

Hello Band Students and Parents!

We hope you are having a wonderful and restful summer! If you can believe it, Band Camp starts three weeks from today and we wanted to send you a couple of reminders ahead of the first day of camp! Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Mrs. Martin & Mr. Martin

What to Bring to Band Camp

- Instrument
- Instrument accessories (cork grease, valve oil, mouthpiece, reeds, etc.)
- Flip folder
- Lyre
- A pencil with eraser
- Show Music
- Loose-fitted, athletic clothing
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Water (AT LEAST 1 LITER)
- A healthy snack (fruit, granola bars, carrots, etc)
- A bagged, HEALTHY lunch ****students who purchased lunches for band camp will have their lunch available for pick up during the lunch break****

Band Camp Schedule

Plan to arrive between 15-20 minutes prior to the start of rehearsal. Students are expected to be in their spots, ready to play at the designated start time!

Monday, July 26th-Thursday, July 30th and

Monday, August 2nd-Thursday, August 5th

we will begin every day in the Freshmen Atrium

- 8am-11:30am- Outdoor marching fundamentals/drill-setting
- 11:30am-12:15pm Lunch (please bring a HEALTHY meal!)
- 12:15-1:45pm- Sectionals
- 1:45-3:15pm: Full winds
- 3:15-5pm- Outdoor marching fundamentals/drill-setting

Friday, August 6th

- 8am-10:30am- Full band and Section Photos for Yearbook and Football Program

- 11am-1pm- Outdoor marching fundamentals/drill-setting
- 1-1:45pm- Lunch
- 1:45-3pm- Full Band (including percussion)
- 5pm- Call Time for students
- 6pm- Friends and Family Show (on football field or auditorium, weather permitting)
- 7pm- End of Band Camp Dinner (Main Atrium)

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to attend band camp?

Yes! Marching band is required for all students in the band program, and it is mainly done outside of the school day. Our main purpose in marching band is to entertain fans at football games and our first football game of the season is the 2nd week of school! To be ready to put on a great show, we must have ALL students at band camp!

What should I do to prepare for band camp?

First, make sure you are practicing your instrument! Practice scales, long tones, and lip-slurs FIRST and then practice your marching music. Warm-ups and fundamentals are the most important thing you can do right now!

Secondly, start preparing yourself to be physically active! Physical activity can include going for a walk, riding your bike, skateboarding, or running, preferably during the time frame that we will be outside for camp. It is also important to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water! Please see the link below for more information on how to physically prepare for band camp:

<https://blog.bandshoppe.com/2019/06/12/5-steps-to-prepare-for-band-camp/>

When will I receive my instrument if I am renting from Spruce Creek HS?

If you are still in need of an instrument, please email Mrs. Martin before the first band camp.

Do I need to bring a lunch and snack?

All students should bring a HEALTHY mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack every day. Students also need to bring a healthy and light lunch to camp every day. Students who purchased the band camp lunch meal plan will be able to pick up their lunch during the lunch break each day *BAND CAMP LUNCHES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THIS TIME*

It is IMPERATIVE that students eat breakfast EVERY morning and drink water before, during, and after camp each day! Most of our students who get sick during band camp have not eaten breakfast or did not

bring enough water each day. Heat illness is 100% preventable if you take care of yourself!

When will band photos be taken?

Band photos will be taken on Friday, August 6th during band camp. Students will be fitted for a uniform during band camp, and a uniform will be assigned to them by that time.

Will there be a Friends and Family show?

Yes! Our Friends and Family show will occur on Friday, August 6th at 5pm!

Are there opportunities for parents to be involved at band camp?

Yes! We need parent volunteer for the uniform room, the first aid tent, and to help set up for the band camp lunches. If you'd like to sign up for something now, please click on the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044AAA623A3F85-band5>

Where can I buy a flip folder and lyre, and do I need to have one?

Flip folders (as well as additional pages) and lyres can be found at any of the area music shops and on Amazon! We also have flip folders available for purchase in the band room. All students, including returners, must have a flip folder and lyre at band camp and throughout the season.

***If you have any questions, please contact
Mr. & Mrs. Martin via email.***

We look forward to seeing you all on July 26th!