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Dear Parents and Students,

Plans are under way for 2022-23. Enclosed in this letter is a list of all known rehearsals and performances for the Fall of 2022. Marching band rehearsals for **ALL STUDENTS** begin on Monday, August 1. 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 flat 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/sunglasses
6. Water bottle/thermos like this <https://amzn.to/3d136hJ>

Rehearsals/Performances: All rehearsals and performances are mandatory and will be at MHS. Once school begins, we will have one (1) evening rehearsal each week. 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.**

Music: The music for the Star Spangled Banner, the School Song, and 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 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. The **gloves** for the winds and brass will be around \$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/Concert Attire: 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 22**. Students will be measured for the concert attire at concert band auditions on October 27. In the past, tuxedos have been about \$80.00 and concert dresses have been around \$60.00. 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

June 7, 9	7-8:30 pm	Parade and music rehearsals
June 14, 16	7-8:30 pm	Parade and music rehearsals
June 21, 23	7-8:30 pm	Parade and music rehearsals
June 25	TBA am	Heritage Days Parade

Full Ensemble Camp begins

Mon-Sat. Aug. 1-6 **8:00-4:30 PM Full Rehearsal (pack a lunch)**

Mon.-Tues. Aug. 8-9 **8:00-4:30 PM Full Rehearsal**

Wed.-Thur. Aug. 10-11 **6:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal**

Saturday August 13 **8:00-4:30 PM Full Rehearsal**

Mon.-Tues. Aug. 15-16 **6:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal**

Wednesday August 17 **School Begins**

7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal

Saturday August 20 **8:00-Noon Full Rehearsal**

10:30-11:30 AM Parent Meeting

1:00-4:00 PM Uniform Distribution

Wednesday Aug 24 **7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium**

Friday August 26 **6:00-9:30 Football**

Saturday August 27 **9:00 AM-Noon March-a-thon Collections**

Monday Aug 29 **7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- MUSIC**

Wednesday Aug 31 **7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium**

Tuesday Sept 6	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- MUSIC
Thursday Sept 8	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Saturday Sept. 10	3:30 PM March-a-thon Parade 5:30 PM Concert on the Square
Monday Sept 12	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Thursday Sept 15	6:00-8:00 Stunt Night
Friday Sept 16	6:00-9:30 Football - Homecoming
Tuesday Sept 20	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Friday Sept 23	6:00-9:30 Football
Saturday Sept. 24	All day Geneseo Field Show Competition, Geneseo, IL
Monday Sept 26	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- MUSIC
Wednesday Sept 28	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Saturday Oct. 1	All day Morton Field Show Competition, Morton, IL
Wednesday Oct 5	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal
Monday Oct. 10	Time TBA ILMEA Auditions at PORTA HS
Wednesday Oct 12	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Friday Oct 14	6:00-9:30 Football
Saturday Oct 15	All day WIU Field Show Competition, Macomb, IL
Monday Oct. 17	5:00-8:00 PM Macomb Bands Chili Supper (Grades 6-12)
Thursday Oct 20	7:00-9:00 PM Full Rehearsal- Stadium
Saturday Oct. 22	All day ISU Field Show Competition, Normal, IL
Tuesday Oct. 25	5:30-8:30 PM Concert Band Auditions & Tuxedo/Dress Fittings

Macomb Bands Concert Dates
2022-2023 School Year

September 10	Marchathon Concert 5 pm	Courthouse Square
October 17	6-12 Grade Chili Supper 5 pm	Commons/Stadium/Auditorium (if rain)
November 11	6 th Grade Vets Day Assembly	Edison Gymnasium
December 1	Dallas Brass Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
December 9	HS Fruit Distribution 3-5 pm	Auditorium Hallway
December 14	6-8 Grade Winter Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
December 15	HS Winter Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
January 25-28	HS ILMEA All-State	Peoria (select individuals)
February 25	JH Solo Contest (all day)	TBA
March 4	HS Solo Contest (all day)	TBA
March 8	7-12 grade Collage 7 pm	Auditorium
March 24	6 th Grade EXPO Concert 6 pm	Edison Gymnasium
March 25	Jazz Afternoon 2 pm	WAC on the Square
April 13-15	HS Band/Choir trip	TBA
April 29	JH Organizational	TBA
May 2	HS Spring Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
May 16	6-8 Grade Spring Concert 7 pm	Auditorium
May 20	HS Graduation 7:30 pm	WIU Western Hall