

MARIETTA BLUE DEVIL



MARCHING BAND

2020 MEMBERSHIP PACKET

DIRECTOR LETTER TO PARENTS

Welcome to the Marietta Blue Devil Marching Band! I am thrilled for the 2020 marching season and can't wait to see each of you!

My #1 goal this spring and summer is to encourage as many of you as possible to show up to the first day of Band Camp on July 16!! If you are a new student, or entering another year of high school and have never marched, I hope that you (both students and parents) will be involved in the one of the most active organizations at Marietta High School, the Marietta Blue Devil Band!!

I'm sure that you have many questions about the Band program especially in this time of uncertainty due to COVID-19. I want to assure you that as discussions begin as to how and when we reopen our campuses, I am actively working with our administration team to develop solutions that will ensure student safety but also minimize the impact to our program.

There will be changes. There will be adjustments. BUT, there will also be MUSIC.

For returning students, I will work tirelessly to ensure that you have your best year in band yet! For new students, I will strive to make your transition to the high school Band experience as easy as possible.

We will have a lot of new things this year including a new logo, new swag package, and possibly new uniforms!

We've included dates in the packet as they are right now. These dates are subject to change and we will update them in the event that cancellations continue. The quickest updates will come through the BandApp.

Please take a few minutes to look over and review this packet as a starting point for your participation in the Marietta Blue Devil Marching Band!

J. Michael Cahal Director of Bands
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TESTIMONIALS

Haley Meaders MBA CO-President- When my child entered High School, the last thing I wanted to do was to have to be MORE involved with activities than I had been the previous couple of years. However, helping out the band was more than just helping my student. I really enjoy getting to know the kids, serving dinners to them, hanging out at Saturday competitions, and being more than just "Hunter's mom" to them. This is "our" senior year, and I will truly miss these friendships.

Heather Pacin MBA Vice President- My daughter, Hadley, knew she wanted to join the marching band from the moment she picked up her trumpet in 6th grade. She was so excited about the opportunity to march this year while in 8th grade, and her decision to participate was solidified after just a few days of Spring Camp last April. While it was a lot of hard work, she learned so much and had an amazing first year! The band directors and high school students made her feel comfortable and part of the group right from the start. Marietta Marching Band truly is a family! I know that Hadley will have an easier transition to high school because of marching band. The time the kids spend together during summer band camp, practices, competitions, and football games is just the beginning of friendships that will last for a long time.

Kieran Holton 2020 Band Senior(Attending Georgia Tech in the Fall)- When I was about to enter high school I met a senior in the band and she convinced me to give it a shot, it turned out to be one of the best decisions I made. Over the past four years band has produced some of the best memories, friendships, moments, and lessons I'll take with me well beyond high school. I have learned so much about hard work, commitment, respect, and so much more and the results it can yield. I'm proud to be a part of four years of continual growth in the product we produced and so many trophies, top marks, and victories. I recommend marching band to anyone for at least one year so you know you didn't miss out on the best experience high school can give you. Every competition and game was a blast, from the lows of long practices to the highs of competition and winning state, I loved marching band and would do it again in a heartbeat. Every moment won't be sunshine and rainbows but the whole experience and time will be unlike anything else and completely worth it for all the reasons I mentioned before. So if you have any inkling or desire to do it I encourage you to jump in headfirst with an open mind and become a part of a great organization that is so much more than a band, it's truly a family.

BENEFITS

Marching Band offers students rewarding opportunities for personal growth and life changing experiences. When students leave high school they don't just leave with fond memories and musical skill, rather, they leave with a skillset that sets them apart on the career path that they choose. Below is a portion of an article by Alix Kirckpatrick an HR professional with interviewstream outlining just 5 of the great benefits of a high school marching experience!

“At high schools around the country, in the first weeks of August, there is a tradition that only those who are musically inclined and willing to work hard participate in. This is Marching Band Camp season, and many high school and college marching bands begin their pre-season preparatory work in the heat of the summer, outside on the scalding turf, while other kids sit in the cool air conditioning and play video games.

As an HR professional, what can you take away from this? What might you want to know about marching band members that makes their resumes stand out and makes them more attractive candidates? According to Virtual Music Office, there are at least 10 identifiable benefits to working with kids who have high-stepped through high school and beyond. These include the following concepts:

1 | RESPECT

Band students learn to appreciate and respect hierarchy in an organization. Each instrument is part of a section with a section leader, who then reports to an Assistant Drum Major, who reports to the Drum Major, who reports to the Band Director (and so on). By learning to operate through and within a direct and dotted-line chain of command, these players start out ahead of the game.

2 | PRODUCTIVITY

Band students understand that in order to make things work at their best, they have to be productive during work time. This isn't to say that the kids don't have fun at band camp, but it certainly shows what can be accomplished in as little as a week with previously untrained marchers if everyone digs in and works hard.

3 | COLLABORATION

Working together is always better. Band students know they have to move in unison, keep time with each other and, to a lesser extent, keep each other on track as well as keeping a key level of attention on their own obligations. This sense of teamwork keeps harmony and unity among a diverse group of individuals that lends itself well to any organization's operations.

4 | PLANNING AND TIME MANAGEMENT

Marchers know they need to keep their instruments in top form to do their best. Whether this means making sure they are well-rested so they can give their all, or keeping all the necessary parts of their equipment properly prepared, they learn the benefits of good planning and strong time management skills.

5 | BEING PART OF THE BIGGER PICTURE

Band students are able to sometimes blend into the forest and sometimes just be trees. In the Band Director's mind, there may be a formation that no one student can ever see but that can really only be perceived from the big picture viewpoint. Band students may not have the perspective to understand why they need to be in a particular position to form an image on the field, but they understand their presence in the right place is essential.

So, this fall, as you enjoy a local football game, be sure to take the time during halftime to appreciate the musical and marching talents of your marching band. And keep a program because the next time you have a need to fill a position, you might want to find one of those band kids and bring them onboard.”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2020 - THE MARIETTA MARCHING BAND PRESENTS "THE WORLD IS OUR CANVAS"

NORTH GEORGIA MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SWEPT ALL AWARDS IN OUR DIVISION!

SUPERIOR IN EVERY CATEGORY, DRUM MAJOR, PERCUSSION, GUARD, BAND OVERALL.

HIGHEST SCORE OUT OF EVERY BAND IN THE A, AA, AND EVEN THE AAA DIVISIONS!

DRUM MAJOR AND COLOR GUARDS CAME IN 2ND OVERALL, AHEAD OF GROUPS TRIPLE OUR SIZE!

LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS:

2ND PLACE IN CLASS AND DIVISION.

1ST PLACE COLORGUARD IN CLASS AND DIVISION

1ST PLACE DRUM MAJORS IN CLASS AND DIVISION

2019- MARIETTA MARCHING BAND PRESENTS "MAX"

THE BAND, DRUM MAJORS, GUARD, AND PERCUSSION EARNED STRAIGHT SUPERIOR RATINGS AT ALL THREE COMPETITIONS &

PLACED CONSISTENTLY WITHIN THE TOP THREE PLACES OF THEIR CLASS AND DIVISION.

THE COLORGUARD AND DRUM MAJORS WON THE GRAND CHAMPION AWARDS FOR THE MAGNUS DIVISION OF THE

4TH ANNUAL LION'S DEN INVITATIONAL AT ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL

THE BAND WON THE GRAND CHAMPION AWARD OF THE SILVER DIVISION OF THE

OLD SOUTH MARCHING COMPETITION AT NEWNAN HIGH SCHOOL.

NEW THIS YEAR

PHYSICALS:

Due to the physical nature of our activity and the ability to receive a .25 physical education credit we are requiring a physical on file for every member of the marching band. Physical night at Marietta High School is currently scheduled for Monday June 1st @ 6:00pm.

Physicals cost \$20. Checks ARE NOT permitted for payment. More information will be provided when available.

SWAG PACK!



PLUS MORE..!

ALL ITEMS INCLUDED WITH YOUR PAYMENT OF DUES!

NEW THIS YEAR

NEW UNIFORMS 2020!



***COST OF NEW UNIFORMS PAID FOR BY MARIETTA CITY SCHOOLS.**

Our NEW uniforms feature a modern dynamic design while honoring the looks and traditions of the past. Removable & changeable sleeves gauntlets and gloves allow more comfort for hotter weather and the ability of the uniform to compliment the visual aspects of a show! DeMOULiN also makes uniforms for renowned Drum Corps and College Bands including: The University of Georgia, Louisiana State University, Clemson University, and The Cadets.

2020 MARCHING BAND DUES

BAND - \$550
 GUARD* -\$650

PLEASE RETURN THE NECESSARY ATTACHED MEMBER CONTRACT, HEALTH INFORMATION, AND VOLUNTEER FORM ALONG WITH YOUR \$200 DEPOSIT BY MAY 22nd, 2020

THE \$200/\$250* DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SPOT FOR THE 2020 MARCHING SEASON.

MARCHING BAND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The fee for participating in the Marietta High School Marching Band is \$550 & \$650 for Guard. All band funds are paid to, and handled by, the Marietta Band Association (MBA). The MBA treasurers are volunteers. We appreciate your patience as funds are deposited and posted in a timely manner as possible.

Payment #	Due By Date	Amount (Band/ Guard)
1	May 22nd	\$200/250
2	June 26th	\$100/100
3	July 17th	\$100/150
4	August 7th	\$150/150
Total		\$550/650

This fee covers the following (included but not limited to):

Instructional Staff	Contest Registration
<u>Swag Pack - after deposit is made</u>	Band Camp/ Mini Camp Meals
Equipment Costs/ Props (materials and build out)	Travel (buses and trucks)
Colorguard Flags and Costumes	Administrative Costs
Show Design (Music and Visual)	Medical/ First Aid Expenses

*New members and vets without a marietta band water jug(\$10), or marching shoes (\$45) will need to purchase these items in addition to your dues. Click [HERE](#) to go to The Marietta Band Store to view and purchase these items as well as pay marching dues.

WAYS TO PAY:

1. Online- You can access our online store [HERE](#) or by going to our website www.mariettabands.com
 - Due to covid-19 and current safety restrictions paying online is our only payment option at the moment.
2. Check- All checks should be made out to the Marietta Band Association or MBA. Please make sure that your student's name is indicated on the check in the memo line.
 - Mail checks to the MBA PO Box:
1000 Whitlock Ave NW
STE 320 PMB 213
Marietta, GA 30064
 - Bring a check to the band room and place it in the drop box by the office in the band room, the tan/gray box located by the corner office, Do not hand your funds to the directors, they will not handle them. Your cashed check will serve as your receipt. In the case you choose to pay in cash, please contact a treasurer for your receipt. You can also check your balances by logging into mymusicoffice.com.

RULES & ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Any student not current on their payments will not be allowed to practice or march.
2. No refund of any dues will be given to any family or student for any reason including family moving, school conflicts, or a change of mind. The only exception would be for serious health issues (must be validated by a physician's note).
3. If a student decides to stop marching after committing to the marching band, ALL dues are still due and payable by the beginning of band camp. Not paying the complete dues may result in discipline issues from MHS including the possibility of not walking with your graduating class.
4. Any student whose family receives a Section 8 voucher and/or subsidized lunches for the current year are eligible for special fees for marching band. Students who receive special reduced fees are mandated to participate in all fundraising events to help offset the reduced fee. Proof of voucher must be submitted and actual fees are determined by the board on a case by case basis.
5. Students must be registered in a band class in order to participate. If a student is not able to be in a band class due to a conflict with IB, they must provide a letter to the directors from the IB counselor speaking to the conflict.
6. Students will also be responsible for purchasing the following:
 - a. Marching Shoes - (Required - Approximately \$45)
 - b. Section jackets/shirts (Optional)

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

1. A full rehearsal and performance calendar is attached.
2. All rehearsals and performances are MANDATORY.
3. Students who must miss a rehearsal must report their absence via google form on the website.
4. Absences must be reported at least 2 DAYS in advance.
5. Last-minute absences such as illness or family emergency should be reported to Mr. Cahal or Mr. Marimon within a reasonable time frame.
6. If you are absent from school, please bring Mr. Cahal the attendance note the day you return.
7. Absences from performances will not be permitted except in the most extenuating circumstances.
8. Rehearsals begin on time and will end on time. *The start/end time of rehearsals DOES NOT include travel time or setup and store equipment.*
9. Due to our new rehearsal start time, being tardy to rehearsal is not permitted for tutoring or club meetings. You must communicate with your club-sponsor your obligations to the ensemble.

ATTENDANCE CONSEQUENCES:

1. Absences will be EXCUSED or UNEXCUSED at the discretion of the directors. A general rule to follow is that if MCS will excuse it, so will we.
3. ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE during the week of the performance WILL result in the student in question being sidelined for the upcoming performance.
4. After August 1st - THREE unexcused absences in the course of the season will result in removal from the ensemble.
5. If you are sidelined, you must still attend IN UNIFORM.
6. Any instance of ISS or OSS will be considered UNEXCUSED. You may not attend rehearsal if you are suspended.
7. Unexcused tardies will be made up prior to or after rehearsal BEFORE the following performance.
8. Failing to adhere to the attendance policy will negatively impact receiving the .25 P.E. credit for marching this fall.

MARIETTA BAND ASSOCIATION 2020-2021 PROJECTED FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising is necessary to meet the additional costs of a quality band program. In an effort to help meet the needs of the general band fund and to assist students in payment of band fees, the following fundraisers are projected for the 2020-2021 School Year. Fundraisers go directly to support the general fund, which benefits the band as a whole. While it is realized that you and your student(s) may not be able to participate in all fundraisers, the following information is provided to assist you in planning. Additional fundraisers may be added should the need for additional funds be identified.

Fundraiser	Projected Dates
Scripts	Ongoing
Sponsorships	Ongoing
Restaurant Nights	Ongoing
Trills and Thrills	April-May 2021
Visitor Concessions Stand	Home Football/ Graduation
TV Raffle	Winterguard Season
Additional Fundraisers	To Be Announced

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD WANT TO BE A SPONSOR, CLICK [HERE](#).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The MBA is prepared to offer financial assistance for those families/students who have the greatest need for support. We are sensitive to each family's individually unique situation and will attempt to do all we can to help. To apply for the MBA financial assistance, the following is due on or before May 22nd for consideration for the 2020 season:

1. This [FORM](#), filled out fully (incomplete applications will not be considered)
2. An essay written by the STUDENT as to why they would like to participate in the marching band, what benefits it would bring them personally, AND what they will bring to the group.
3. Families **MUST** agree to participate in **fundraising activities and volunteer at minimum of FIVE EVENTS through the season, including ONE COMPETITION** to receive MBA financial assistance. If this is not satisfied, financial assistance will not be an option for future years.

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Jen H., earns for hockey



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BAND PARENT 101 THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR SUPPORT!

The Positive Parent: One of the most important aspects of this band program is positive parent involvement and support. Below are a few guidelines to make sure you are being a positive band parent:

- While chaperoning, volunteering or in the presence of band members and other band parents, always keep comments and conversation positive!
- Make sure you remember and compliment all the work your student, and other students have done to produce a show!
- Please avoid gossip and other conversation that may be detrimental to the band or other Marietta organizations.
- Try to avoid knee-jerk reactions. Be a PRO!
- Please avoid having conversations about other students with other adults, unless it is to complement them!

The Encouraging Parents: Music learning, music performance, and music appreciation are the outcomes of study, practice, and guided listening. With limited rehearsal time, it is imperative that students invest extra time in nurturing their talents and improving their skills. Some helpful tips are below:

- Please encourage a consistent practice schedule for your child at home. Remember that practice time must be framed as a benefit and not a disciplinary penalty.
- Please consider private lessons for your child. Nothing can substitute one-on-one instruction with a professional. The time spent in private lessons has huge rewards and pay-offs in the end.
- Please encourage your child to participate in all band events.

The Booster Parent: There are many ways to aid and participate in our parent support organization. Please join with other parents who realize the far-reaching potential of each child in the band and take advantage of joy created by sharing a common goal. The Marietta Band Association helps to ensure a stable and supportive band program. Your involvement makes a difference!

THE MARIETTA BAND ASSOCIATION BOOSTERS (MBA)

The MBA is made up of several committees that we rely on to function as a band program. We ask that at least one parent from each family signs up for at least one committee. If you have any questions about a committee feel free to email one of our awesome board members!

COMMITTEES:

- Ways and Means
- Publicity
- Photography
- Roadies (Equipment Crew)
- Hospitality
- Chaperone
- Uniforms
- Color Guard/ Winter Guard
- Spirit Wear
- Sponsorship

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:

- Notary
- Legal Advisor
- Graphics/ Artwork
- Accounting
- Web-Site Support
- Computer/ Data-Entry
- Publicity/ Public Relation

THE MARIETTA BAND ASSOCIATION 2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Presidents – Haley Meaders – hemeaders@gmail.com

Co-Presidents – Melissa Foiles – mfoiles@gmail.com

Vice President - Heather Pacin heatherpacin@gmail.com

COO – Sam and Heather Buehner handsbuehner@gmail.com

Financial Secretary - Kristin Harrison knashley1@yahoo.com

Treasurer - Michelle Hicks - hicksfamily4@yahoo.com

Secretary – Donna Young donnayoung@hotmail.com

Ways and Means - Hanna Buczek - hbuczek5935@yahoo.com

Uniforms - Angie White - abailey3@bellsouth.net

REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Each member of the ensemble must read and agree to the terms as follows in order to participate as a member. In return, the Marietta Marching Band and its staff will provide all necessary instruction, materials, travel, and experiences in order to insure a safe, productive, and rewarding experience.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHO
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April

Friday	24th	Packet and Member Contracts go LIVE		All Interested Parents and Students
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May

Friday	1st	Mr. Cahal and Mr. Marimon's Membership meeting Video Goes Live		All Interested Parents and Students
Friday	22nd	1st Payment is DUE		2020 MB Members

June

Friday	26th	2nd payment is DUE		2020 MB Members
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July

Tues, Weds	14th - 15th	Percussion and Guard Camp	9 AM - 5 Pm	Percussion and Guard Members
Thursday	16th	Marching Band Parent Meeting/Training	5-7 PM	All 2020 MB Parents
Thurs - Friday	16th - 17th	Band Pre-Camp	9 AM - 5 PM	All MB Members
Friday	17th	3rd Payment is DUE		All MB Members
Monday - Friday	20th - 24th	Band Camp	9 AM - 9 PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Th, Fri	27, 28, 30, 31	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	31st	Last Payment DUE		

August

Tuesday	4th	First Day Of School		All Students
Thursday, Friday	6th, 7th	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	7th	Last Payment DUE		All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	10, 11, 13	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Saturday	15th	Mini Camp	9AM - 3PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	17, 18, 20	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	21st	Home Game	4-11PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	24, 25, 27	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	28th	Away Game	4-11:30PM	All MB Members
Saturday	29th	Mini Camp	9AM - 3PM	All MB Members
Monday	31st	MB Rehearsal	4-7PM	All MB Members

September

Tues, Thurs	1st, 3rd	MB Rehearsal	4-7PM	All MB Members
Friday	4th	Away Game	4-11:30	All MB Members
Tues, Thurs	8th, 10th	MB Rehearsal	4-7PM	All MB Members
Friday	11th	Away Game	4-11:30	All MB Members
Saturday	12th	Mini Camp	9AM - 3PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	14, 15, 17	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	18th	Away Game	4-11:30	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	21, 22, 23	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members

October

Monday	5th	Possible Cobb County Exhibition	4-10PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	5, 6, 8	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	9th	Home Game	4-11PM	All MB Members
Saturday	10th	Possible Competition Day	All Day	All MB Members
Monday	12th	Possible Cobb County Exhibition	4-10PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	12, 13, 15	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	16th	Away Game	4-11:30	All MB Members
Saturday	17th	Possible Competition Day	All Day	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	19, 20, 22	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	23rd	Home Game	4-11PM	All MB Members
Mon, Tues, Thurs	26, 27, 29	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	30th	Away Game	4-11:30	All MB Members

November

Mon., Thurs	2, 5	MB Rehearsal	4-7 PM	All MB Members
Friday	6th	Home Game	4-11PM	All MB Members
Saturday	7th	Possible Competition Day	All Day	All MB Members
Thursday	12th	MB Rehearsal	3-4PM	All MB Members
Friday	13th	1st Round of Playoffs		All MB Members
Thursday	19th	MB Rehearsal	3-4PM	All MB Members
Friday	20th	2nd Round of Playoffs		All MB Members
Friday	27th	3rd Round of Playoffs		All MB Members

December

Thursday	3rd	MB Rehearsal	3-4PM	All MB Members
Friday	4th	State Semi-Finals		All MB Members
Thursday	10th	MB Rehearsal	4-7PM	All MB Members
Saturday	12th	State Football Championship		All MB Members

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BLUE DEVIL MARCHING BAND MEMBER CONTRACT

[MARCHING BAND FORM & CONTRACT](#): Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code below to access and complete the marietta band form and contract. Upon completion and paying your deposit you will be a member of the 2020 Marietta Blue Devil Marching Band!

This form is quite extensive and will take approximately 30min to complete. Items include general information, student sizes, medical information (including insurance), and parent volunteering.

If you are in need of financial assistance there will be a link at the end of this form directing you to the financial assistance application.

