

Join the Mighty Sound!

Mendham High School

Marching Band

Color Guard

and

Drum Line



**Don't play an instrument? Learn over the summer or join Color Guard!
Read the enclosed FAQ page to find out!**

***Percussion rehearsals and percussion placement auditions in April 2017
See page 5 for details and how to sign up***

Enroll by April 7, 2017

Payment due June 16, 2017

Marching Band* FAQ

***Color Guard is a section included in Marching Band and requires no musical experience**

I already completed my fall schedule. Can I still join Marching Band?

Yes! Marching Band is an activity at Mendham High School. No need to schedule Marching Band. Just send in the attached enrollment form! It does NOT conflict with your class schedule.

I play a fall sport. Won't this conflict with practices and games?

We have had members who participate in every fall sport: football, volleyball, cross-country, tennis, field hockey, soccer, and the list goes on and on. If you are still unsure, we are happy to put you in contact with a current student who plays YOUR sport and also participates in Marching Band.

I am afraid that my heavy course load won't allow time for Marching Band.

More and more studies are showing that participation in music can improve one's academic performance. Music Education sharpens student attentiveness, strengthens perseverance, equips students to be creative and supports better study habits and self-esteem. It is frequently the case that members of the Marching Band are outstanding students, so if you're wondering how to balance activities and classes, there is no better group of people to learn from than our fabulous Marching Band upperclassmen.

When and how often are Marching Band Practices?

The marching band rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:30-8:00pm throughout the season as well as Monday evenings from 5:30-8:00pm during the month of September. Percussionists and color guard members meet an additional hour at 4:30pm on Wednesdays.

I want to join Marching Band, but I can't play an instrument.

It's NEVER too late to learn and the Marching Band welcomes new musicians. Contact Mr. Beadle so he can help you choose the right instrument and give you some free starter lessons during the summer. Color Guard is also an option, especially for those who love to dance. Color Guard is a section of the Marching Band that requires no musical background. We perform with flags and rifles while the Marching Band is performing.

The instrument I play isn't a Marching Band instrument. I wish I could participate, but I don't have enough time to learn a new one.

Many students switch instruments for Marching Band. This past year we even had a violin player join us by learning the saxophone. The staff is here to make you successful!

I am a percussionist. Can I pick which type of drum I play?

The staff chooses the percussion instrument based on our drum placement auditions in April. If you are auditioning for the drum line, you must have previous percussion experience. If you have not yet received information about these auditions, please contact Mr. Beadle ASAP at tbeadle@wmrhsd.org.

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Marching Band FAQ continued

Do I need to audition for Marching Band?

Auditions are for percussionists only (and these are done to confirm who will be playing which type of drum). No one is cut from Marching Band.

I'm not very coordinated. I can't march!

If you can walk, you can march! All freshman (and new upperclassmen) should attend our marching clinic the Saturday before band camp. It may be a work in progress, but we will all get better together!

None of my friends are joining, but I don't want to be left out.

You will be part of a Marching Band of about 100 students who like playing music and like performing. You are guaranteed to find friends from every grade, from every middle school. Many new friendships are formed during Marching Band camp that last all throughout high school and beyond...

Does the Marching Band do anything else besides march at football games?

ABSOLUTELY! Locally, we march at New Meadowlands Stadium in Rutherford, NJ (also known as Metlife Stadium), play at other competitions, and march in the Mendham Labor Day Parade. The marching band participates in music departments trips that occur every other year to destinations like Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

I can't participate in band camp. Can I still be in Marching Band/Color Guard?

Unfortunately, to allow for participation in activities and demanding class schedules during the fall, we learn the majority of our show during band camp. So if you want to be in Marching Band/Color Guard, you must come to the band camp in August!

I still have some questions. Who do I contact?

Please feel free to contact Mr. Beadle at tbeadle@wmrhsd.org. Additionally, there will be a small group of next year's Marching Band students (including some from the Color Guard) who will meet with all the middle school students in May for a Q&A discussion.

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Greetings:

It is especially hard this time of year to imagine the coming of summer. But as you make plans for the spring, summer and beyond, please consider joining the Mendham High School Marching Band. Success builds on a strong foundation and the foundation of the Mendham High School Music Program are the skills we learn in Marching Band.

The fall marching season begins right now! Drumline auditions are this April and FULL rehearsals (with current 8th graders!) occur in May and June. We next meet in marching band camp where you will get a jump start forging new friendships with peers and upperclassmen *before* school begins. Leaders, innovators, and soloists have to start somewhere, and when it comes to music at Mendham and beyond, they almost always start at marching band camp.

CAMP IS FUN! From great music, dancing, to camaraderie (on and off the field), camp is a great time and the best way to end the summer and begin the new school year. During the year, we march at home and away football games, competitions (like at MetLife Stadium), at local parades, and on the music department trip over the 2018 spring break. So sign up, recruit a friend, and get ready to start high school with discipline, teamwork, success, good friends and great music. *Remember, if you want to join the marching band, you must attend band camp!*

This year, we will leave Mendham HS on **Sunday, August 6 at 11am** and arrive in time for lunch at band camp at East Stroudsburg University, PA. After a week of hard work, great times, and excellent music, we will return at approximately 8pm **on Friday, August 11**. Transportation to and from band camp is by coach bus. We will perform our marching band show for the parents on Friday at 6pm (place on campus TBA).

There is a place for everyone in the marching band. Oboists, bassoonists, and French horn players have an amazing time playing marching instruments like trumpets, trombones, baritones, and mellophones. If you have a background dance, chorus, or orchestra (or no background at all!) join the color guard or take lessons with me on an instrument of their choice over the summer. If you are interested in playing an instrument for the first time you contact me soon!

You do have time! Almost half of the marching band plays a sport (many play 2 or 3), and if you are worried about the rigors of high school, our marching band student leaders will be there to help you start your year off with the right balance. We even have a math teacher on staff at band camp! (He's our drum line assistant.)

Interested? **To join the Mendham High School Marching Band/Color Guard, please submit your initial form and deposit by April 7th and fill out the attached Marching Band Enrollment Form and HS Code of Conduct form, and return them to me at the high school address below by Friday, May 19th.** Percussionists interested in being in the drum line must attend placement auditions and rehearsals beginning in **April**. Email me immediately to be placed on the drum line email list. Questions? Please call me for a chat. I guarantee a great time and great music.

Sincerely,

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Attention Percussionists

Percussionists interested in joining Marching Band must attend the drum line placement auditions and rehearsals beginning in **April**. Email Mr. Beadle (tbeadle@wmrhsd.org) immediately to be placed on the drum line email list. You will receive a full practice/audition/rehearsal schedule in the coming weeks.

When: Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 from 3-5:30pm

Where: Mendham High School band room

There is a spot for *everyone*. Auditions are for placement only!

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2017 extremely tentative Marching Band Calendar

April

- 7: Marching band non-refundable deposit of \$50 due.
20-21: Drumline auditions. Email Mr. Beadle as soon as possible to receive info about the drum line!

May

- Friday May 5: Student Leadership Meeting 4-6pm (for grades 10-12 only)
Friday May 12: Student Leadership Meeting 4-6pm (for grades 10-12 only)
Wednesday May 17: Drum Line Rehearsal 4-6pm
Friday May 19: Marching Band Enrollment Form, Code of Conduct form, and payment due for band camp
Wednesday May 24: Full Marching Band rehearsal 4-6pm band room (includes all new members) and Color Guard

June

- Monday June 5 and
Wednesday June 14: Full Marching Band rehearsal 4-6pm band room (includes all new members) and Color Guard

August

- Saturday August 5: New member Pizza Party /Marching Clinic 12-3pm in band room
Band Camp meeting for parents of new members, 2:15pm chorus room - meeting will also cover information new parents need to know about the marching band season.
Sunday August 6: Parent meeting for parents who are not new to Marching Band, and for new parents who were unable to attend the Saturday, Aug 5: 10:15am chorus room
August 6-11: Band Camp at East Stroudsburg University, PA
Buses leave at 11am Sunday August 6th and return Friday August 11th at 8pm.
Performance at 6pm on Friday August 11th on campus (place TBA)
Wednesday August 16: Rehearsal 5:30 – 8pm (Uniform fittings @ 4:30)
Wednesday August 23: Rehearsal 5:30 – 8pm (Uniform fittings @ 4:30)
Monday August 28: Rehearsal 5:30- 8pm
Wednesday August 30: Rehearsal 4:30 – 8pm

September

- Mendham Labor Day parade: Mon, Sept 5
Football games and pregame rehearsals: dates TBA
Rehearsals **Monday** and **Wednesday** nights from 5:30 – 8pm after sports (percussion arrive at 4:30)
Perform in Yamaha Cup at the New Meadowlands Stadium (MetLife Stadium): date TBA

October

- Marching Band Competition(s) TBA
Football games and pregame rehearsals: dates TBA
Rehearsals Wednesday nights 5:30 – 8pm after sports (percussion arrive at 4:30)
Bonfire Pep Rally Friday night before the Saturday Homecoming game: date TBA

- November Football games and pregame rehearsals: dates TBA

- December Potential finals for football: dates TBA

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The following four policies are important for marching band students and parents to understand.

Marching Band Attendance Policy

By joining the Mendham High School Marching Band, students are committing to all performances and rehearsals. Regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8pm, and Friday/Saturday before games. In September, we will rehearse on Monday as well. In the event of an illness or family emergency, please contact Mr. Kappel at dkappel@wmrbsd.org. If there is a conflict between a marching band rehearsal and a school activity or sport, notice must be given to Mr. Kappel and the conflicting activity advisor or coach as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours before the conflict so that the schedule may be worked out.

Marching Band Student Rides Policy

Students are required to ride the district bus to and from all away games. If a parent would like to pick up or drop off their student, the parent must submit written notice to Mr. Kappel 24 hours before the performance. A text message, e-mail, or phone call, although useful, will not suffice. A written, signed note by the parent must be submitted. A student may only leave a performance with his/her own parents. *Please make sure you check out with Mr. Kappel prior to leaving the game with your student. Mr. Kappel must see the parent before the parent and student may leave.*

Mendham High School Code of Conduct

All marching band students must adhere to the Mendham High School Code of Conduct. Please sign the Code of Conduct form that is attached to this packet to join marching band and submit along with the enrollment form.

Marching Band Uniform Policy

The student and parent/guardian(s) are responsible for all pieces of the uniform. The uniform needs to be cleaned at the end of the season or before if a stain may occur, and upon return from the Music trip that the marching band participates in every 2 years (Spring break 2018!). If a uniform piece is lost, stained, or damaged beyond repair, the student and parent/guardian(s) are responsible for the cost of the uniform piece(s) that applies. A refundable deposit and signed Uniform Policy form is due when the student gets fitted.

CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!

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Where: East Stroudsburg University, 200 Prospect St, East Stroudsburg, PA

When: August 6-11, 2017

Cost: \$0!!!

The Mendham High School Marching Band is pleased to offer a one-week free paid vacation in the beautiful Pocono Mountains! There will be plenty of sunshine, free food, and excellent music!

Kidding aside, marching band camp cannot happen without the efforts of amazing parents to chaperone our students. **Our priority is the safety, security, and health of students and this cannot happen without the help of our amazing band parents.** We need a MINIMUM of three parents 'on duty' throughout the week – chaperones are needed during the day at the practice field with the band and at other locations when Color Guard and the percussion section rehearse at a different location from the band (don't worry, we'll have a nice canopy tent set up for shade), and one chaperon back at the dorms. We also need parents for bed check at night. Duties involve distributing water, setting up for breaks during rehearsal, bed check at night, etc. Parents will stay in their own separate rooms in the evening and have their own dining plan.

The more parent help we have, the more our staff is free to teach and make music with the students. If you can only stay a day, just stay a day. If you want to be with us the entire week, feel free as well. The more the merrier (and the more flexible the scheduling)! Most of our parents stay within a schedule that works for them. The most important thing is that there are parents around when our students need them. Please indicate if you are interested in helping at band camp and we will contact you soon to schedule the week. You will then receive a packet that contains helpful information for chaperons.

YES! I am interested in helping chaperone in the BEAUTIFUL Pocono Mountains!

Parent Name: _____

(this person is AMAZING)

Contact info: Email: _____

Cell phone: _____

If you have a preference of day(s), please indicate here:

2017 Marching Band Enrollment Form – Please write neatly!

Detach this form **and** Code of Conduct Form and return to Mr. Beadle by Friday, May 19th

I have read the Marching Band Attendance Policy and Student Rides Policy

Student Name (print) _____ Student signature _____

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Parent Name (print) _____ Parent signature _____ *Required*

Year student is graduating _____ HS graduation year of youngest music student in family _____ *Required*
 (for transferring student's final music account balance to youngest sibling).

Seniors: Print first name (formal or nickname) as you want it to appear on your senior banner _____

Specify instrument: _____ or check here for Color Guard: _____
 Oboe, bassoon, horn, and bass clarinet players play a different instrument in the marching band. Contact Mr. Beadle with questions.

Student Email* _____ Student cell phone _____ *Required*

Parent Email* _____ Parent cell phone _____ *Required*
 * It is highly recommended that you provide both a student and a parent email address *Required*

Home phone: _____ Home address: _____

Band Camp roommate request, if any: _____
 There are 2 students to a dorm room (both students must place request)

\$ 575	Band Camp Registration Fee (Non-refundable)
+	plus \$35 shoes for new members (includes shipping). These shoes are a required part of the uniform. Specify size _____. Mens sizes 3-16, half sizes up to size 10.5, wide starting at size 11. Womens sizes 5-18, half sizes up to size 12.5, wide starting at size 13. Color Guard sizes 4-13.5, all half sizes available.
+	plus \$17 t-shirt. The t-shirt is a required part of the uniform. Specify adult size _____. Womens t-shirts are female cut (S-2XL). Mens (S-2XL). 2XL is \$2 extra. Existing members can use their navy t-shirt from last year. Seniors only may purchase the t-shirt in white.
\$	Subtotal
-	minus amount to use from this student's individual music account. To find out current student account balance, please e-mail WMMHSMarchingBand@gmail.com requesting balance info.
\$	Total check amount enclosed and made payable to Mendham High School Music Boosters. Check# _____

I give permission to have my student's picture taken for the fall football program. The band photo is taken during band camp.
 Parent signature _____

I WILL be picking up my student from band camp on Friday, August 11.
 Parent signature _____

Reminder - Append the 2-page Code of Conduct form! A signed form is needed to join. It is here:
http://mendham.wmrhsd.org/WWW_FILES/20/LINK_DOCS_20/AthleticActivitiesCodeofConduct.pdf

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