE

One of the most important aspects of marching band is discipline. Marching band stems out of the military tradition and as result, the expectations for conduct on the field are extremely high. Students who are not giving 100% on the field at all times will be issued service hours in 30 minutes increments for lack of attention or urgency in rehearsal. Students are required to serve their hours before the next performance or they will be asked to sit in the stands and will not receive credit for the missed performance.

MARCHING BAND IS A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

If you are not physically active or outdoors much over the summer months, you're going to want to make a point of getting some exercise and spending some time outside prior to band camp. We spend a lot of time outside in the heat. While we give plenty of breaks and opportunities to hydrate, it's not enough if you've been inside and inactive for three months. Trust me...it'll make your marching band experience more positive if you are prepared to work hard in the heat.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Mark all the dates on your calendar! Time management is one of the most challenging tasks you'll face in high school, so get started on the right foot (when you march, though, you'll start on your left). Marching band may seem like a lot to handle, but take one step at a time. The most important thing for you to concentrate on now is learning the music. The better you know the music, the easier it will be to learn to march.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS...AND READ THEM!

Please check your email account regularly over the summer months for marching band reminders and updates. I send emails in lieu of in-person announcements quite frequently to save instructional time. Sign-up for text alerts and I will send a heads-up when I send an email that contains important or time-sensitive information.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Student leaders, such as drum majors and section leaders, will be emailing students throughout the summer to check-in and offer assistance. Student leaders are not permitted to email parents or respond to parent questions.

CONTRACT AND EMERGENCY FORM

Please complete the attached contract and emergency medical form and turn it in to Mr. Matchim by Friday, May 17 for Wind Ensemble students and returning members and Friday, June 7 for all other students. Middle school students should turn them in to their middle school band director and Mr. Matchim will pick them up. Make sure your forms are completely filled out, including your doctor's name and insurance policy number on the medical form.

The attached medications form is due the first day of camp for students who will need to take medications, prescription or over-the-counter, during camp. The emergency contact medical form is still due by June 7.

ONLINE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

Go to www.centennialmusic.org and click Ensembles>Marching Band and click on the contact information form link. Please complete this form by Friday, May 17 for Wind Ensemble students and returning members and Friday, June 7 for all other students.

TEXT ALERTS

Text alerts will be used for last minute rehearsal or performance changes only. Sign-up information is attached. This is optional, but strongly encouraged.

MARCH-A-THON

The March-a-thon is our annual marching band donation drive. Students are sponsored for the number of miles they march during band camp. Last year, we raised over \$7000 dollars for our program. Let's beat that this year! We are exploring a new, online and digital model this year, so stay tuned for more information!

NINTH GRADE ORIENTATION DANCE

If you wish to attend the ninth grade orientation dance during band camp, you are excused to attend. You may leave rehearsal right before the dance begins and must return after the dance is over.

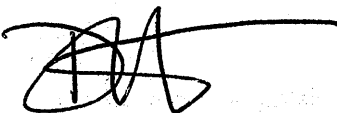
SAFE DRIVING PRESENTATION

Student drivers are required to attend a Safe Driving Presentation at an HCPSS High School in order to receive a parking permit. You can attend any session at any HCPSS high school. You may not attend a session during marching band camp. Please make alternative arrangements or visit the HCPSS website for dates at other schools. Typically, CHS hosts two presentations.

WELCOME TO THE MARCHING EAGLES!

Congratulations again and I look forward to seeing you in August! Marching band is a place for positivity and enthusiasm. Leave the ego at the door and have fun! If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be checking my email account throughout the summer.

Sincerely,



David Matchim
Director of Bands
Centennial High School
david_matchim@hcpss.org

CHS Marching Band Students,

Congratulations on being accepted into the CHS Marching Eagles! I am thrilled to invite you to be a member of the largest performing ensemble on campus. In marching band, you will make music and learn to work with others all while fostering friendships that will last a lifetime.

This document is your marching band commitment contract. When you join the marching band, your participation is a co-curricular requirement of your band class. This means that although marching band meets and performs outside of the school day, you are graded on your participation and performance.

Marching band requires a lot of planning and is an expensive endeavor for the music department. Once the planning process begins, it is incredibly costly and nearly impossible to make adjustments to the ensemble roster. For this reason, the guidance office will not allow schedule changes once this contract is submitted.

Your schedule and transcript will be adjusted to reflect your participation in marching band. Wind Ensemble students are required to participate in marching band and their transcript will list the course as "Wind Ensemble/Marching Band." Students enrolled in Symphonic Wind or Symphonic Band that choose to participate in marching band will have their schedules and transcripts changed to reflect the addition of marching band to their course.

This form is due Friday, May 17 for Wind Ensemble students and returning marchers.

This form is due Friday, June 7 for all other students.

Sincerely,



David Matchim
Director of Bands
Centennial High School
david_matchim@hcpss.org

MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT CONTRACT (Please check completed items)

_____ I have completed the online contact information form (see marching band letter for details).

_____ I understand that my course schedule and transcript will be adjusted to reflect my participation in marching band.

_____ I understand that the guidance office will not allow schedule changes out of marching band after this contract is signed and submitted.

_____ I understand that my participation and performance in marching band is a graded component of my band course. Failure to honor my commitment to the marching band will severely impact my grade in band and/or result in failing the course.

_____ I have reviewed and understand the accompanying marching band letter and attendance policy.

_____ I have subscribed to CHS Marching Eagles text alerts (optional).

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

due w/contract

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**EXTENDED DAY AND OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP AND FOREIGN TRAVEL
EMERGENCY PROCEDURE/HEALTH INFORMATION**

MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT FOR ANY STUDENT ATTENDING TRIP

STUDENT'S NAME _____ MALE ___ FEMALE ___

 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL
 SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
 HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____
 FAMILY PHYSICIAN _____ PHONE _____
 PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

(List in order of Notification - Parent/Guardian will be contacted first unless otherwise specified.)
MAJOR EMERGENCIES WILL BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL

NAME OF PERSON	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE NUMBER
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HEALTH INFORMATION

(Please list & give dates if known)

Health conditions/operations:

Handicapping Conditions:

Allergies (medication, food, insects, etc.):

Describe the usual symptoms/reactions:

Medications (prescription and non-prescription):

If prescription or over-the-counter medication is to be taken, a separate written order from your physician specific for Extended Day and Overnight Field Trip(s) and Foreign Travel is required. Refer to attached Medication/Treatment Order. **MEDICATION MUST BE PROVIDED FROM HOME.** There will not be a school nurse in attendance on this trip.

Does your child have any activity restrictions? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain. _____
Does your child have dietary restrictions? Yes ___ No ___ If so, what are restrictions? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The information you provide will be handled in a confidential manner. Information provided on this form will be shared with staff as necessary to maintain your child's safety.

INSURANCE COMPANY _____ POLICY OR BINDER NUMBER _____
PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR TREATMENT OF THE ABOVE NAMED PARTICIPANT BY A PHYSICIAN AND/OR HOSPITAL FOR ANY MEDICAL OR SURGICAL EMERGENCY.
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Medication Form/Physician's Order (To Be Completed by Physician/Authorized Health Care Provider)

Student Name: School: Reason for Medication: Name of Medication: Time to Give Medication: Possible Side Effects: Special Instructions: Date of Birth: Grade: Date of Order: Order Expires End of School Year or (date): Order valid for current year including summer school (Check if appropriate) Dose: Strength: Frequency of Medication: Date Med. Expires: Allergies:

Student may carry and self administer medication for asthma or other airway constricting conditions MD Initials: PRINTED PHYSICIAN/PRESCRIBER NAME AND SIGNATURE: PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Medication Administration Record (For School Use Only)

Table with columns for Months (August-July), Dates Reviewed (1-31), Name/Position, Initials, and a grid for medication administration.

CODES: Chart reason (See H.S. Manual) X: School Closed FT: Field trip A: Absent R: Refused N: None Available O: Omitted NS: No Show to HR H: Dose Held D/C: Med. Discontinued L/E Late Arrival/Early Dismissal RN Signature Date

Due @ camp only if you take medication



optional, but encouraged

Sign up for important updates from Mr. Matchim.

Get information for Centennial High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

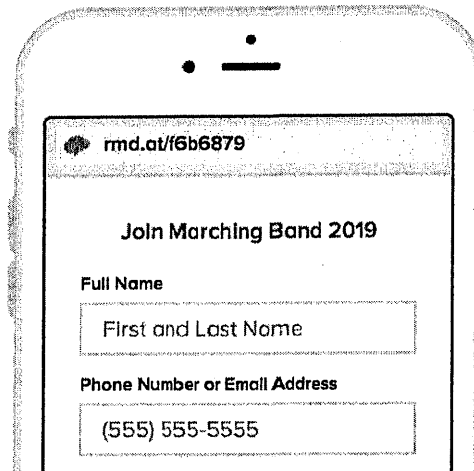
Pick a way to receive messages for **Marching Band 2019**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/f6b6879

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @f6b6879 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @f6b6879 to (443) 485-5123.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/f6b6879 on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.