



Pickens High School Bands

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WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR MARCHING BAND?

There are basically two divisions of time for rehearsal of the marching band: Spring/Summer time, and rehearsal time once school has started. Below is a chart that explains the Spring/Summer time commitment. Once school resumes in the Fall, the schedule is very regular; it is charted below, too.

This year, we will have a few summer practice dates before camp starts but these are totally voluntary and will help you if you attend. **Band camp is MANDATORY ATTENDANCE.**

MARCHING BAND (“MB”) DATES- SPRING & SUMMER 2019

| Date | Event | Who is involved |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 8-12, 2019 (4-6 PM) | MB Percussion clinic- Middle school students can ride the activity bus from the middle schools | All 2019 MB percussionists (8 th grade perc. players go to this as well as old marchers) |
| April 22-26, 29, 2019 4:30-6:30pm | Color Guard auditions- April 22-25 dates are the clinic days, 4/26 is “help” day (optional), April 29 is the actual audition day. Middle school students can ride the activity bus from the middle schools | Girls interested in being on 2019 color guard (aka “flags”)- this includes veterans and new people. |
| April 16-17, 2019 4:30-6:00pm | “Rookie” Camp at PHS- learn how to march before band camp in August- it’s a fun learning time! Middle school students can ride the activity bus from the middle schools | Upcoming 8 th graders in MB, new MB officers/sect. leaders |
| May 18, 2019 | First Full Marching Band rehearsal for 2019, 8am-Noon | Everyone marching in 2019! |
| June 2019 | To be determined later, but we will have nights to come in and get a head-start on marching music! | Everyone! |
| July 8, 2019 | Guard and Percussion Pre-Camp at PHS | Guard and Percussion, Leadership |
| July 9, 2019 | Rookies (new marchers) report for camp at PHS | Rookies, Leadership |
| July 10-12, 2019 | Full Band Camp at PHS | All marchers for 2019 |
| July 15-19, 2019 | Full Band Camp at PHS | All marchers for 2019 |
| July 23, 2019 | Picture night and Indoor Music Rehearsal, 6-8:30 PM | Entire MB |
| July 25, 2019 | Marching Rehearsal, 6-9:00 PM | All marchers |
| July 30, 2019 | Marching Rehearsal, 6-9:00 PM | All marchers |
| August 1, 2019 | Marching Rehearsal, 6-9:00 PM | All marchers |
| August 6, 2019 | First Day of School | Every student in Pickens County |

MARCHING BAND (“MB”) SCHEDULE ONCE SCHOOL STARTS

| Day of week/time | Event | Who is involved |
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| Monday, TIME TBD | <i>Guard sectional</i> | <i>Color guard</i> |
| Tuesday, 3:45-6:15pm | <i>Marching band rehearsal</i> | Entire marching band |
| <i>Probably Monday</i> | <i>Percussion sectional</i> | MB Percussion section |
| Thursday, 3:45-6:15pm | <i>Marching band rehearsal</i> | Entire marching band |

The entire marching season is effectively concluded after the fourth week of October. Our “peak event” is the last marching contest we attend in October. After that event, marching band is reduced to one rehearsal per week, for about a 30-45 minute rehearsal. ***So- the busy part of the season is actually only from the first week of August to October, a period of only about 12 weeks!***

Things you should be aware of for the 2019-2020 season:

- 1) We will build on the success and achievements of the 2018-2019 season. We never stop getting better and more awesome.
- 2) **We are going back to one field show. We have also hired a drill tech for the season.**
- 3) Band camp is two weeks again so that we can do more work with fundamentals and music.
- 4) We will still do the parent marching exhibition/picnic on the last night of camp on the July 19th.
- 5) So far, I have hired many staff members for next year. I will let you know who they are and who is returning as soon as I can! Shannon O’Dell will be the Percussion Caption Head, Mr. Smith will write the drum/wind music and we have Clarissa Curtis for Color Guard. Mr. Smith will continue to be the Assistant Director for the marching band as well! I love our staff members and they love you, so it’s a perfect match! I am very excited about for the potential of the band with such awesome teachers coming to work with us!
- 6) Student leadership will continue to have an active role in running the band. This means that they will be acting as assistant directors in many respects. They will not be there to boss you around and get an ego, but they will be there to guide the band into the next phase of the Pride of Pickens history. Expect great things! They were awesome last year and made so many things happen for all of us- this next group will be awesome as well!

*** We, once again, learned a lot from last year and we have all the gears working now to provide a quality, highly-musical, and highly-energetic show next year for the Pride of Pickens band and for every crowd we encounter. Are you ready to help in this effort? People expect a lot out of us and we will deliver. We will still have many of our commitments (Christmas, Pep Rallies, appearances, Veterans Day and Marble Festival parades) and some other performances as well.

We look forward to having you with us next year! Remember this: at no other time in your life can you participate in something like we have here at Pickens High School. Don’t let it pass you by!

YAY BAND!



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