

Marching Band Packet 2010-2011

Mr. Eash

Vision Statement

In Marching Band, students will develop an appreciation for music, performance, and leadership. Students will choose a musical instrument to master and over the course of four to five years will gain experiential knowledge of music theory, music history, and instrumental technique, developing each student's individual musicianship. Students will also discover the efficiency of working under an authority structure and the joy of working as a group to accomplish a goal. This authority structure starts with the administration and flows down through the director to the section leaders.

Costs

Band Camp	\$50 yearly
Uniform	\$15 yearly for cleaning and repairs
Gloves	\$5 one time or as needed
Shoes	\$15 one time or as needed
Lyre	\$10 one time or as needed
Flip Folder	\$5 one time or as needed
Band Polo	\$25 one time or as needed
School Instrument	\$35 yearly for cleaning and repairs

There is an instrument use contract attached to this packet for you to fill out and hand in with the money the first day of band camp. The uniform contract will be given to your child during band camp when they are issued their uniform. The cost of band camp is expected to be paid today at the end of this meeting. If you did not get that message this year or do not have the funds talk to Mr. Eash or Michelle Lentz and we will work with what you need.

Tentative Schedule

Aug 6 th	Memphis days Parade, Car Show, and Basics Night 4pm-7pm
Aug 16 th -20 st	Band Camp Week
Sep 10 th	FB Game vs. Kingston 5:45pm
Sep 12 th	Richmond Good Old Days Parade 11am – 4pm ish
Sep 17 th	Homecoming FB Game vs. Sandusky plan on all day
Sep 24 th	FB Game vs. Vassar 5:45pm
Oct 22 nd	FB vs. Brown City and Pie Day Set Up
Oct 23 rd	Pie Day
Oct 12 th or 13 th	Marching Festival
Nov 12 th	Final Marching Show/Awards/and Banquet 6pm
Dec 5 th	Rochester Christmas Parade

Rehearsals on Mondays from 3-5pm after school!

Band Camp Schedule

Monday August 16th

- 8-12 Basics and Block drill
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Sectionals
- 2-3 Full Band / Possible Sectionals for Percs
- 2-5 Outdoor rehearsal learning drill (no instruments)
- 5-6 Dinner
- 6-7 Outdoor rehearsal
- 7-8 Special activities

Tuesday August 17th

- 8-9 Basics
- 9-12 Drill (no instruments)
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Sectionals
- 2-3 Full Band / Possible Sectionals for Percs
- 3-5 Drill (w/ instruments)
- 5-6 Dinner
- 6-7 Drill (w/ instruments)
- 7-8 Special Activities

Wednesday August 18th

- 8-9 Basics
- 9-12 Drill (no instruments)
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Sectionals
- 2-3 Full Band / Possible Sectionals for Percs
- 3-5 Drill (w instruments)
- 6pm Party at Lentz's House! **Everyone is required to attend.**

Thursday August 19th

- 8-9 Basics
- 9-11 Pre-Game Drill (no instruments)
- 11-12 Pre-Game to music (w/ instruments)
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Sectionals
- 2-3 Full Band / Possible Sectionals for Percs
- 3-5 Drill (no instruments)
- 5-6 Dinner
- 6-7 Drill (w/ instruments)
- 7-8 Special Activities

Friday August 20th Ms. Grace's B-Day :o)

- 8-9 Basics
- 9-12 Drill (w/ instruments)
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1-2 Sectionals
- 2-3 Full Band / Possible Sectionals for Percs
- 3-5 Drill on the Field (w/ instruments) Make sure you have water bottles!
- 5-6 **The Show for Parents ending with dinner!**

8th Grade Marcher Policy

Any student in the 8th grade band is allowed and encouraged to march with the High Schoolers. This is a great privilege and will help out the marching band as much as it will help you as an individual. I have watched my students over the years and the ones that marched in 8th grade are the ones that accelerate the fastest as musicians. It also makes transition into high school smoother. It is not an easy task because they will not be marching every day in class but they will be expected to know their music and their drill just as well as the high school marchers. It is important to realize that it is a privilege, and if you are missing major rehearsals, any part of band camp, or not meeting the expectations set for you, you will be asked to wait to march until you are in high school! Your marching counts as extra credit and puts you ahead of your other classmates in seniority in the years to come and is therefore an advantage.

What if I am in Football or another sport?

As far as sports are concerned it is important for you to know that I am a team player and I work with the coaches to make sure that the students are getting what is best for them. Most sports do not result in a big challenge. The coaches, for the most part, understand that I have rehearsals every Monday after school from 3-5pm and that if they have a practice at the same time, their team member needs to be at my practice for the full time or at least half of the time. You can still march if you play Varsity Football! Ask Josh King. You have to be very committed to your music and drill and make sure that you learn as much as you can during Band Camp, but Coach will let me have you for half time to march the show in your football uniform...talk about good recruiting!

Color Guard Policy

Color Guard is an important part of the Marching Band and a part I believe in strongly. It gives us an advantage at Festival and some flare on the field and parades. Being in the color guard requires extra costs for uniforms, flag supplies, fundraising, and any extras you may need. It also requires more time. Usually the guard meets twice a week, once with the band on Mondays and a second time as well. You must be willing to learn dance as well as flag routines. For now we are only allowing High Schoolers to join the guard and there are try outs.

Section Leader Policy

The authority structure is as follows:

Director
Drum Majors – Senior/Junior
Section Leaders
Upper Classmen

Section Leaders are responsible for how their section operates. Marching band is a chance for students to learn about how to submit to authority and be in an authority position. This means that it is a place where students **learn** how to do this. I do not expect them to be perfect leaders or followers, but I do expect them to learn how to work as a team and respect each other whether they are in a position of leadership or not. I do expect bumps in the road but we will work them out so that by the end of each year the band is more ironed out than it was when it started.

Festival

All events on the schedule are mandatory. If for some reason you need to miss a performance, you will need to do a make-up assignment for me, usually involving a written paper or a power point presentation that we have discussed and agreed upon. Sometimes I will allow help at other performances as make-up work as well. **Festival** is not an event you can miss. It is the pinnacle of all that we do in Marching Band and is the most co-curricular part of what we do. It is, in a sense, our final exam.

Phone Numbers to contact and Website info

Mr. Eash cell 810-531-5057 office 810-392-2186
Michelle Lentz home 810-392-2405

www.memphisk12.org Band and Choir section
Facebook = Memphis Yellow Jacket Band
Twitter = memphisband

We need help form

This form is to be used for the purpose of getting help from the boosters when you are in a financial crisis. This form will only be seen by Mr. Eash and the booster President as we will be deciding what we will be able to do to help. The main purpose of this is to make sure that money does not get in the way of your child's education. If you are afraid of me knowing about your situation, do not be...the kids tell me everything, so I probably already know something from them. I just need to hear it from you so we can help.

Name _____ Date ___/___/___

Signature _____

Phone number () -

In short, reason for help

Please describe what you need help with

Memphis Instrument Use Contract

I understand that the instrument listed below is the Property of Memphis Schools' Band Program. By taking possession of this instrument, I understand that I am solely responsible for the instruments care and whereabouts at all times during the period in which the instrument is assigned to me.

I agree to pay a non-refundable cleaning/maintenance fee of \$35 (\$15 for percussion that are not marching) for the use of this instrument during the school year. Any minor repairs and adjustments during the school year will be covered by this fee as well as an end of the year cleaning/acid bath to clean the inside of the instrument so it is ready for the next person's use. **All repairs shall be made only with the approval of the band director, and should not be taken in by the student unless otherwise discussed.**

Since you have been assigned a locker, lock and combination, it is necessary to store the instrument in the assigned locker, with the assigned lock during the school day, and at anytime the instrument does not go home with you. I agree that in the event the instrument is lost, stolen, or severely damaged due to my neglect, **I will be responsible for the replacement cost.**

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Make checks payable to Memphis Music Boosters

Instrument: _____
Brand: _____
Serial #: _____
Condition: _____
Damages: _____
Paid \$35 (\$15perc): Y N Returned: Y N

Memphis Marching Uniform Info

Every student that marches will have a uniform assigned to them. A marching uniform is comprised of a jacket, bibbers (pants), gauntlets, marching hat (berets for percussion), a plum (non-percussion), gloves and marching shoes. Approved gloves and marching shoes can be purchased through the Music Boosters. The rest of the uniform will be issued to your child for use during the marching season. We make every effort to fit your child in a uniform that is comfortable and allows for additional clothing to be worn for warmth. This may mean that a uniform's bibbers or jacket sleeves may be too long and need hemming. Please *do not* use any form of tape to hem the garment(s). Also, *do not* cut the garment when hemming.

The uniforms are brand new and the students of the 2010-2011 marching season will be the first to wear them. Please discuss with your child the proper care and handling of their uniform. There is no rental charge for the uniform, however, there will be a \$15 cleaning and maintenance fee. If the uniforms are not returned in good condition you will be charged for either repairs or replacement of the damaged piece. The replacement cost of the uniform is as follows:

Marching Jacket	\$135.00
Bibber (pants)	\$85.00
Gauntlets (pair)	\$25.00
Plumes	\$15.00
Berets (Percussion and Tuba only)	\$7.00
Marching Helmet	\$30.00

Your student will be assigned a uniform during band camp. When the uniform is assigned your will receive a use agreement form that will restate the information included in this letter. A signature will be needed on the agreement before your student can wear the uniform.

Marching Camp Menu and Food Policy

	Lunch	Dinner
Monday	Salad Bar	Nacho Bar
Tuesday	Salad Bar	Swedish Meatballs & Cheesy Potatoes
Wednesday	Pizza	Party at Lentz's
Thursday	Salad Bar	Popcorn Chicken & Fries
Friday	Sub Sandwiches	Potluck

The boosters will offer a variety of meals this year during our marching camp. If your child doesn't care for the day's offering, they can bring a sack lunch. We will offer Lemonade to drink during all meals.

We are in need of families to help with preparing and serving the meals. If you are interested in helping, please let Michelle Lentz know (810-392-2405).

The Party at Lentz's is scheduled on Wednesday, August 18 at 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Lentz family will supply hamburgers and hot dogs and students and their families are invited to bring a dish to pass. This is a wonderful opportunity to come and get to know each other! More information will come at the start of band camp!

On Friday, August 20, after the marching show the Boosters are sponsoring a potluck dinner. The Boosters will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and ask that you bring a dish to pass.

On the days we have a Salad Bar, you may want to bring a sack lunch as well if that will not be enough for you. These are strenuous days and you will need all of the energy you can get! Water bottles and snacks are good to have on hand as well. Put your name on anything you bring that is non perishable!

MEMPHIS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND MUSIC PROGRAM'S FIELD TRIP PERMISSION SLIP

To: Parent/Legal Guardian
From: Mr. Joshua Eash
School:
High School X
Junior High School X
Elementary School _____

Your written permission is required for transportation of your student to a school-sponsored activity as described below:

Travel to: Festivals and Parades Transportation Via: School Bus or Car Pool
Checks if applicable made payable to: Memphis Music Boosters

Please complete the statement below and return to the school by: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I, undersigned parent or legal guardian of _____, do hereby grant permission for this student to travel as outlined above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Father's Cell Phone #: _____ Mother's Cell Phone #: _____

I am available to chaperone at my own expense and understand I must complete a volunteer background check with the office. Yes ___ No ___

My child and I agree to abide by the rules and policies set forth by Memphis Community Schools and the Music Program regarding extra activities. Student signature:

Medication Needs

Does your student have an allergy/medical problem of which we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, explain treatment needed: _____

Will your student need to take medication during this trip? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, name medication: _____ Dosage: _____

Purpose: _____

District policy requires that an Authorization for Medication form be completed for both prescription and non-prescription medication, and that the form must be on file at the school office. Medication must be returned to office or Mr. Eash if at camp or a long trip.

Is your medication form on file at the office? Yes ___ No ___

MEMPHIS BAND AND CHOIR

Medical & Injury History Form

Name: _____ Sport: _____
 Address/City/State: _____
 Parent Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Fathers Work: _____ Work #: _____
 Mothers Work: _____ Work #: _____
 Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____
 Alternate Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____
 Family Doctor: _____ Phone #: _____

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:

Presently Taking Medication	Y N	_____
Allergies	Y N	_____
Glasses, Contacts, Dentures, Hearing Aids	Y N	_____
History of Braces, Chipped Teeth	Y N	_____
Ongoing Medical Problems	Y N	_____
Serious Or Significant Illness In Past	Y N	_____
Past Surgical Operations	Y N	_____
Past Serious Injuries, Accidents, ect.,	Y N	_____
Past Injuries Directly Related to Sports	Y N	_____
Serious Family Illness (Diabetes, Bleeding Disorders, Heart Attacks)	Y N	_____
Problems with Exercise (Fainting, ect.)	Y N	_____
Last Tetanus Shot	Y N	_____

Has a physician placed any restrictions on your present activity? If yes, explain:

Do you have any existing and/or past medical or emotional conditions that require special concern and attention by a sports coach? If yes, explain _____

Please circle if you have any problems with any of the following areas of your body?

Skin – Head – Eyes – Ears – Nose – Mouth/Throat – Neck – Lungs – Heart – Abdomen – Back – Bowel – Shoulders/Arms/Hands – Hips/Legs/Feet – Muscle – Strength/Feeling – Mental/Emotional – Blood

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

 Signature of Marching Band Member

____/____/____
 Date

 Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

____/____/____
 Date

Memphis Community Schools Volunteer Background Check

For safety and welfare of our students it is the policy of Memphis Community Schools that adults providing direct supervision of students submit to a background check.

You have requested to be a chaperone on your son or daughter's field trip/class event. If you do not have a background check on file with the Memphis Community Schools you will need to complete and return this form prior to the event to be eligible as a chaperone.

Thank you for your cooperation.

- I am aware that child abuse and neglect of children is against the law.
- I have been informed of Memphis Community School's policies on abuse and neglect.
- I know that caregivers are mandated by law to report abuse and neglect.

I have been convicted of any offences more serious than a minor traffic violation.

YES ___ NO ___

I have been convicted of child abuse or neglect.

YES ___ NO ___

I have been convicted of a felony involving harm or threatened harm.

YES ___ NO ___

I have been involved in a substantiated case of child/adult abuse or neglect resulting in my name being placed on the Family Independence Agency Central Registry.

YES ___ NO ___

I give Memphis Community School's permission to obtain a background check through ICHAT.

Drivers License# _____

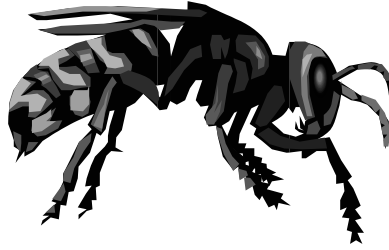
If any of the above questions have been answered "YES", please explain:

Name _____

Date ___/___/___

Address _____ Phone () -

Marching Band Agreement Sheet



I _____ attended the Marching Band meeting and agree to all things discussed in this packet pertaining to my child, _____. I will do my best to work with the director to see that my child becomes the best musician, learner, and person they can be as a Memphis Marching Yellow Jacket. I understand that the Marching Band is meant to be the pride of the school and that I will help reinforce that belief. I also understand that there is more to this program than playing music at school and that my child and I will do our best to support the band in its many endeavors.

Student's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Legal Guardian Sign. _____ Date ____/____/____

Email address to receive loop mail _____

I would like to help with the following activities:
(please circle)

- Band Camp – **Car Show** – Good Old Days Parade – Football Games – Marching Festival – Driving Trailer – Making Food – **Craft Show** – **Scrap Booking Crop** – **Pie Day** – **Pie Day set up** – **Pie Day Tear Down** - Parties for kids after festivals - Odds and Ends for Mr. Eash in the office – Christmas Parade – Memorial Day Parade – Sound and Lights – Advertising - Sewing - Video Taping - **Christmas Concert** – Monitoring Kids before and during performances – Uniform Issues

Anything else you can think of _____

