



# Edina High School Band Program

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## Edina Hornet Marching Band Season Information

It's hard to believe it is already time for the EHMB summer mailing! We are excited to welcome back all returning members and introduce the new students and staff into the band family! I anticipate that this will be a fun, energetic, and memorable marching band season! The EHMB is an integral part of the EHS community. With a trip to California this year, the high school, city, and state will be very proud of you to be sure! 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 4 p.m.**, August 17, 18, 20 and 21; **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** August 19 (for Get Connected Day); and a mini-camp on August 28 from **3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Please refer to the enclosed calendar for details.

- NOTE:**
- 1) The morning of the first day (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) is for **New High School Students and Leaders ONLY**.
  - 2) Arrive to Fick Auditorium *ten minutes early every day* (and as a general rule for all band events)
  - 3) Students will need to bring a lunch every day.
  - 4) Each day will have a theme, so you can dress up accordingly. Check the calendar 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 5 p.m., Thursday, August 13**. Bring a pencil, notepad (or a device to keep notes in), and athletic shoes. If you have any conflicts with leadership camp, let Mr. Richter know ASAP at andrew.richter@edinaschools.org.

**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 and Fick Auditorium** from **9 a.m. to Noon, August 12, 13, and 14**. If you have any conflicts with drumline camp, let Mr. Richter know ASAP at andrew.richter@edinaschools.org.

**During Camp:** 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 possible experience 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, be prepared)
- 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 below the main gym)

All band students will be fit (or re-fit) for marching band uniforms from August 14-21. Please go to [www.edinabands.com](http://www.edinabands.com) to see your assigned fitting time.

\*\*Can't make your scheduled time? No worries, email Mrs. Awes at [cindyawes@gmail.com](mailto:cindyawes@gmail.com) or call/text her at (612) 616-6144 to reschedule.\*\*

### FEES

Marching Band fees of **\$70 for new members** and **\$35 for returning members** are due on the second day of band camp, **Wednesday, August 19**. These fees cover the cost of shoes, the uniform band t-shirt, music book and other uniform maintenance expenses. Checks may be made payable to "Edina High School Bands".

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## CONFLICTS WITH THE REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

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:**

- 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, **consult the calendar and try to be at as much pre-game and half-time 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 rehearsal and performance 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. Students with jobs must communicate to their employers that they are not available to work during an evening rehearsal or performance as work is not an acceptable reason to be absent. It is the student's responsibility to communicate all conflicts to all parties involved in a timely manner.

## 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: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/57> and follow directions. If you have questions, contact Joe Burger at [Joseph.Burger@edinaschools.org](mailto:Joseph.Burger@edinaschools.org). 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 are available online and all orders/money will be due by **Wednesday, August 19**.

## TEACHER WELCOME BACK

An annual tradition for the EHMB is to play at the district opener for all the teachers, staff and employees of the Edina School District on **Tuesday, August 25, from 7:30 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.

## 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 11:00 a.m. and leave around noon on **Saturday, August 29th**. Students should **eat lunch before** rehearsal and will need to bring money for food and activities at the fair. The parade starts at 2:00 pm. We start and end at the Haunted House.

## 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.

## *GOT MAIL???*

If you have not received an email from the band office in the past month, you are likely NOT on our mailing list. Since we relay most of our information through our weekly 'Band-O-Grams,' it's imperative we include you in our email list. Please email Martha Lundquist ([Martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org](mailto:Martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org)) to be added to our Edina Band mailing list. You can include a parent and a student email address.

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