



# 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 also find information about fundraisers, attendance policy, and the PHHS Band Boosters. **All parents and all students should read all of the information in this letter very carefully.** At the end of this newsletter will be all the information regarding how the Marching Band will operate after our Band Camp is completed.

Since Edline is going away this year, we are making full use of our wiki page as noted above. But 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 410-870-5393. This is for students and parents. We will send alerts such as reminders for report times, meeting times, changes to the schedule, etc. Students, please make sure you get approval from your parents before registering for this service since 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 have an informal sectional rehearsal so that you will get more acquainted with your section mates and marching band music before band camp, as well as learn a little about how to march! Please visit the "Announcements" section of the main page of the wiki for links to printing music for **Part I: Wizards in Winter**. You should have this memorized when you come to your first day of band camp!

Summer camp dates are on the back of this paper. Please note those dates and place this calendar in an important spot in your house!



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

### Mini-camps

DATES	EVENT	MEMBERS NEEDED	TIME	LOCATION
July 12-14 (Friday-Sunday)	Percussion Weekend Camp 2	Percussion members	<u>Fri.</u> : 6pm – 9pm <u>Sat.</u> : 12pm – 5pm <u>Sun.</u> : 10am – 2pm	PHHS
July 16 (Tuesday)	Mini-camp	Band proper (WW and Brass)	10am – 3pm Student Leaders: 9am	PHHS

### Band Camp

DATES	EVENT	MEMBERS NEEDED	TIME	LOCATION
July 22 (Monday)	Camp Week 1- Day 1	Drum Majors, Captains, Section Leaders, <b>All New Members</b> , Color Guard, Pit, and Drumline	9am – 5pm	Perry Hall High School (PHHS)
July 22 (Monday)	<b>ROOKIE FUN NIGHT!</b>	Drum Majors, Captains, Section Leaders, All New Members	5pm – 8pm	PHHS
	<b>ROOKIE PARENT NIGHT!</b>	Rookie Parents	5pm – 8pm	PHHS
July 23-July 26 (Tuesday-Friday)	Camp Week 1- Day 2-5	Everyone	<u>Tues./Fri.</u> : 9am – 5pm <u>Wed./Thurs.</u> : 9am – 9pm	PHHS
July 26 (Friday)	<b>BOWLING NIGHT!</b>	Everyone	<u>Fri.</u> : 9pm – 11pm	Perry Hall Lanes
July 29- July 31 (Monday-Wednesday)	Camp Week 2- Day 1-3	Everyone	<u>Mon.</u> : Report to PHHS at 7:30am <u>Wed.</u> : Return to PHHS between 4pm and 5pm	Camp Ramblewood
August 1-2 (Thursday- Friday)	Camp Week 2- Day 4-5	Everyone	<u>Thurs.</u> : 9am – 5pm <u>Fri.</u> : 9am – 1pm Parent Show: 5 – 7pm	PHHS

# 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 (school appropriate)
- tennis shoes appropriate for marching (no sandals)
  - [students who do not wear appropriate shoes will NOT be allowed to march, and may be counted as absent from camp due to inability to participate unless adequate shoes can be provided for them]
- hat
- suntan lotion
- 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 any reason)
- dot book (if you do not know what this is, then ask your section leader or wait until it is explained at camp)

## **Band Camp at Ramblewood:**

- instrument and accessories (valve oil, slide grease, reeds, etc.)
- pencil and highlighters (multiple colors)
- suitcase (students are allowed only **ONE** piece of luggage)
- comfortable clothing (school appropriate)
- swimsuit
- tennis shoes appropriate for marching (no sandals)
- spirit wear for spirit days (to be announced the week prior)
- hat
- suntan lotion
- ½ gallon water bottle or jug (come to camp with water jug filled, refills will be provided throughout the day)
- toiletries (toothbrush, soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc.)
- sleeping bag (or blanket and sheets) and pillow
- insect repellent
- (optional) money for the snack bar during breaks

## **Prescription Medication**

All prescription medications will be administered by our band camp nurse during our 2 weeks of camp. Students that take prescription medications at lunch time will be asked to check-in their medications with the band camp nurse when arriving at camp for the first time on July 22<sup>nd</sup> or July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students taking prescription medications at any time of day will need to bring them to school Monday, July 29<sup>th</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 (approx. \$25) and gloves (\$2 per pair) will be available at the fitting. All shoes and gloves must be ordered by August 2<sup>nd</sup> (the last day of band camp).

## **Fundraising**

This Fall we will have several fundraisers in order to raise money both for students individually and for the program in general. These fundraisers will primarily be sponsored and organized by our parent support organization, the Band Boosters. Without these fundraisers we would simply not be able to operate since the school contributions to our organization are not enough to cover our costs and our pursuits. Please mark these dates on your calendars and make sure you are free to participate and help out!

- Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>- Crab Feast raffle
- Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>- March-a-thon at PHHS (the band will also be performing at this event)
- Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>- Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bag BINGO

### 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 other support for the all the bands at Perry Hall. Since the organization that requires the most outside support is the marching band, most of the raised funds go toward that performing ensemble. However, when we take our biannual Spring Break trips, the Band Boosters will be responsible for paying for the insurance and supporting the entire trip which will encompass the music department as a whole and not just the bands. We always want more parents involved so take a look at the various responsibilities of the Band Boosters. Plan on coming to the first meeting ready to show your support for your child's musical endeavors!

Under the direction of Mr. Engel and Mr. Welker, the organization will be solely 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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm.** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm. 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.

### 2013 Marching Band Regular Season

Last season this band took a huge step forward when we won our state championship! Both the school administration and band staff have high expectations for the 2013 marching band including working to repeat our success.

Just a reminder that we will be rehearsing every week on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6pm-8:30pm. We have our OWN field next to the tennis courts reserved for our exclusive use on those nights.

You should consult the schedule on the wiki for specific dates of practice because a few 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 second week of November with a home football game on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

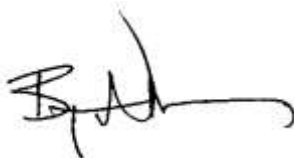
On Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the band will perform for parents, family, and friends from 5pm-7pm. The performance will begin around 5:30pm. We invite all family members and friends to come see the band as we showcase all of the music and marching that we have learned over the two weeks of camp. 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. 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!

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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