



April 17, 2024

Dear Mabank Panther Band Students and Parents:

We are extremely excited about the 2024/2025 edition of the **'Panther Band!'** We want to welcome all incoming ninth grade students to our high school band family. Our new UIL Show, 'Breaking Darkness' 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 13-17 (4:00-6:00 daily). **Full percussion every day**. Instrument placement will be determined by attendance and performance during the **Prep-Days**. **Percussion Camp**: July 22-26. We hire a percussion specialist 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 29. 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 3:00 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:

- 2 Intro to Marching (4:00-6:00 pm)
- 3\* *Intro to Marching alternate in case of inclement weather*
- 13-17 Percussion Prep-Days (4:00-6:00 pm)

### July:

- 15-19 Color Guard Camp - HS Band Hall (7:00-4:00)
- 26 Panther Band Registration Day (8:00AM-5:00PM)
- 22-26 Percussion - HS Band Hall (9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00)
- 29-31 Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily)

### August:

- 1-2 Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily)
- 5-9 Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily)
- 9 **Mandatory** Student/Parent meeting-'Booster Kick-Off' (4:30 PM/HS Band Hall)
- 12-13 Summer Band/Full Band (7:00 AM to 3:00 PM daily)
- 14 1st day of school (NO morning band)
- 15 Morning rehearsals start (Daily/Monday-Friday)

PLEASE REGISTER FOR BAND APP

(Students & Parents - Use real names please)

