



Pride of Newark Marching Band

March 14, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 Pride of Newark. Please read the contents of this packet and carefully make note of all dates.

Please check the calendar in this packet and constantly updated on the band website:

www.newarkbands.org

for the complete schedule of all rehearsals and events including color guard and percussion clinics. The vast majority of information that is shared pertaining to band will be shared through this website.

Required Forms: A packet of the required band camp forms is attached to this letter. **The due date for all forms is Monday, May 21.** All forms EXCEPT PHYSICALS are due at rehearsal that afternoon. Please make note of the forms that require notarization and/or physician's signature. These forms must be on file before a student will be allowed to practice at pre-camp in July. There are notaries frequently available at monthly meetings of the Newark Band Parents Club and there will be one available at the required parent meeting on **Monday, July 16 at 7pm.**

Physicals: A current NCSAD (Newark City Schools Athletic Department) Pre-participation Physical Evaluation is required of all marching band members. A current physical is one that is dated within the last calendar year. NHS will be offering mass physicals on **May 22 (Girls)** and **May 23 (Boys)** beginning at 5:00pm in the Gym for \$10.00 each. You may also get a physical exam at your family practitioner, but you **MUST** use the NCSAD physical form.

First Rehearsal: Our first rehearsal for NEW MEMBERS will take place on **Monday, May 21** from **3:30pm-5:00pm**. At that time new members who need instruments assigned to them will receive an instrument. The first rehearsal for NEW MEMBERS this summer will take place on **Tuesday, July 10** from **1:00pm-3:00pm**. The first rehearsal for the FULL BAND (new members with leadership team and veterans) will take place on **Thursday, July 12** from **9:00am-12:00pm**.

Summer Uniforms: All new marching band members will need to purchase the parts for the summer band uniform. Summer band uniform polo shirts are \$25.00 and are to be purchased through the band parents club. Marching shoes will be purchased during uniform fittings at a price of \$35.00, and you will need to provide the black socks and khaki shorts (not cargo shorts) for the summer uniform. We will use the uniforms for the first time at the Parent Preview performance on Monday, August 13.



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- Uniform Fittings:** Uniforms must be adjusted year-to-year for the constantly growing teenager. New members and the student leadership team will be fit for a uniform on Tuesday, July 10 from 3pm-5pm. All other veterans will be fit for uniforms on Thursday, July 12 from 12pm-4pm.
- Pre-Camp:** Pre-Camp rehearsals will be **July 12, 17, 18, 19** from **9:00am-12:00pm**. These rehearsals will give students a head start on music for the season, review marching fundamentals, and help prepare students for a successful week of band camp.
- Band Camp:** **ALL REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED, but *Band Camp rehearsals are beyond required for student participation in marching band.*** Band camp takes place on **July 23, 24, 25, 26** from **8:00am to 9:00pm**. **On July 27, Band Camp is from 8:00am to 1:00pm.** Please see the detailed information about band camp included in this packet.
- Band Fees:** Band fees covers costs ranging from uniform upkeep, copyright clearance, transportation, additional instruction, band camp meals, musical arrangements, drill designs, the new summer uniform polo, and numerous other costs associated with marching band. The fee agreement form is due **Thursday, April 13 WITH \$30.00 deposit.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. I'm looking forward to seeing our new members at our first rehearsal on Monday, May 21.

With pride,

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Form Checklist

Student Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The following forms are due Monday, May 21, 2018:

- Newark City Schools Emergency Medical Authorization Form. **Parent signature required. Must be notarized.** *This will be turned in for you to the nurses office for next school year!*
- Newark City Schools Authorization for Medication. This is only necessary for students that require medication. This form also authorizes school employees to properly administer approved medications. **Parent and prescriber signatures required.** *If a medication is not approved we CANNOT administer it!*

The following form is due Monday, July 16, 2018:

- Ohio High School Athletic Association Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form. **Parent and physician signature required.**



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Band Camp 2018

Dates: Monday, July 23 through Friday, July 27
8:00am to 9:00pm

Location: Newark High School
314 Granville Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

Purpose: The most important week of the marching band season is **band camp**. During this week we will focus on refining fundamental marching skills, learning field drill, and rehearsing/memorizing music for the upcoming marching season.

Daily Schedule:

8:00am	Stretch/Fundamentals
9:00am	Drill rehearsal
12:00pm	Break for lunch
1:00pm	Full Band indoor music rehearsal
2:00pm	Sectionals
3:30pm	WW/Brass/Percussion Large Sectionals
4:00pm	Full Band indoor music rehearsal
4:30pm	Break for dinner
5:30pm	Drill rehearsal
9:00pm	Dismissal

GENERAL RULES FOR BAND CAMP

1. All members will abide by the Newark High School Code of Conduct and subsequent consequences at all times.
2. All marching band students must attend band camp in its entirety in order to be assigned a regular marching position. Students who do not attend camp will be assigned an alternate position. If a spot opens during the season, alternates will be permitted to perform once they have sufficiently learned the music and drill.
3. Use or possession of any controlled substance (cigarettes, alcohol, nonprescription drugs, etc.) is strictly prohibited and will result in IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM BAND. Parents will be called and asked to pick up their child. School administration will be notified and serious school disciplinary action may be taken.
4. Use of profanity will not be permitted at any time. Consequences will be at the discretion of the director and may result in school disciplinary action.
5. Students are expected to use polite, respectful behavior at all times. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Students are to show respect and common courtesy to directors, adult supervisors, and peers at all times. Consequences will be at the discretion of the director and may result in school disciplinary action.
6. Ohio Revised Code prohibits harassment, personal degradation, hazing or initiation of any kind. Consequences will be at the discretion of the director and may result in school disciplinary action.
7. All students are expected to wear athletic shoes and socks for all marching rehearsals. Sandals, flip-flops, etc. are not permitted. All undergarments must be completely covered at all times. Bathing suit tops and sports bras may not be worn without a t-shirt. No bare midriffs. Gentlemen must wear a shirt in rehearsal at all times. In hot weather, light-colored clothing will be required. Jeans are not appropriate rehearsal attire. Dark-colored clothing is extremely discouraged.
8. No bare feet! Shoes must be worn at all times during camp – whether we are inside or outside.
9. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and leaving all areas cleaner than they were found.
10. Band camp is a closed activity. Visitors are at the discretion of the director.
11. All members are expected to participate in all band camp activities.
12. Cell phones may only be used at free time and never during any organized band activity. Consequences will result in confiscation of the phone for the remainder of the day.

BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

Mandatory items for band camp:

- Your instrument (with all necessary supplies!)
- Drill Book (Heavy Duty 3 ring binder with 40-50 clear protective page covers for drill & music)
- Insulated water cooler - Water bottles do not provide enough water or stay cold!
- Pencils & Highlighter
- Light colored t-shirt
- Shorts (comfortable and appropriate length - NO JEANS)
- Socks and Athletic Shoes (no sandals or flip flops, or any other shoe that keeps you from marching!)
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Chapstick
- Deodorant

Suggested items for band camp:

- Change of shoes (after marching in wet grass you will want to have dry shoes for the afternoon and evening sessions)
- Rain gear (light and waterproof - rain won't stop us from marching)
- Other personal hygiene products