

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

## When does Marching Band Camp start?

- The first day of marching band camp varies for certain instruments/sections. Please see the included calendar for further information.
- Our Marching Band camp dates (July 31-Aug. 18) serve as the backbone of our season and our students' success. It is important for families to 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of school and I was more comfortable finding my classes in a new school."
  - Teresa Nicholson, 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> grade (attended Franklin MS)
- "You learn a lot about people and how they operate, which helps build community and team spirit with your peers."
  - Ally Zrenda, 11<sup>th</sup> grade (out-of-state transfer)
- "Marching Band is a 'found family,' because you get to build closer relationships with the people around you. Marching Band also helped me realize the importance of time management and make improvements in this area."
  - Nitya Varigala, 12<sup>th</sup> grade (attended Carson MS)

## How do I join marching band?

- Sign up for ADVANCED BAND (WITH Marching Band) when picking classes for next school year. This will tell us that you plan to do marching band.
- If interested in Color Guard, participate in tryouts (May 22-25, 2023) to be considered for the team.

**Questions? Contact the Band Directors! (contact info on p. 3)**

# Chantilly High School Mighty Marching Chargers - 2023-2024 Calendar

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

## Spring & Summer Schedules

### Charger Guard

Color Guard Tryouts.....Mon, 5/22-Thurs, 5/25  
4-6:30pm

Color Guard Spring Practices.....Tues, 5/30 & 6/6  
5-8pm

Summer "Kick-Off" Camp.....Fri, 6/16, 5pm-8pm  
Sat, 6/17, 9am-5pm  
Sun, 6/18, 1pm-5pm

Summer Guard Practices.....Tuesdays, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, & 7/25  
Weapon Only Training - 4-5pm  
Full Team - 5-8pm

### Percussion (Drumline and Front Ensemble)

Spring Percussion Clinics.....Tuesdays - 5/16, 24 (Wed), 30, & 6/6  
6pm-9pm

Summer "Kick-Off" Camp.....Tues, 6/20-Thurs, 6/22  
5pm-9pm

Summer Percussion Practices.....Tuesdays - 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25  
5-9pm

### New Marchers (Woodwinds and Brass)

New Marcher Training.....Thursdays - 6/8 & 6/15  
5pm-8pm

## Marching Band Camp (ALL MEMBERS)

MMC 2-a-days, Week 1.....Mon, 7/31-Fri, 8/4

Woodwinds, Brass, & Color Guard  
7am-12pm & 5pm-8pm

Percussion  
8am-12pm & 5pm-9pm

Drum Corps Show Viewing Party.....Fri, 8/4  
After evening practice in the Auditorium

MMC 2-a-days, Week 2.....Mon, 8/7-Fri, 8/11

Woodwinds, Brass, & Color Guard  
7am-12pm & 5pm-8pm

Percussion  
8am-12pm & 5pm-9pm

End of Camp Party.....Fri, 8/11  
8pm-11pm

Evening Practices.....Mon, 8/14-Fri, 8/18  
5pm-8pm

Team/Individual Pictures (during evening rehearsal).....Tues, 8/15

9th Grade Orientation Performance (tentative).....Thurs, 8/17  
7am-9am

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## **Fall Schedule (once school starts...) - All members unless otherwise noted**

Begin After School Practice Schedule.....	Mon, 8/21-Thur, 11/2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mondays - CHARGER GUARD - 4pm-7pm</li><li>• Mondays - PERCUSSION - 6pm-9pm</li><li>• Tuesdays - WOODWINDS &amp; BRASS - 4pm-6:30pm</li><li>• Wednesdays – ALL MEMBERS - 6pm-9pm</li><li>• Thursdays - ALL MEMBERS - 4pm-6:30pm</li></ul>	
Home Football vs Woodson.....	Thurs, 8/31
Away Pep Band @ McLean.....	Fri, 9/8
Tag Day Fundraiser.....	Sat, 9/9 approx. 8am-4pm
Home Football vs Madison.....	Fri, 9/22
Guard Mini-Camp (Charger Guard Only).....	Sat, 9/23 12pm-6pm
Herndon Showcase of Bands (Herndon HS).....	Sat, 9/30
Home Football vs Herndon (Homecoming).....	Fri, 10/6
Marine Corps Invitational (Annapolis, MD).....	Sat, 10/14
Home Football vs Centreville (Middle School Night).....	Fri, 10/20
VBODA Marching Assessment - Patriot HS.....	Sat, 10/21
Away Pep Band @ Westfield.....	Fri, 10/27
VMBC Championships - Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA).....	Sat, 10/28-Sun, 10/29
Home Football vs Oakton (Senior Night).....	Fri, 11/3
Tentative End of Season Banquet.....	Mon, 11/20

### **QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!**

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