



Edina High School Band Program

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Edina Hornet Marching Band Season Information

Welcome to the Edina Hornet Marching Band!! Every Symphonic, Varsity and Concert band member is also a member of the highly entertaining 300+ Edina Hornet Marching Band. We are anticipating an amazingly fun, energetic, and memorable marching band season next year! We have a super staff 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

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 19th – 23th. Please refer to the enclosed calendar for details.

- NOTE:** 1) **ONLY Rookies and Leaders** are to report for the morning session of the first day of camp.
2) Each day will have a theme, so you can dress up accordingly. Check the website for more details.

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 4 p.m.**, Thursday, August 15th with **uniform fittings** afterward. 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.

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 12th – 15th with **uniform fitting** after practice on the 15th. If you have any conflicts with drumline camp, let Mr. Richter know ASAP at andr Richter@edina.k12.mn.us.

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.)

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 15th from 12:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- All Leadership – Thursday, August 15th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 12th Grade Girls – Monday, August 19th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 12th Grade Boys – Tuesday August 20th from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- 11th Grade Girls – Monday, August 19th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 11th Grade Boys – Tuesday, August 20st from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 10th Grade Girls – Wednesday, August 21st from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 10th Grade Boys – Thursday, August 22nd from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

If you cannot make your scheduled time, email Mrs. Awes at cindyawes@gmail.com or call her at (612) 616-6144 to reschedule.

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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. Richter know ASAP via e-mail (andrichter@edina.k12.mn.us), the following information...**

- 1) What sport/activity you're in
- 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, **try to get to as much of the afternoon schedule as possible because that is when a majority of the pregame and halftime formations are learned.**

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 avoid scheduling appointments or family events during rehearsals or performances if possible as absences negatively affect the potential success of this year's band. Students with jobs should communicate this commitment to their employers to avoid being scheduled to work during an evening rehearsal or performance. It is your responsibility to communicate all conflicts to all parties involved ASAP.

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.

FEES

Marching Band fees of **\$65 for new members** and **\$35 for returning members** are due on the second day of band camp, **Tuesday, August 21st**. 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".

ELIGIBILITY FORMS

All band students are required to complete and return the Minnesota State High School League eligibility form in order to participate in the Edina band program. To complete the form, go to: edinahigh.edina.k12.mn.us/activities and follow directions. Once you complete the form, you will need to print and sign the eligibility statement and return it to the band office on the first day of band camp. Be sure to write the confirmation number at the top of the form. If you have questions, contact Chelsea Duke at cheduke@edina.k12.mn.us. The forms will be available beginning August 12. This form is NOT available on the band website.

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. Our first fundraiser will be the peach sale. Order forms will be online by June 15 and all orders/money will be due by Tuesday, August 20.

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. We will have a rehearsal at ECC at 10:30 am and leave around noon on Saturday, August 24th.

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 **Tuesday, August 27, from 7:00 am – 8:30 am**. 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 and we want to thank you in advance for your **hard work** and **dedication** to making this a fantastic year.

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