

RHS Marching Band

Rookie Packet

2022-23



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this packet because your student has met the requirements to participate in the 2022-23 RHS Marching Bulldog Band for the fall. Please understand that this opportunity is not offered to all students and that the band director personally chooses students based on their instrumental progress and classroom behavior. This packet is to better inform you of what you and your student will see if they choose to accept their offer to participate.

What is the RHS Marching Band?

The RHS Marching Band is a group of students that consists of band members, color guard, dance line and majorettes. Students in grades 7-12 are able to participate in the group. The band performs at pep rallies, football games and competitions.

Time Commitment

Since marching band is such an involved activity, students are required to attend band camp in July and after school practices during the school year. We end our three day weekly practices and begin cutting them down to one or two after our last competition (unless we have a parade). Rookies will be required to attend a four day camp before all the students arrive from 8-12 in July (19-22). This will help give them a good head start into marching band. All students are required to be at all games and competitions as well. It takes all of us to sound and look good so we need everyone!

Band Fees

The band is not funded by the state or the school, which in turn means fees need to be paid so we can go to games and competitions, as well as other things. The band fee (not auxiliary) is \$400, but we split it up into payments. We also allow students to have opportunities to fundraise. If the fundraiser is for the student fees, we take a percentage of what they sell and apply it to the last payment. Many students have paid all their fees with fundraising. If you are having trouble making payments, please communicate with us so we can work with you. What does the fee pay for? There is a sheet attached to give you info.

What do I as a parent/guardian need to do?

The success of the band program is partially because of the amazing students we have, but the inner working cannot happen if it wasn't for the parental support. We ask that one parent/guardian help work our concession stand for a home game or help us with getting donations or chaperoning. We have monthly booster meetings that usually take place the first Monday of the month. Come and show your support and give your input.

What will my student need to band camp and practices?

- Sunscreen - Water - Tennis Shoes - Sunglasses - Hat
- Instrument - Equipment - Music - Appropriate clothing

Band Camp Prep

Many students spend the summer inside and when they come to camp it doesn't mix well. We ask that students eat a great breakfast that doesn't include milk. We ask that they stay hydrated 24/7 and come prepared to be in the sun. Of course the schedule we have for camp doesn't put them outside the entire camp, but sometimes, despite the heat, we have to go out and get things done. If they stay well hydrated and eat like they are supposed to, they will be perfectly fine.

Football Games

I allow students to stay after school for a football game. There are rules though. If they want to go to Country Boys, they must go before 3:00PM. After 3:00PM, they are not allowed to go. All students who stay after must be in the band room and not roam the hallways. If a student causes issues, they will not be allowed to stay after.

Band Website

In marching band season, I update the website/blog weekly to keep all parents and guardians updated on what to expect for the week. This includes practice changes (I usually do not change practices unless it's 2 weeks in advance if I can help it), itineraries for football games (departure times, etc), and information about upcoming events. You can find this website at rhsbulldogband.org

Remind 101

We communicate through Remind 101. Weekly, I send the blog updates through Remind and any sudden changes (ex. Severe weather cancellations). We also send arrival times when heading back from away games. To sign up, please text @4b3hdb to #81010.

What does my student need? This is their first time doing this.

The band fee takes care of music, transportation to and from games, instructors, and the uniform. Students will need to buy shoes (\$35), gloves (\$15 for two pairs) and their flip folder (\$10-15). If they take care of these items, they will never need to replace them. The shoes are specifically for marching band and every student has them. Gloves are required for all instrumentalists except for percussion.

*More information and guidelines are in the RHS Handbook that will be distributed at band camp.