



March 2025

Dear Mabank Panther Band Students and Parents:

We are extremely excited about the 2025/2026 edition of the **'Panther Band!'** We want to welcome all incoming ninth grade students to our high school band family. Our UIL competition show is full of excitement and energy. Each of you will have a folder of music before our school year ends. You can help us ensure a **FANTASTIC** start to the year by preparing your music before Summer Band starts.

Percussion Prep-Days & Camp

Prior to instrument placement, we have our **Percussion Prep-Days**. These will be May 12-16 (4:00-5:30 daily). **Full percussion every day**. Instrument placement will be determined by attendance and performance during the **Prep-Days**. **Percussion Camp**: July 21-25. We hire 2 percussion specialists to assist Mr. Tarkington in preparing our students. Times for the percussion camp are 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 daily. Students are encouraged to bring lunch for their hour off each day.

Summer Band (See back of this page for dates/times)

Summer band rehearsals will begin on July 28. See attached schedule (on back) for rehearsal dates/times. Summer band is **FUN/VERY IMPORTANT** because we have uninterrupted time to learn the fundamentals of marching and get a quality head-start on the music we will be performing. Our band staff, and hired professionals will conduct all rehearsals with our students. Summer Band times are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily (hour off at 11:00-12:00 for lunch). Attendance is a must for students wanting to participate.

Safety Information

Make sure to drink **plenty of water** in the days leading up to summer band camp. Please bring your own water bottle or insulated jug to rehearsal **each day**. This will help you stay hydrated and able to participate in the various activities throughout the hot day. Food/diet is also important. Make sure to eat a healthy breakfast and make arrangements for lunch (11:00-12:00). You will need lots of energy to perform at your best during rehearsals.

Make sure to wear good athletic shoes to practice (NO Crocs, Hey Dudes, or slip-ons). Shoes also need to be tied the appropriate way. Please wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen are **strongly** recommended.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us-

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End of Spring/Summer Calendar

May:

- 1 Intro to Marching (4:00-6:00 pm)
2* *Intro to Marching alternate in case of inclement weather*
- 12-16 Percussion Prep-Days (4:00-5:30 pm)

July:

- 14-18 Color Guard Camp - HS Band Hall (7:00-4:00 daily)
- 25 Panther Band Registration Day (8:00AM-5:00PM)
- 21-25 Percussion Camp - HS Band Hall (9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00)
- *28-August 1 (Week 1) Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:30 PM **daily**)

August:

- *4-8 (Week 2) Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:30 PM **daily**)
- *8 **Mandatory** Student/Parent meeting-'Booster Kick-Off' (4:30 PM/HS Band Hall)
- *11-12 Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily)
- 13 1st day of school (NO morning band)
- 14 Morning rehearsals start (Daily/Monday-Friday)

PLEASE REGISTER FOR BAND APP

(Students & Parents - Use real names please)

