

2022-2023 Calendar - 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>
Thurs, 6/9	Spring Marching Band Meeting – 7pm	ALL
Tues, 6/21	Summer Practice	Percussion (5-9pm) & Charger Guard (5-8pm)
Tues, 6/28	Summer Practice	Percussion (5-9pm) & Charger Guard (5-8pm)
Tues, 7/5	Summer Practice	Percussion (5-9pm) & Charger Guard (5-8pm)
Tues, 7/12	Summer Practice	Percussion (5-9pm) & Charger Guard (5-8pm)
Tues, 7/19	Summer Practice	Percussion (5-9pm) & Charger Guard (5-8pm)
Mon, 7/25-Fri, 7/29	Guard & Percussion Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percussion - 4:30pm-9pm Guard - 12-8pm 	Percussion & Charger Guard
Wed, 7/27-Thur, 7/28	MMC Leadership Work Days	MMC Student Leadership
Thurs, 7/28	MMC New Marcher Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-8pm 	New Woodwind and Brass Members
Fri, 7/29	MMC New Marcher Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am-12pm 	New Woodwind and Brass Members
Fri, 7/29	New Member Picnic – 1pm-4pm	New Marchers & Student Leadership
Mon, 8/1-Fri, 8/5	MMC 2-a-days – Week 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Rehearsal: 7am-12pm Evening Rehearsal: 5pm-8pm 	ALL MEMBERS
Mon, 8/8-Fri, 8/12	MMC 2-a-days – Week 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same schedule as Week 1 	ALL MEMBERS
Fri, 8/12	End of Camp Party - 8pm-11pm	ALL MEMBERS
Mon, 8/15-Fri, 8/19	MMC Evening Rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evening Rehearsal: 5pm-8pm 	ALL MEMBERS
Thurs, 8/18 (tentative)	9th Grade Orientation Performance - 7am-9am	ALL MEMBERS

WHEN – FALL DATES (once school starts...) - Events listed below are for ALL MEMBERS unless otherwise noted

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Location (if not at CHS)</u>	
Mon, 8/22-Thur, 11/3	Begin After School Practice Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mondays – CHARGER GUARD - 4pm-7pm Mondays - PERCUSSION - 6pm-9pm Tuesdays - WOODWINDS & BRASS - 4pm-6:30pm Wednesdays – ALL MEMBERS - 6pm-9pm Thursdays - ALL MEMBERS - 4pm-6:30pm 	MMC
Thur, 9/1	Home Football vs Falls Church	MMC
Sat, 9/10	Tag Day	ALL
Fri, 9/16	Home Football vs Robinson	MMC
Sat, 9/17	Guard Mini-Camp – 12pm-3pm	Charger Guard Only
Sat, 10/1 (SAT)	Naval Academy Invitational – US Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)	MMC
Fri, 10/7	Away Pep Band @ Centreville	MMC
Sat, 10/8	Oakton Classic - Oakton High School	MMC
Fri, 10/14	Home Football vs South Lakes (Homecoming)	MMC
Fri, 10/21	Away Pep Band @ Oakton	MMC
Sat, 10/22	VBODA Marching Assessment - Patriot High School	MMC
Fri, 10/28	Home Football vs Westfield	MMC
Fri, 11/4	Home Football vs Madison (Senior Night)	MMC
Sat, 11/5 (SAT) – Sun, 11/6	VMBC Championships - Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA)	MMC
Mon, 11/21 (tentative)	Tentative End of Season Banquet	MMC

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

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE SEASON?

Instrument and Equipment, cool clothes for hot weather, hats, sunscreen, comfortable sneakers (no sandals), LARGE water bottle with name printed on it

WHAT PAPERWORK WILL BE REQUIRED?

All forms will be distributed/available to turn in at or before our Orientation Meeting on Thursday, June 9th.

- Forms must be received prior to the first camp rehearsal attended.

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 have the opportunity to participate as a member of the Color Guard only.

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 *estimated earliest* start dates for each group (pending the final FCPS 22-23 School Calendar)
 - ✓ Percussion and Color Guard – Monday, July 25th
 - ✓ All other 9th graders/New Marchers – Thursday, July 28th
 - ✓ All other Returning Marchers – Monday, August 1st
- Following your first day, summer Marching Band camp continues Mon-Fri until August 19th.
- 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 and 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

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

- "Starting High School with marching band helped me feel more comfortable beginning the school year. Joining this group helped me feel like part of the CHS community before the 1st day of school and I was more comfortable finding my classes in a new school."
 - Teresa Nicholson, 9th grade (attended Rocky Run MS)
- "The experience of making music together creates close relationships with friends while also getting to perform a lot throughout the season!"
 - Kyle Cobb, 10th grade (attended Franklin 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, 12th grade (out-of-state transfer)
- "You meet a lot of new people, make a lot of new friends who have similar interests, and create lasting memories working together."
 - Luke Pilipowskyj, 11th grade (attended Carson MS)

How do I join marching band?

- Sign up for BAND (WITH Marching Band) when picking classes for next school year. This will tell us that you plan to do marching band. If you're unsure if you are correctly signed up, please email the CHS Band Directors so we can help.
- If interested in Color Guard, participate in tryouts (May 2022) to be considered for the team. Visit <http://chantillyband.org/color-guard/> for more information.

Questions? Contact the Band Directors! (contact info on p. 1)