



Edina High School Band Program

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Edina Hornet Marching Band Season Information

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to you! I anticipate that this will be a fun, energetic, meaningful, and impactful marching band season with a State Fair parade, home football games, the homecoming parade, and two performances in New York City! We have a great staff of veteran teachers as well as a tremendous team of student leaders all geared up to make this an incredible marching band experience for all members. Please read the information in this packet and retain it for future reference.

-Mr. Richter
EHMB Director

CAMP WEEK

Checklist: Many of you have learned that Marching Band is as much a physical activity as it is a musical one. Here is a quick list of things to give you the best learning opportunity during camp week...

- Get plenty of rest each night of camp
- Make sensible dietary choices during the week
- Dress for the weather each day (some mornings can be cool)
- Have sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses and a water bottle at every rehearsal (if you carry a water bottle on you at all times, you will never be thirsty or have to wait for the next planned water break)
- Bring your instrument, music, reeds, oil, sticks and everything else necessary to perform
- **Wear athletic shoes and socks during all rehearsals** (no flip flops, crocs, sandals, etc.)

Drumline Camp: Drumline Camp is required of ALL percussionists grades 10 – 12 (non percussion cymbal players included). It will be held in the **EHS band room** from **9 a.m. to Noon**, August 15th – 18th with **uniform fitting** after practice on the 18th. If you have any conflicts with drumline camp, let Mr. Richter know ASAP at andr Richter@edina.k12.mn.us.

Leadership Camp: Leadership Camp is required of ALL students in leadership positions (i.e. Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Band Crew). It will be held in the **EHS band room** from **1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**, August 17th-18th. Please bring a pencil, notepad, and athletic shoes. If you have any conflicts with leadership camp, let Mr. Richter know ASAP at andr Richter@edina.k12.mn.us.

Marching Band Camp: Marching Band Camp is required of ALL band students. It will be held at **Edina High School** from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, August 22nd – 26th. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for details.

- NOTE:** 1) **ONLY Rookies and Leaders** are to report for the morning session of the first day of camp.
2) Each day has a theme (see detailed camp schedule). Dress up according to the theme.

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Once school starts we will primarily rehearse the music during band class. You may be asked to bring athletic shoes to class in order to practice parade marching and/or marching fundamentals during school. Since we cannot practice our drill during school, we have scheduled rehearsals in the evening at Kuhlman Field. Evening rehearsals are required of ALL band students. Please consult the season schedule and make every effort to avoid conflicts with rehearsals and performances.

CONFLICTS

We go to great lengths to make it possible for you to be in band and ANY other activity you want to be involved in by working with you through the conflicts.

If you are involved in a fall sport/activity, let Mr. Kile know ASAP via e-mail (paukile@edina.k12.mn.us), the following information...

- 1) What sport/activity you're in

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2) What level you are (10, JV, Varsity)

3) **Any** anticipated conflicts you may have with marching band camp or the marching band season. If and when you need to make a decision about what part of camp you will go to, **consult the detailed marching band camp schedule and try to be at as much pregame and halftime rehearsing as possible.**

Both the band directors and coaches work hard to encourage students to participate in a variety of activities *without penalization*. We understand that you will miss some marching band rehearsals and some sports practices. Please understand, however, that you are still making a commitment to both groups.

Consult the enclosed calendar and **put the dates on your calendar today**. If you can reschedule any **pre-existing nonathletic** conflicts, it would be beneficial to your child and the whole band, however, we understand if it is not possible. **Please do not schedule appointments or family events during rehearsals or performances**, as an absence negatively affects the potential success of this year's band. Students with jobs **must** communicate this commitment to their employers to avoid being scheduled to work during an evening rehearsal or performance. Work is not an excused reason for missing any part of your marching band commitment. **It is your responsibility to communicate all conflicts to all parties involved ASAP.**

UNIFORM FITTINGS (Note: Uniform fittings will be at the Edina Community Center)

All band students will be fit (or re-fit) for marching band uniforms on the following dates and times:

- All Percussionists – Thursday, August 18th from 12:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 12th Grade Girls – Monday, August 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
- 12th Grade Boys – Monday, August 22nd from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 11th Grade Girls – Monday, August 22nd from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 11th Grade Boys – Tuesday, August 23rd from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade Girls – Monday, August 22nd from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 10th Grade Boys – Tuesday, August 23rd from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

If you cannot make your scheduled time, email Mrs. Awes at cindyawes@yahoo.com to reschedule a different time.

FEES

Marching Band fees of **\$60 for new members** and **\$35 for returning members** are due on the second day of band camp, **Tuesday, August 23rd**. These fees cover the cost of shoes, the official band t-shirt, music book and other uniform maintenance expenses. Checks may be made payable to “Edina High School Bands”.

FUNDRAISERS

There are several band fundraisers available for students who wish to raise money toward their individual tour accounts. Our fundraisers this year are: the peach sale, magazine drive, Happenings books, and wreath/poinsettia sale. Details for these fundraisers will be available on the band website by August 22. Note: **the peach fundraiser begins right away**. An order form is enclosed and is also available on the band website. Orders and money will be due on the Wednesday of band camp. Be sure to get your orders in on time as we are limited to 700 cases this year.

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

Our annual performance in the State Fair parade is a terrific event due to the state-wide exposure it gives to the Edina Band Program and its thrilling parade atmosphere. It is exciting to perform when there are hundreds of people at arms length watching the parade. Those students who choose to stay and enjoy the fair will receive a meal discount coupon. We will leave around noon on Saturday, August 27th.

TEACHER WELCOME BACK

An annual tradition for the marching band is to play at the district opener for all the teachers, staff and employees of the Edina School District on **Monday, August 29, from 7:00 am – 8:30 (NOTE: different day from last year)**. It is always an exciting and fun time for teachers to see their former/current/future students perform!! All marching band students perform for this fun event.

THANK YOU

Mr. Richter, Mr. Kile, Mrs. Lundquist and all the marching band staff are excited for band camp to begin and the opportunity to see familiar faces and get to know new ones. We are confident the experiences we will create together this fall will be memorable ones. We know you will all handle the hurdles we face this year with patience and poise, and we want to thank you in advance for your **hard work** and **dedication** to making this a fantastic year. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mr. Richter or Mr. Kile.

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