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Dear Parents and Students,

Plans are under way for 2021-22. Enclosed in this mailing is a list of all known rehearsals and performances for the Fall of 2021. Marching band rehearsals for **ALL STUDENTS** begin on Monday, August 2. Full calendar is on page 3. Please make note of the dates found in this letter now! This will alleviate conflicts and frustrations during the school year.

**REQUIRED STUFF for CAMP:**

1. drill book (a spiral bound book of note cards) that can be purchased locally
2. 12 Mason jar canning lids, customized with student name or colorful duct tape
3. Pencil
4. Flexible athletic shoes at all rehearsals. Sandals and combat boots are not conducive to good marching and can actually cause injury.
5. Hat/sunscreen/sun glasses
6. Water bottle/thermos like this <https://amzn.to/3d136hJ>

**Rehearsals/Performances:** All rehearsals and performances are mandatory and will be at MHS. The summer rehearsals are especially important to the overall success of the marching band program. If you see a problem or a conflict in the summer rehearsal schedule, please notify me as soon as possible. We will try to be flexible, **but at the same time we cannot guarantee a permanent spot in the drill to someone who has missed a large number of the summer rehearsals.** Once school begins, we will have one (1) evening rehearsal each week.

**Music:** The music for the Star Spangled Banner, the Fight Song, Robin Hood, and warm-up exercises are available in the BOX.com link here:

<https://app.box.com/s/8b9uxgtts03psln77vjfkikmubwxb8yh>

It would be wonderful if the students could have the Warm Ups/Scales, School Song, Robin Hood, and the Star Spangled Banner learned before band camp begins.

**Instruments:** Before a school instrument is checked out to a student for the 2021-2022 school year, a student must go over the instrument with Mr. Mattsey, fill out an instrument contract, and pay the \$80.00 yearly rental fee. Percussionists will be assessed a \$40 usage fee payable to Macomb Band Boosters for replacement mallets, sticks, drum heads, etc. All high school students should strive to have this completed before July 1.

**Uniform items:** All band members will be required to purchase special shoes for marching band. Students who have shoes from past years that still fit do not need to purchase new shoes. **MTX marching band shoe.** The cost of a pair of these shoes will be around \$40. They can be purchased from the Music Shoppe in Normal, either online or by phone (800) 322-5019. Please identify yourself as a Macomb parent/student. The Music Shoppe will hold the Macomb shoes at the store and bring them directly to the high school saving you the shipping and handling fee. *Color guard members* should have a pair of **Capezio low top, canvas, split sole, Dansneakers “Fierce”**. The price online is around \$65.00 from [www.capezio.com](http://www.capezio.com). The **gloves** for the winds and brass will be \$5.00. We will order the gloves when we distribute the uniforms in August. Each student will receive a uniform/flag outfit, hat, wooden hanger, and garment bag. Every student is required to return all of these items in the same condition in which they were issued. It is the student’s responsibility to make sure that the uniforms are dry-cleaned throughout the marching season as needed. The fee that is assessed for the final, end of the season dry cleaning and general maintenance has yet to be determined. Students will turn in their uniforms at the end of our last performance. The band boosters will take care of the final uniform cleaning of the year. **If negligence is found in the care of any part of the uniform, the student will pay for the damaged uniform part.** Failure to do so could result in the holding of grades, transcripts, etc., until the damaged item has been paid for or replaced.

**Marching shirts:** We will be making up show shirts that will be ordered during band camp. The information will be coming to you during the summer or at band camp at the latest. We would also encourage parents and friends of the band to order shirts at this time. It would be great to have band parents in these shirts at competitions and other band events! The date for marching uniform distribution will be in the **afternoon of August 21.**

**Formal Concert Attire:** Students will be measured for the concert attire at concert band auditions on October 26. In the past, tuxedos have been about \$75.00 and concert dresses have been around \$55.00. These orders will be placed in early November.

**REMIND:** I will use a messaging system called REMIND to send reminders and alerts throughout the year.

Band Parents- text the message @6gf7bk to the number 81010 to join

Band Students- text the message @36c6hfk to the number 81010 to join

Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. We have the potential to be truly outstanding! All it takes is hard work and determination! Have a great summer!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Doug Mattsey

## Macomb Senior High School Marching Band Rehearsal and Performance Schedule

### Full Ensemble Camp begins

Mon-Sat.	Aug. 2-7	8:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal (pack a lunch)
Mon.-Tues.	Aug. 9-10	8:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal
Wed.-Thur.	Aug. 11-12	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal
Saturday	August 14	8:00-4:30 PM	Full Rehearsal
Mon.-Wed.	Aug. 16-18	6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal
Thursday	August 19	School Begins	
		6:00-9:00 PM	Full Rehearsal
Saturday	August 21	8:00-Noon	Full Rehearsal
		10:30-11:30 AM	Parent Meeting
		1:00-4:00 PM	Uniform Distribution
Saturday	August 28	9:00 AM-Noon	March-a-thon Collections
Saturday	Sept. 11	3:30 PM	March-a-thon Parade
		5:30 PM	Concert on the Square
Saturday	Sept. 25	All day	Morton Field Show Competition
Saturday	Oct. 9	All day	Metamora Competition
Monday	Oct. 11	Time TBA	ILMEA Auditions at PORTA HS
Monday	Oct. 18	5:00-8:00 PM	Macomb Bands Chili Supper (Grades 6-12)
Saturday	Oct. 23	All day	U of I Field Show Competition
Tuesday	Oct. 26	5:30-8:30 PM	Concert Band Auditions & Tuxedo/Dress Fittings

There will be one evening rehearsal each week starting when school begins. Those dates will be given in August.

### Macomb Bands Event Dates 2021-2022 School Year

September 11	Marchathon Concert 5 pm	Courthouse Square
October 18	6-12 Grade Chili Supper 5 pm	Commons/Stadium/Auditorium (if rain)
November 11	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Vets Day Assembly	Edison Gymnasium
December 10	HS Fruit Distribution 3-5 pm	Auditorium Hallway
December 13	6-8 Grade Winter Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
December 14	HS Winter Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
February 19	JH Solo Contest (all day)	TBA
March 5	HS Solo Contest (all day)	TBA
March 9	7-12 grade Collage 7 pm	Auditorium
March 25	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade EXPO Concert 6 pm	Edison Gymnasium
March 26	Jazz Afternoon 2 pm	WAC on the Square
April 15	HS Organizational	TBA
April 29	JH Organizational	Auditorium
May 4	HS Spring Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
May 18	6-8 Grade Spring Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
May 21	HS Graduation 7:30 pm	WIU Western Hall