



Welcome to Fall Marching Band season 2010!

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The Marching Band is a way for students to represent our school through quality music performance, and to have an opportunity to learn how to compete with dignity, learn respect for one another, and build self-esteem. This is a competitive activity, and is a big commitment. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDAR, AND THE MARCHING BAND CALENDAR BEFORE MAKING THIS COMMITMENT.

Then, please make a commitment to the excellence of this group, and the music department. Participate in this activity if you want the Marching Band to be good, if you are supported in this activity at home, and your schedule is not over-extended.

Expectations:

1. **Turn in your fall paperwork as soon as possible, sent in to the Sultan Music Parent, or bring it to Mrs. Sumpter at school. We need to know who will be at Band camp, August 17-21. The Band Camp fee is \$50.00, payable to the Sultan Music Parents. It pays for food, t-shirt and extra staff for Band Camp exclusively.**

2. All students will need to have an A.S.B. card. Members must have it before the first competition. You can get this in the office when school starts.

3. There is a \$100.00 fee for the season for Marching Band, which covers the travel expenses, and a few other expenses such as entrance fees. This should be paid before the first competition at the end of September, paid in the office.

Other Expectations:

Students will be expected to follow all school rules and policies. In addition:

* Treat others members, staff, and equipment with respect.

* Strive for quality, with a positive attitude.

* **Be on time and ready** for rehearsals at Band camp, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and on Saturday rehearsals.



* **You must be physically able to participate.** Please be aware that there will be some conditioning, as marching band does take physical exertion.
* **You must have passing grades in order to participate.** Academic responsibility comes first. Without passing grades, you will not be able to go on trips.

* Work is **not** an excuse to miss a rehearsal or competition. All employers must work with your schedule if you give them notice. Other school sponsored events will be taken into consideration, but **please be sure to communicate** between Mrs. Sumpter and the coach involved.

* Any discipline problems will be handled in a swift and timely manner to prevent any disruption to the learning environment, the other band members success, and the success of the group. Please refer to the SHS Student Handbook concerning discipline.

Lettering Policy:

Since the A.S.B. laws exclude us from offering credit, students will be able to letter in **Marching Band**. Lettering will be based on attendance, attitude, leadership, citizenship, and positive participation in rehearsals.

ATTENDANCE AT PERFORMANCES IS CRITICAL. Everyone is participating, and an absence leaves a hole. Since a band guides off of each other, an absence means a lesser performance.

It is not acceptable for your parents to punish you with removal from the band; the hole you will leave only punishes every one else. Should you make the commitment to marching band you must stick it through to the end.

After two absences of any kind, excused or unexcused, Mrs. Sumpter has the option of having a student no longer participate in rehearsals and/or any performances. If you participate in Band Camp, you are responsible for the marching band fee, as travel costs will have been already incurred.

Basic Information:

** Students are responsible for any instruments and music assigned to them. If the equipment is not assigned to you, do not touch it.

** Bring a positive work attitude to all rehearsals. This is not a suggestion, but a rule.

** Marching Band members should wear proper clothing and footwear to rehearsals- this does not include flip-flops! ☺

** Students must have a supply of reeds, valve oil, etc. in order to keep the rehearsal moving along smoothly.

** **Start memorizing the music as soon as you receive it!!!** If you miss a practice, you WILL NEED TO MAKE IT UP!

** Color Guard and Drum Line members are considered part of the band, and are subject to the same expectations as the Band.

** All Marching Band members are responsible for their uniform, and will be subject to cleaning costs. Jewelry or fingernail polish during performance is not permitted. Earrings should be removed. All members wearing a uniform must have a supply of clean, black socks.

** Hazing or initiation of any members is prohibited.

** All Band members will control their tempers, and refrain from using profanity. Our job is to entertain, not offend.

** RESPECT EACH OTHER, AND THE ROLES OTHERS MAY HAVE IN THE MARCHING BAND. THERE ARE NO "BENCH WARMERS". Everyone's job is important!

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