

2021-2022 Fact Sheet - Chantilly High School Mighty Marching Chargers

WHEN – SUMMER DATES (before school starts...)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Location (if not at CHS)</u>	<u>Who is involved?</u>
Mon, 7/26-7/30	Drumline/Guard Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drumline – 5pm-9pm • Guard – 9am-5pm 	MMC Perc/Color Guard
Tues, 7/27-Wed, 7/28	MMC Leadership Training/Workdays	MMC Leadership
Tues, 7/27	Music Reading Session – 6:30pm-8pm	
Thur, 7/29-Fri, 7/30	MMC New Marcher Training	MMC New Marchers/Leadership
Fri, 7/30	New Marcher Picnic – 1pm-4pm	
Mon, 8/2-Fri, 8/6	MMC 2-a-days – Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Rehearsal: 7am-12pm • Evening Rehearsal: 5pm-8pm 	MMC
Sat, 8/7	Band Car Wash – 10am-2pm	MMC
Mon, 8/9-Fri, 8/13	MMC 2-a-days – Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Rehearsal: 7am-12pm • Evening Rehearsal: 5pm-8pm 	MMC
Mon, 8/16-Fri, 8/20	MMC Evening Rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Rehearsal: 5pm-8pm 	MMC

WHEN – FALL DATES (once school starts...)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Location (if not at CHS)</u>
Mon, 8/23-Thur, 11/4	Begin MMC After School Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays - GUARD - 4pm-7pm, • Mondays - DRUMS 6pm-9pm • Tuesdays - WOODWINDS/BRASS - 4pm-6:30pm • Wednesdays - EVERYONE - 6pm-9pm • Thursdays - EVERYONE - 4pm-6:30pm

***We have not received next year’s football schedule. Those dates will be added when we have them and competition dates will be finalized in conjunction with that. Our schedule will end up with 5 Friday Home Football Games, 2 Pep Band Away Games, and 4-5 Competition Saturdays. ***

Sat, 9/11	Band Car Wash
Sat, 9/18	Tag Day
Sat, 9/25	Tentative MMC Competition
Sat, 10/2 (SAT)	Tentative MMC Competition
Sat, 10/16	Tentative MMC Competition
Sat, 10/23	Tentative MMC Competition
Sat, 10/30	Tentative MMC Competition
Sat, 11/6 (SAT)	Tentative MMC Competition
Mon, 11/22	MMC End of Season Banquet

Attendance at all rehearsals/performances is part of your responsibility as a member of the band.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE SEASON?

Instrument and accessories, cool clothes for hot weather, hats, sunscreen, comfortable sneakers (no sandals), LARGE water bottle with name printed on it, 3-ring binder with plastic sheets

WHAT PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED?

Emergency Care & Medication Authorization, Band registration forms, etc. will be distributed electronically. **Forms must be received prior to the first rehearsal attended/beginning of camp.**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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MARCHING BAND FAQ

What is Marching Band?

- Marching Band is an activity that combines music and movement to create performances that are both entertaining and educational. The Mighty Marching Chargers is recognized as one of the most popular and beloved student activities in the CHS community.

Who can participate in Marching Band?

- Any student signed up for a band class at CHS is eligible to participate. Students not enrolled in a band class can participate as a member of the Color Guard only.

What are the benefits of doing marching band? (Student testimonials!)

- "Marching band taught me a lot of new skills and I made a lot of new friends. Marching band also helped me grow my interest in band!"
 - Nitya Varigala, 9th grade (attended Carson MS)
- "It gives you a sense of belonging and my section felt like a family. I think I've improved a lot as a player and as a person because of the people in marching band."
 - Claire Zarybnisky, 10th grade (out-of-state transfer)
- "The transition to high school is easier because you have a place to fit in. Once you join, you learn stuff in marching band that you can't really learn anywhere else!"
 - Mia Aleem, 11th grade (attended Franklin MS)
- "You meet a lot of new people who have similar interests and get to work together toward a common goal."
 - Brad Han, 12th grade (attended Rocky Run MS)

Is Marching Band all year?

- No. Marching Band begins a few weeks before school starts with our summer camps. The season usually ends in early November, typically around the end of the 1st quarter.

When does Marching Band start?

- The first day of marching band is different for certain instruments/sections. Below are the start dates for each group
 - ✓ Percussion and Color Guard – Monday, July 26th
 - ✓ All other 9th graders/New Marchers – Thursday, July 29th
 - ✓ All other Returning Marchers – Monday, August 2nd
- Following your first day, summer Marching Band camp continues Mon-Fri until August 20th.
- These camp dates serve as the backbone of our season and our students' success. We respectfully request that families coordinate summer travel and vacation plans outside of these dates. Please contact us directly with any questions about this.

Where does the Marching Band perform?

- We typically perform at all Varsity home football games, two away games, and 4-5 marching band competitions each season. Varsity football games usually occur on Friday nights. Our competition performances begin in late September and occur on Saturdays.

Does Marching Band practice during the school day?

- No, once school begins the marching band practices after school 3 days a week. Below are the practice days for each section of the band:
 - ✓ Percussion and Color Guard – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - ✓ Woodwinds and Brass – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Is it safe to participate in Marching Band during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Our marching band activities operate in accordance with all guidelines and mitigation strategies outlined by the commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County Public Schools. Recently, we were able to safely complete a Spring Marching Band Season (March-May 2021) that included over 120 students and zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 amongst our students and staff.
- We are planning the fall 2021 season as full-length season but preparing in a manner that would follow continued health/safety guidance to ensure the well-being of our members.

How do I join marching band?

- Sign up for ADVANCED BAND when picking classes for next school year. This will tell us that you plan to do marching band. You will have an opportunity to confirm your membership in May/June.
- Interested in Color Guard? Use this link to try-out for the team - <https://forms.gle/vkjPd9bNYv5Mx1Go7>

Questions? Contact the Band Directors! (contact info on previous page)