

## Welcome All New Parents and Music Students to MRHS Marching Band!

Congratulations on making Symphonic Wind Ensemble/Marching Band! It's a great achievement, and we hope you are looking forward to being a part of this award-winning ensemble. As your Band Managers and parents of current marchers, we can tell you that the kids not only make amazing music, but they also have a fantastic time together performing and competing. And we **ALL** have lots of fun - so welcome to our fantastic band family!

We have attached the *tentative* Fall band schedule below for your planning. Please be sure to mark your calendars. Students are required to attend all events.

It's hard to believe it but spring practices start next week! We will have an information meeting with parents at the first practice. We hope you can join us and get all the details about being a part of the band.

- **Spring Band Rehearsal Schedule:**

- WHO: Spring practices are required for all students who auditioned into Symphonic Wind Ensemble (current 8th-11th grades). Bring your instrument and water and wear comfortable tennis/athletic shoes.
- WHEN: Monday May 23 / Tuesday May 31 / Monday June 6 from 6-9 PM each evening
- WHERE: Marriotts Ridge High School (drop off at the band room, entrance doors facing Rt. 99)

- **New Marcher Parent Orientation Meeting:**

- WHO: All new marching band parents - or any "old" parents who want a refresher!
- WHEN: Monday May 23 from 8-9 PM
- WHERE: Marriotts Ridge High School - use the band room entrance (doors facing Rt. 99) - we'll post signs for the room location.
- WHAT: We will cover financial expectations, time commitments, football game/competition information, uniform care, and parent volunteer opportunities.

We had a fantastic 2021 Marching Band season capped off by a First Place competition win, and we are looking forward to the new season and getting to know you and your students! Hope to see you Monday the 23rd at the new parent orientation meeting. Please contact us with any questions/concerns you may have in the meantime.

Band Co-Managers - Maxine Saylor ([maxine\\_saylor@verizon.net](mailto:maxine_saylor@verizon.net)) & Krista Patterson ([klkirk2000@yahoo.com](mailto:klkirk2000@yahoo.com))

Uniform Manager - Connie Hennings ([cbhennings1@gmail.com](mailto:cbhennings1@gmail.com))

Pit Crew Manager - John Baker ([bakerjp1@hotmail.com](mailto:bakerjp1@hotmail.com))

## **TENTATIVE 2022 MARCHING BAND CALENDAR:**

### **Spring Practice:**

May 23 / May 31 / June 6 from 6-9 PM

### **Summer Marching Band Camp:**

Friday, August 12 New Marcher Mini-Camp (winds only - new marchers & section leaders) 9AM-3PM

Mon-Fri August 15-19, 8AM-5PM

Mon-Thurs August 22-25, 3PM-9PM

Thursday August 25 Marching Band at New Student Orientation 9 AM

Friday August 26, 1-6 PM Rehearsal / Family Picnic & Preview 6-8 PM

### **Fall Marching Band Practice (Winds):**

Wednesday evenings: Aug 31 / Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 / Oct 12, 19, 26 / Nov 2 from 5-9PM

Thursday evening, Oct 6, 5-9PM

Saturday, Nov 5, 1-5 PM

Wrap Party, Nov 9, 6-8 PM

Additional evening practices for Color Guard (Monday 6-9PM) / Drum Line and Front Ensemble (Tuesdays 6:30-8:30PM) will be published on the band website.

### **Football Schedule (Home Game Half-Time Shows):**

Friday, Sept 9 / 30

Friday, October 14 / 28

### **Tentative Marching Competition Schedule:**

Saturday, Sept 24

Saturday, Oct 1 / 8 / 29

Sunday, Nov 6 (Maryland State Championship)

