

Pickens High School Bands

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**THE FULL-OF-INFORMATION, GRAB A BOOKMARK AND HIGHLIGHTER,
HIGHLY-INFORMATIVE SUMMER BAND NEWSLETTER!**

READ THIS NOW !!!

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND
APPLY IT TO YOUR CELL PHONE/ CALENDAR/ FRIDGE/ FOREHEAD or
WHATEVER YOU USE TO REMEMBER IMPORTANT DATES! THESE DATES ARE
SET AND WE ARE KNOWN FOR OUR ORGANIZATION AND PUNCTUALITY!**

MARCHING BAND CAMP GENERAL INFORMATION:

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1. ***Hats, athletic shoes, and appropriate hot weather clothing are required for all pre-camp and band camp.*** Hats are not required once the school year starts, but they are highly encouraged! Marching band is not a fashion show- leave the fancy shoes, long pants, make up and fancy hair-do at home! HATS (baseball-type or visors, sun hats, sombreros etc.) and sneakers are required and inspected for at band camp. If you do not have a hat, you will need to get one! I would highly encourage sunglasses and sunscreen. School dress code is in effect for all school-related events, like a band rehearsal, so please remember that if it is inappropriate, you will be asked to change and “inappropriate” is up to what the director says is not appropriate. We have stricter standards than the school does in many regards! But, if you have questions about it, email Ms. Lawhorne. Be classy- Stay Classy!

2. ***Bring your horn, sticks, mallets, flip folder, music and/or practice flag.*** 9th graders: you will learn very quickly that we do not “shepherd” you around like you may have been accustomed to in middle school- YOU are responsible for supplies and maintenance of your horn. Make sure your case is LABELED with your name and phone number as well. We will inspect for this!

3. ***School horns: if you play a school-owned instrument, you should have one already or will get one soon once we know when students can come to PHS to pick it up.*** The band room is closed at different times throughout the summer (band directors go on vacation, too, believe it or not!). If you do not have one upon receiving this, please contact Ms. Lawhorne via email. **All horns for marching band will be distributed before school is out or right at the beginning of the summer. If you want a horn for band class, please contact me via email ASAP!** ChristinLawhorne@pickenscountyschools.org

4. ***UNIFORMS:*** Uniforms will be fitted and issued on Saturday, July 16, 2021 in between camp weeks. As explained back in the Winter and Spring, your band fee of \$300.00 only covers instruction and the operational costs. YOU are responsible for any other purchases for band gear. Fittings will be done by Seniors, percussion, and then sections. **You will not be issued a uniform if you have not paid your band fee. Uniform costs will be included with this mail out.**

5. ***LYRE/FLIPFOLDER-*** required of all woodwind and brass players (flutes- wrist flip folders required only). The best flip folders for brass are the kind that attach to your bell. A supply will be available in the band room, but please purchase early if you can. Flip folders come with 5-10 pages, but you will need more. Ms. Lawhorne will sell flip folder pages (50 cents each) during band camp until we run out. **YOU are responsible for obtaining a flip folder BEFORE camp or on your first day of camp from us**

6. ***MARCHING BAND IS A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY!! GET IN SHAPE NOW,*** if you aren't already! Having spent your summer in air conditioning watching TV, texting and playing on Snapchat/Twitter/Instagram/TikTok is not the best way to condition yourself to heat and exercise. Don't be caught off-guard- it will only put your spot in the show in jeopardy! If we cannot count on you to be in good enough health to handle heat, and you spend most drill rehearsals under a tent or squatting down on the sidelines, you might as well not come. That sounds cruel, but it is the way it is. PLEASE get at least 30 minutes a day of exercise in the hot weather so that you can be counted on to contribute! Pre-physical conditioning is in YOUR best interest! Hikes are a great way to help with conditioning!

Monday, July 11	
8:30am-6:00pm	Percussion Sectionals, Guard Sectionals, and Leadership . Lunch on your own. Start in the band room at 8:30.
Tuesday, July 12	
8:30am-6:00pm	Percussion Sectionals and Guard Sectionals. Leadership and ROOKIES(all new marchers report!) Lunch on campus. Start in the band room at 8:30.
Wednesday, July 13 8:30am-6:00pm	EVERYONE REPORTS THIS DAY! NEW FOR 2021!!!! Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch! Hourly schedule coming before camp: Leadership training for everyone, team building exercises and games, how to do find your drill spot, coordinate cards, teach others how to do it, everyone learn how to do it. Marching fundamentals by rookie/veteran, other marching fundamentals. Inside and outside marching this day! Instruments will be needed for music rehearsal.
Thursday, July 14	
8:30am	Start inside at 8:30
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
3:00pm	Fundamental rehearsal in the Gym and Drill Down
4:30pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:30pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
7:30pm	Dismissal from lot.
7:45pm	Full band parent and student meeting in the PAC- REQUIRED for all families. Leadership handing out forms.
Friday, July 15	
8:30am-10:45am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
11:00am-12:00 pm	Football and Cheer Training
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
4:00pm	Fundamental rehearsal in the Gym then to the parking lot
6:00pm	Dismissal from parking lot
Saturday, July 16	UNIFORM FITTINGS- APPOINTMENT TIMES WILL BE SENT LATER THIS SUMMER! Leadership will assist with fittings and all that is needed this day. Everyone must attend this day and pay for the supplies, accessories, etc. that you need for marching band.
Monday, July 18	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectional- locations TBA
3:00pm-3:55pm	Full Band Rehearsal
4:00pm	Fun activity
4:45pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:30pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
8:30pm	Dismissal from lot.

Tuesday, July 19	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- locations TBA
3:00pm-3:45pm	Full Band rehearsal
4:00-5:00pm	Fun activity
5:15pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
6:15pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
8:30pm	Dismissal from lot.
Wednesday, July 20	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- location TBA
3:15pm	Full Band outside
5:30pm	End of rehearsal
Thursday, July 21	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch or get school lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- location TBA
3:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
3:30pm	Fun activity
4:30pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:15pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
7:15pm	Dismissal for Special Night Activity
8:30pm	End of rehearsal
Friday, July 22	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot. Don't be late!
Noon	Lunch on your own-Go Home! If you need to stay on campus, be sure to bring your lunch!
5:00pm	Call time on football field to prepare for the Band Bash.
6:00pm	Marching Parent Show- PARENTS, FAMILY, PETS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS should attend!
7:00pm-ish	End of Band Bash- please help clean up and head home! YAY BAND CAMP!
Tuesday, July 26	
4:00pm	<i>A good time to show up to get ready for pics....</i>
5:00pm	Official call time, in full uniform, with instrument, in the NEW GYM
As soon as pics are done	Full Band Music Rehearsal
8:30pm	Dismissal
Thursday, July 28	Rehearsal, 6:00-9:00 pm ***PENDING OPEN HOUSE***

IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!- SUMMER MUSIC REHEARSALS FOR MARCHING BAND!

Many students mentioned that they would like times during the summer to work on the music as a group. This is a great way to meet new people and get ahead on your music pass-off's while learning the show! If you are in town, come join us! If not, that's fine- we're just trying to get a head start! This was HIGHLY BENEFICIAL to all who came last year!

The dates are: **Thursday, June 9, and Thursday, June 23**

For Percussionists:

(4:00-8:00 pm)

For Color Guard:

(1:00pm-6:00pm)

For Winds (brass and woodwinds):

(6:00pm-8:00pm)

BAND CAMP INFO:

1. THINGS TO WEAR AND USE FOR BAND CAMP:

-Hot weather clothing- we suggest multiple t-shirts/shorts for sweat factor! LIGHT colored shirts (NOT black or other dark colors) work best. DRY-FIT IS YOUR FRIEND!!!!

-a "Camelpack"- one of the water bags you can wear like a back pack. These are WELL-WORTH the investment!

-Lots of socks