



Pickens High School Bands

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**THE FULL-OF-INFORMATION, GRAB A BOOKMARK AND HIGHLIGHTER,
HIGHLY-INFORMATIVE SUMMER BAND NEWSLETTER!**

READ THIS NOW !!!

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND
APPLY IT TO YOUR CELL PHONE/ CALENDAR/ FRIDGE/ FOREHEAD or
WHATEVER YOU USE TO REMEMBER IMPORTANT DATES! THESE DATES ARE
SET IN STONE AND WE WILL BE WELL-KNOWN FOR OUR ORGANIZATION AND
PUNCTUALITY!**

MARCHING BAND CAMP GENERAL INFORMATION:

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1. ***Hats, athletic shoes, and appropriate hot weather clothing are required for all pre-camp and band camp.*** Hats are not required once the school year starts, but they are highly encouraged! Marching band is not a fashion show- leave the fashion shoes, long pants, make up and highly “coiffured” hair-do at home! HATS (baseball-type or visors, sun hats, etc.) and sneakers are required and inspected for at band camp. If you do not have a hat, one will be provided, but will likely not be a hat you would choose to wear. School dress code is in effect for all school-related events, like a band rehearsal, so please remember that if it is inappropriate, you will be asked to change and “inappropriate” is up to what the director says is not appropriate. We have more strict standards than the school does in many regards!

2. ***Bring your horn, sticks, mallets, or practice flag.*** 9th graders: you will learn very quickly that we do not “shepherd” you around like you may have been accustomed to in middle school- YOU are responsible for supplies and maintenance of your horn. Make sure your case is LABELED with your name and home phone. This will be inspected for as well.

3. ***School horns: if you play a school-owned instrument, you will need to come and check one out.*** The band room is closed at different times through out the summer (band directors go on vacation, too, believe it or not!). THE WEEK OF JUNE 27-30 IS YOUR TIME TO GET YOUR HORN! YOU MUST COME AND CHECK IT OUT AT PHS! Time to check it out is from 8:00 until 4:00 during that week. Please do not come earlier- many will be shipped away next week for repair.

4. **UNIFORMS:** Uniforms will be fitted and issued during the week of band camp. Your band fee of \$150.00 includes your show shirt, the dry-cleaning fee and gloves. YOU are responsible for any other purchases for band gear. Fittings will be done by Seniors, odd sizes and then sections. **You will not be issued a uniform if you have not paid your band fee.**

5. **LYRE/FLIPFOLDER-** required of all woodwind and brass players (flutes- flip folders required only). Lyres (pronounced liars) may be purchased at any music store. Our representative from Draisen Edwards will be on hand during camp to sell these if you have not gotten them already and a limited number are available in the band room- first come, first served. If you left it in the storage room and your name is not on it, it belongs to the band and can be sold. TROMBONES- be sure the lyre you purchase fits the diameter of the outer slide (take your horn in to the store to be sure it fits). Flip folders should have 8-10 pages, minimum. They do make flip folders that clip to the bell- this is preferred for trumpet, trombone and baritone. They just work better. BRING CASH so you can buy this from Draisen Edwards representative.

6. **MARCHING BAND IS A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY!! GET IN SHAPE NOW**, if you aren't already! Having spent your summer in air conditioning watching TV, texting and playing on Facebook is not the best way to condition yourself to heat and exercise. Don't be caught off-guard- it will only put your spot in the show in jeopardy! If we cannot count on you to be in good enough health to handle heat, and you spend most drill rehearsals under a tent or squatting down on the sidelines, you might as well not come. That sounds cruel, but it is the way it is. PLEASE get at least 30 minutes a day of exercise in the hot weather so that you can be counted on to contribute! Pre-physical conditioning is in YOUR best interest!

Thursday, 7/14	
9am to 6pm	Percussion Sectionals ONLY
Friday, 7/15	
9am to 6pm- Percussion Sectionals 8:30 to 4pm- Rookie Camp (all new marchers)	
Monday, 7/18	
8:30	Meet in Band Room for Name tags and information from Band Handbook.
12:00	Lunch on campus. Bring your lunch!
1:00	Sectionals, locations TBA
3:00-4:15	Full Band
4:30	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:15	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot.
7:30	Dismissal from lot. FULL BAND PARENT MEETING IN THE AUDITORIUM AT 7:45- REQUIRED FOR ALL FAMILIES
Tuesday, 7/19	
8:30	Meet on parking lot
Noon	Lunch on campus. Bring your lunch!
1:00-2:45	Sectionals, locations TBA
2:45-3:30	Full Band
3:30-4:30	Fun activity
4:30	Supper on campus provided by Booster Club.
5:15	Drill rehearsal, meet on parking lot
8:00	End of Rehearsal/ Sibling Introduction and Ice Cream Social, 8:30 Dismissal
Wednesday, 7/20	
8:30	Meet on parking lot
Noon	Lunch on campus. Bring your lunch!
1:00-2:00	Sectionals, locations TBA
2:00-2:30	Full Band
2:30-5:30	Drill rehearsal outside- gonna be hot! Then dismissal for the night! Go to church! ☺
Thursday, 7/21	
8:30	Meet on parking lot
Noon	Lunch on campus. Bring your lunch!
1:00-2:45	Sectionals, locations TBA
2:45-3:30	Full Band
3:30-5:00	Fun activity

5:00-5:45	Super on campus provided by Booster Club
5:45-7:30	Drill Rehearsal, meet on parking lot
7:30-8:30	Special activity in Band Room, Dismissal at 8:30
Friday, 7/22	
8:30	Meet on parking lot
Noon	Lunch- on your own- go home! ☺
5:00	Call time on practice lot to prepare for Exhibition
6:00	Marching Band Exhibition- PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND! More information about this is on a separate attachment!
Tuesday, 7/26	
5:30	Call Time in Uniform in the Band Room for Band Pictures. We will take pictures in the gym. Music rehearsal inside will follow.
8:00	Dismissal
Thursday, 7/28	
5:30	Call time on Parking lot for rehearsal. Band Room will lock at 5:15 so be here before then to get your instrument or equipment
8:00	Dismissal
Wednesday, 8/3	
First Day of School! WHEE!!!! Normal practice schedules start immediately.	

BAND CAMP INFO:

1. THINGS TO WEAR AND USE FOR BAND CAMP:

- Hot weather clothing- we suggest multiple t-shirts/shorts for sweat factor! LIGHT colored shirts (NOT black or other dark colors) work best
- a “Camelback”- one of the water bags you can wear like a back pack. These are WELL-WORTH the investment!
- Lots of pairs socks
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen, sunburn lotion, skin care stuff like that
- Water bottle- put your name on it
- PENCIL with your flip folder/music/lyre
- Insect repellent
- Don’t forget deodorant. And Gold Bond.
- Leave cologne, perfume, heavily scented shampoo at home- they attract bees/mosquitoes/bears/lions/boys. AXE BODY SPRAY smells bad so please don’t EVER wear it. ☺
- A GOOD ATTITUDE, READY TO WORK AND HAVE A BLAST AT THE SAME TIME! LEAVE THE WHINEY-COMPLAINING SELF AT HOME- NO CRY-BABIES!** (Remember the line from “A League of Their Own:” There’s no crying in baseball! Same for band...THERE’S NO CRYING IN BAND, either!)

2. Locker sign-ups for band instruments will proceed by class on the first morning of camp in order of Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and then Freshmen. The band lockers you had last year are all up for grabs- you will not necessarily have the same locker as last year. **FOOD AND DRINK ARE NEVER ALLOWED IN THE BAND ROOM. PERIOD.**

3. Band Pictures will be taken on July 26. The full band picture and sectional shots are taken at this time. Individual band pictures will be done during class on August 10. We are using the school picture company (Lifetouch) as part of the deal they have with the school. **SOME OF YOU HAVE SENIOR PICTURES DURING BAND CAMP.** PLEASE call Lifetouch and arrange your time outside of Band Camp. You don’t want to be red and nasty for those, do you? The number to call is: 423-892-1332 to tell them you will take the pics on the make up day on September 17 (Saturday). You won’t want to miss camp, so please do this in September!

4. Do NOT bring any valuables- leave them at home. Theft has not been a problem, but do not provide the opportunity for it to be by bringing valuable items to camp. You need your clothes, horn/flag/drum, and some change- that’s all. Valuables are YOUR responsibility!

5. The band handbook will be issued on the first day of camp. It contains information concerning our policies, procedures and protocols. READ IT! We spend time going over in detail the handbook with all band classes, and every band member is expected to use it as a reference and resource for answers to many questions. Please become familiar with our rules. They are the essence of what makes the Pride of Pickens Band great!

The Marching Show for the 2011 Pride of Pickens Band is:

Friday Night Thriller!

This year, we will feature the music that is perfect for a great night in a stadium! Covering three different genres, the music is a fun musical romp through some great tunes. We will start with *The Phantom of the Opera Opener* and move to Stevie Wonder’s *Superstition*. We’ll then conclude the show with Michael Jackson’s *Thriller* and, yes, the band will be dancing the Thriller! This is going to be a great show! Music is included with this packet, drill is being written and Mr. Boyle will write the drum book. It’s shaping up to be a dynamite production! Now, all we need is YOUR hard work, commitment and dedication!

MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE ONCE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:

Mondays, 3:30-6pm, Drum line rehearsal and Guard Rehearsal will be from: _____ **WE START ON TIME!**

REMEMBER, this means we START at 3:30. It doesn't mean you are arriving at 3:30! WE ARE PUNCTUAL!!

Tuesdays, 3:30-6pm, FULL BAND at PHS

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We are VERY firm believers in being on time and not making excuses. Please be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there. Before you think of missing a rehearsal, be sure to ask yourself "is this something that everyone in the band can miss for?" **Remember, where the exception is made, the line begins!**

The band location on the web and that address is: www.prideofpickens.org

The band currently uses the Charms Database system to manage all students and ensembles. More info will come soon about using that. You will be able to find documents, data and other information you need to have on this site.

- **REMEMBER:** Do what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, whether you want to do it or not.
- **EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE.** This means if a rehearsal starts at 3:30, it means you must be in your spot, fully-equipped and ready to go. It does not mean showing up at 3:30 and casually walking to your spot on the field.
- **RIDES:** When rehearsal ends, your ride **MUST BE WAITING** for you. We follow our rule about taking students to the police station when 30 minutes have passed from the end of practice, rehearsals or games. **YOU and YOUR FAMILY** are responsible for making sure you are picked up on time! (We have families too!)
- **DURING BAND CAMP, YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR LUNCH EVERYDAY!** Dinners will be provided by the booster club and parents, but **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR LUNCH.** You will not be allowed to leave campus and we will not order food for you. Parents may bring you food, but it is best if you bring your lunch in the AM.
- **WHEN MONEY OR FORMS ARE DUE, THEY MUST BE TURNED IN ON TIME!** Penalties may include removal from the group.

Enclosures: Master Calendar, pass off deadline, music, call times list, dinner info for exhibition, commitment contract