



# Perry Hall High School

## MARCHING GATORS

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Dear Band Student and Parents:

Welcome to the Perry Hall High School “Gator” Marching Band! This letter serves to remind you of upcoming marching band activities, including information about our summer band camps and how to stay up-to-date on information. Please visit the wiki (<http://perryhallband.pbworks.com>) for updated information including the performance calendar. We recommend you sync the band calendar with your Outlook calendars (or other web-based calendars) so you have the most updated schedule. You may also request access to the workspace and get e-mails that inform you of any changes to the website. You will find information about fundraisers, attendance policy, and the PHHS Band Boosters. **All parents and students should read the information in this letter very carefully.** At the end of this newsletter is a summation of all of our performances for the season so you can make sure those dates end up in your family’s calendar.

Since BCPSone is not always an effective communication tool, we make full use of our wiki page as noted above. The wiki site hosts announcements, the band program calendar, as well as important files for the entire band program. We will also be using a free texting service that will text you alert reminders throughout the season. To register for text alerts for the marching band, text “@9fd3” to 81010. All students **and** parents need to sign up for this service.

You can also receive e-mails instead of text messages. Please contact Mr. Engel for more information. We will send alerts such as reminders for report times, meeting times, changes to the schedule, etc. Standard text message rates apply.

Your section leader(s) will be in touch with you over the next couple of weeks to schedule a meeting/sectional practice with you and the other members of your section. The purpose of this meeting will be to get more acquainted with your section mates and marching band music before band camp, as well as learn a little about how to march! Unlike previous years, we are not allowed to publish the music online. So included in this packet is one copy of **Part I** of our show. You should have this memorized when you come to you first day of band camp!

Summer camp dates are on the back of this paper. Please take note of these dates and place this calendar in an important spot in your house! Remember, attendance is mandatory for the entire summer band camp unless you already have express consent from the directors.





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### Perry Hall High School Marching Band Schedule (Summer)

#### Summer Mini-camps

DATES	EVENT	MEMBERS NEEDED	TIME	LOCATION
July 20 (Wednesday)	Mini-camp	Band proper (WW and Brass)	10am – 3pm Student Leaders: 9am	PHHS
July 23 (Saturday)	Color Guard Camp 2	Color Guard members	<u>Sat.</u> : 12pm – 5pm	PHHS
July 23-24 (Saturday-Sunday)	Percussion Weekend Camp 2	Percussion members	<u>Sat.</u> : 12pm – 5pm <u>Sun.</u> : 12pm – 4pm	PHHS

#### Summer Band Camps

DATES	EVENT	MEMBERS NEEDED	TIME	LOCATION
July 25 (Monday)	Camp Week 1: Day 1	Drum Majors, Section Leaders, <b>All New Members</b> , Color Guard, and Percussion	9am – 5pm	Perry Hall High School (PHHS)
July 25 (Monday)	<b>ROOKIE FUN NIGHT!</b>	Drum Majors, Section Leaders, <b>All New Members</b>	5:30pm – 7:30pm	PHHS
	<b>ROOKIE PARENT NIGHT!</b>	All New Marching Band Parents	5:30pm – 7:30pm	PHHS
July 26-July 29 (Tuesday-Friday)	Camp Week 1: Day 2-5	Everyone	<u>Tues &amp; Fri</u> : 9am – 5pm <u>Wed &amp; Thurs</u> : 9pm – 9pm*	PHHS
July 31-August 3 (Sunday-Wednesday)	Camp Week 2: Day 1-4	Everyone	<u>Sun</u> : report PHHS @ 12pm, band stays overnight <u>Wed</u> : return to PHHS around 4pm	Camp Ramblewood
August 4-5 (Thursday-Friday)	Camp Week 2: Day 5-6	Everyone	<u>Thurs</u> : 9am – 9pm* <u>Fri</u> : 9am – 1pm <u>Parent Show</u> : 6pm	PHHS

\* - the 9am-9pm rehearsal days will include a break from 4:30pm to 6:45pm when students may go home to eat dinner and rest before evening rehearsal

## **What to Bring to Camps**

### **Band Camp at PHHS:**

- instrument and accessories (valve oil, slide grease, reeds, etc.)
- pencil and highlighters (multiple colors)
- comfortable clothing, tennis shoes or sneakers suitable for marching, hat, and sunglasses
- sunscreen
- ½ gallon water bottle or jug (come to camp with water jug filled, refills will be provided throughout the day)
- bag lunch and drink (no students will be permitted to leave school grounds for lunch or any other reason)
- dot book (if you do not know what this is, then ask your section leader or wait until it is explained at camp)
- music for ***DeComposers: Part I***
- any warm-up music you may have been given by a staff member

### **Band Camp at Ramblewood:**

Bring everything from above, plus...

- suitcase (students are allowed only **ONE** piece of luggage)
- any and all music you have throughout the first week
- spirit wear for spirit days
  - Sunday- tropical
  - Monday- cross-dress
  - Tuesday- class color (9<sup>th</sup>/rookie- white, 10<sup>th</sup>- red, 11<sup>th</sup>- purple, 12<sup>th</sup>- blue)
  - Wednesday- section spirit
- swimsuit and towel
- toiletries (toothbrush, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
- sleeping bag (or blanket and sheets) and pillow
- insect repellent
- fan
- any and all food must be in a RESEALABLE bag or container

## **Medication (prescription and OTC)**

**Any and all** medications will be administered by our band camp nurse during our two weeks of camp. Students that take medications during the day will be asked to check-in their medications with the band camp nurse when arriving at camp for the first time on July 25<sup>th</sup> or July 26<sup>th</sup>. Students taking medications at any time of day or night will need to bring them to school on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> before departing for Camp Ramblewood. For this reason, please be sure that medications are NOT packed with your luggage so that you can check them in at the school before boarding the buses. Also, please be sure that all medication is clearly labeled with the student's name and proper dosage for the prescribed medication.

## **Uniform Fitting**

All band students except for Color Guard will need to be fitted for a marching band uniform during uniform fitting week. The uniform fitting times will be announced during camp. **Band veterans must bring their marching band shoes with them to the uniform fitting.** Make-up fittings for students that are not able to attend the assigned uniform fitting times will be done on an individual basis during the band camp week. Order forms for marching band shoes (\$30) and gloves (\$2 per pair) will be available at the fitting. All shoes and gloves must be ordered by August 5<sup>th</sup> (the last day of band camp). \*Special note\* All percussion students will be in costume this year but will still need a regular uniform for performances when we are not in costume.

## **Fundraising**

This fall we will have several fundraisers in order to raise money for the marching band. The fees for the season are \$350 but the cost per person is actually \$538. These fundraisers are used to defray those costs and get family members, friends, and coworkers to support your participation in this musical endeavor. Please mark these dates on your calendars and make sure you are free to participate and help out!

- Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>- Crab Feast raffle
- Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>- Car Wash (Firestone on Bel Air Road from 10am to 2pm)
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>- March-a-thon at PHHS (the band will also be performing at this event)

## **Perry Hall High School Band Boosters**

The Band Boosters, as mentioned above, is the parent support group for the band department. This organization helps raise money and provides support for all the bands at Perry Hall. Since the marching band is the organization which requires the most outside support and funding, most of the raised funds go toward that performing ensemble. We

always want more parents involved so take a look at the various responsibilities of the Band Boosters. Plan to come to the first meeting ready to show your support for your child's musical endeavors!

Under the direction of Mr. Engel and Mr. Kupyak, the organization will be responsible for the following areas of concern as they relate to the band program:

1. Fundraising
2. Chaperones
3. Uniforms
4. Field Equipment
5. Spirit Wear

As the need arises, other areas of concern will be addressed and solved. **The first meeting of the Band Boosters will be Wednesday, September 7th @ 6:30pm.** This meeting will also double as the chaperone orientation meeting. If you would like to chaperone during the Marching season, you **MUST** attend this meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

### **Rookie Parent Night**

In an effort to make sure the parents of our new students are informed and welcomed with open arms, the Band Boosters will be hosting a **Rookie Parent Night** on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Some of our veteran parents will take our new parents through a "Band 101" session where you will learn everything you need to know to be informed, involved, and keep up to speed on the exciting world of marching band and the band program in general! During this time, the staff and student leaders will host **Rookie Game Night** for all rookie marching band members to get to know each other, the staff, and the student leaders. Dinner will be provided for all students courtesy of the Band Boosters.

### **Our First Performance is for YOU!!!**

On Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, the band will perform for parents, family, and friends. The performance will begin around 6pm. We invite all family members and friends to come see the band as we showcase all of the music and marching that we have learned over the two weeks of camp. We will be performing in conjunction with a pizza party where you will get the chance to meet other students and parents who are all a part of this wonderful organization. We will have spirit wear to purchase including jackets, hats, and the 2016 show shirt! Your presence goes a long way to showing the students how much their hard work will pay off in the long run! This will also be when we have our drawing for our **Crab Feast raffle**.

### **New Teacher Orientation**

For the third year in a row we are performing at the BCPS New Teacher Orientation on **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** at **Perry Hall High School**. We will march into the auditorium and perform some stand tunes and Part I of our show for all the new teachers and BCPS personnel in attendance. Due to space limitations, Color Guard will not be performing at this event (so feel free to sleep in!) **Report time is 7:30am and we will be dismissing at approximately 8:45am.** Parents, you will not be able to come into the auditorium to watch the performance, but since we won't be very long you may feel free to come and wait in the band room until we dismiss. Performance attire will be **casual uniform** so make sure your show shirt is clean and you have khaki shorts.

### **2016 Marching Band Regular Season**

We will rehearse every week on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm-8:30pm. We have moved our field this year to be ON the tennis courts. This change will save us thousands of dollars and simplify our logistical concerns regarding setting up the field and rehearsing during poor weather. You should consult the schedule on the wiki for specific dates of practice because a few of them have been altered to accommodate religious holidays and various other events that require the attendance of our members. In large part however, the regular marching season practices will end the first week of November with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship at the University of Maryland College Park.

The staff and directors are looking forward to an amazing marching season! We are glad that you have chosen to be a part of the great tradition of musical excellence here at Perry Hall High School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at the addresses listed below or call us in the band office at (410) 887-5188.

Sincerely,



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### **Performances At-a-glance**

Provided below is a summation of all performances for the upcoming season. All of these dates are in our online calendar. We hope that by providing the information below in written form and in one place it will be easier for you to add these dates to your personal calendars. Times for each competition will be passed on to us about two weeks prior to the event.

<b>Day and date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event type</b>
<b>Friday, Aug. 5</b>	~6pm	Family and Friends Performance
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 9</b>	7:30-8:45am	New Teacher Orientation Performance
<b>Friday, Sept. 2</b>	5:45-9:45pm	Football vs. Aberdeen
<b>Friday, Sept. 16</b>	5:45-9:45pm	Football vs. Kenwood
<b>Saturday, Sept. 17</b>	9am-4pm	March-a-Thon fundraiser and performance
<b>Saturday, Sept. 24</b>	All day/TBA	Competition at Century HS
<b>Friday, Sept. 30</b>	5:45-9:45pm	Football vs. Catonsville
<b>Friday, Oct. 7</b>	3:45-9:45pm	Football vs. Lansdowne (HOMECOMING) Parade will be before the game
<b>Saturday, Oct. 15</b>	All day/TBA	Competition at Reservoir HS
<b>Friday, Oct. 28</b>	5:45-9:45pm	Football vs. Dundalk
<b>Saturday, Oct. 29</b>	All day/TBA	Maryland State Championships at Towson University
<b>Sunday, Oct. 30</b>	12:30-8pm	BCPS Showcase of Bands (location TBA)
<b>Saturday, Nov. 5</b>	All day/TBA	Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships at University of Maryland, College Park