



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! 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 Mr. Oubre. Lately, a lot of girls' exercise shorts and shorts work well for modesty and warm weather! Be classy at all times!

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! We have nametags in the band room for you to use.

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 Mr. Oubre via email. **All horns for marching band will be distributed when the school allows people on campus! If you want a horn for band class, please contact me via email ASAP!**

4. **UNIFORMS:** Uniforms will be fitted and issued on Saturday, July 18, 2020 in between camp weeks. As explained back in the Winter and Spring, your band fee of \$350.00 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. Mr. Oubre will sell flip folder pages (50 cents each) during band camp. **YOU are responsible for obtaining a flip folder BEFORE camp or on your first day of camp! I will sell the extra pages like I did last year since we've added so many stands tunes.**

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 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!

Monday, July 13	
8:30am-6:00pm	Percussion Sectionals and Guard Sectionals. Leadership help day as well. Lunch on your own. Start in the band room at 8:30.
Tuesday, July 14	
8:30am-6:00pm	Percussion Sectionals and Guard Sectionals. Lunch on campus. Start in the band room at 8:30.
8:30am-6:00pm	ALL MARCHERS WILL REPORT THIS DAY! (new for 2020) 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.
Wednesday, July 15	
8:30am	Start outside at 8:30
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
3:00pm	Fundamental rehearsal in the Gym and Ships Sailors/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.
Thursday, July 16	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
11-12pm	Possible time with football and cheerleading
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal and THE GAME in the band room
3:00pm	Fundamental rehearsal in the AUXILIARY GYM
4:30pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:30pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
8:00pm	End of Rehearsal/ Sibling Introduction and Ice Cream Social, 8:30 Dismissal
Friday, July 17	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal and some dance/Zumba fun!
4:00pm	Fundamental rehearsal in the AUXILIARY Gym then to the parking lot
6:00pm	Dismissal from parking lot
Saturday, July 18	UNIFORM FITTINGS- APPOINTMENT TIMES WILL BE SENT WITH THIS MAILOUT! 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 20	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectional- locations TBA
3:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
3:30pm	Fun activity- Musical Chairs
4:30pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:15pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
8:30pm	Dismissal from lot.

Tuesday, 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!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- locations TBA
3:00pm-3:45pm	Full Band rehearsal
4:00-5:00pm	Fun activity- Trivia
5:15pm	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
6:15pm	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
8:30pm	Dismissal from lot.
Wednesday, July 22	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- location TBA
3:15pm	Full Band outside, Kona Ice or Luau Day
5:30pm	End of rehearsal
Thursday, July 23	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
12:00pm	Lunch on campus. Bring your own lunch!
1:00pm-2:45pm	Sectionals- location TBA
3:00pm	Full Band Rehearsal
3:30pm	Fun activity- Blindfolded Loofah Game and Hungry Hungry Hippos game
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 24	
8:30am	Meet on the parking lot in your spot. Don't be late!
Noon	Lunch on your own- go home! ☺ If you need to stay on campus until call time, that is fine!
5:00pm	Call time on football field to prepare for the Band Bash.
6:00pm	Marching Band Bash and cookout- PARENTS, FAMILY, PETS, RELATIVES, NEIGHBORS should attend!
7:00pm-ish	End of Band Bash and cookout- please help clean up and head home! YAY BAND CAMP!
Saturday, July 25	Senior pictures with the football team and cheerleaders in the stadium, 9am- Full uniform, no Shako.
Tuesday, July 28	
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 30	Rehearsal, 6:00-9:00 pm ***PENDING OPEN HOUSE***

IT'S BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!- OPTIONAL 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 help! This was HIGHLY BENEFICIAL to all who came last year!

The dates are: June 9, June 16, June 30, and July 7 (6:00-8:00 pm)

For Percussionists:

June 9, June 18 (not 16th), June 30, July 7- you will start at 4pm and end with the band at 8.

For Color Guard:

May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, all are 4:00-6:30pm

June 2, June 16, June 30, July 7, all are 1-6:00pm

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

-Deodorant- please, for all of us.....Mr. Oubre will ask you to apply deodorant if he smells you.

-Sunscreen, sunburn lotion, skin care stuff like that

-Water bottle- put your name on it

-PENCIL with your flip folder/music/lyre

-Insect repellent

-Don't forget deodorant. And Gold Bond.

-Leave cologne, perfume, heavily scented shampoo at home- they attract bees/mosquitoes/bears/lions/boys. AXE BODY SPRAY smells bad so please don't EVER wear it. ☺ Body Spray is NOT to be used in place of a SHOWER!

-A GOOD ATTITUDE, READY TO WORK AND HAVE A BLAST AT THE SAME TIME!

2. Locker sign-ups for band instruments will proceed by class on the first morning of camp in order of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and then Freshmen. The band lockers you had last year are all up for grabs- you will not necessarily have the same locker as last year. **FOOD AND DRINK ARE NEVER ALLOWED IN THE BAND ROOM LOCKERS. PERIOD.**

3. Band Pictures will be taken on July 28th at 5pm. The full band picture, sectional shots and individual shots are taken at this time. We are using the school picture company (Lifetouch) as part of the deal they have with the school. **SOME OF YOU HAVE SENIOR PICTURES DURING BAND CAMP-** just let me know when they are scheduled and we'll work it out. Lifetouch will send picture order forms for band pictures before camp and you will pay them and give it them- not the band safe! **SENIORS will have additional pics with football and cheer on July 25th at 9am!**

4. Do NOT bring any valuables- leave them at home. Do not provide the opportunity for theft to be a problem by bringing valuable items to camp. You need your clothes, horn/flag/drum, and some change- that's all. Valuables are YOUR responsibility! **DO NOT ASK MR. OUBRE FOR CHANGE FOR VENDING MACHINES!** ☺

5. The band handbook is included with this information packet. It contains information concerning our policies, procedures and protocols. **READ IT!** We spend time going over in detail the handbook with all band classes, and every band member is expected to use it as a reference and resource for answers to many questions. Please become familiar with our rules. They are the essence of what makes the Pride of Pickens Band great!

The Competition Marching Show for the 2020 Pride of Pickens Band!

Immortal

The show for this year is “Immortal”. The musical themes include the search for immortality. Music will include “My Immortal” by Evanescence, “Wild Nights” by John Adams, “The Hymn of Axiom”, and a mix of “My Immortal” and some original music for the closer. The shows are very exciting with some great music in them and we are excited to have these as our shows this year! It’s shaping up to be a dynamite production! Now, all we need is YOUR hard work, commitment and dedication!

MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE ONCE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:

Mondays, Drumline rehearsal 4:00-6:30pm, Color Guard, 4:00-6:30pm

Tuesdays, 3:45-6:15 pm, FULL BAND at PHS

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**REMEMBER, this means we START at 3:45 pm! It doesn’t mean you are arriving at 3:45!
WE ARE PUNCTUAL!! WE START ON TIME!**

We are VERY firm believers in being on time and not making excuses.

Please be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there. Before you think of missing a rehearsal, be sure to ask yourself “is this something that everyone in the band can miss for?” **Making up tests and school work is always excused**, but you have to let Mr. Oubre know as early as possible! NEVER use the excuse of “I have marching band- I can’t stay to make up a test!”

Remember, where the exception is made, the line begins!

The band location on the web is: www.prideofpickensbands.org

This site will be primarily used for calendar info, PayPal usage and quick band information.

- **REMEMBER: Do what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, whether you want to do it or not, without anyone asking, WHETHER YOU WANT TO DO IT OR NOT, without anyone asking!**
- **EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE.** This means if a rehearsal starts at 3:45, it means you must be in your spot, fully-equipped and ready to go. It does not mean showing up at 3:45 and casually walking to your spot on the field.
- **RIDES:** When rehearsal ends, your ride **MUST BE WAITING** for you. We follow our rule about taking students to the police station when 30 minutes have passed from the end of practice, rehearsals or games. **YOU and YOUR FAMILY** are responsible for making sure you are picked up on time! (We have families too!)
- **DURING BAND CAMP, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR LUNCH EVERYDAY!** Dinners will be provided by the booster club and parents, but **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR LUNCH.** You will not be allowed to leave campus and we will not order food for you. Parents may bring you food, but it is best if you bring your lunch in the AM. *****The school system can provide meals like they did last year.** More info on that as I get it from them!
- **WHEN MONEY OR FORMS ARE DUE, THEY MUST BE TURNED IN ON TIME!**