

Dear Band Parents/Guardians,

It's that time of year to talk about marching band. Last year the Eagles Marching Band performed their "Alternative Rock Hits of the 90's" show. This year we will be performing "Cartoon Favorites" and will feature the theme songs from The Simpsons, Looney Tunes, Scooby Doo and The Pink Panther. The following letter includes important dates and information for the 2020 marching band season.

As of right now there are football games scheduled in which your student will be featured on the field during pre-game and the half-time show. This is subject to change as the Coronavirus situation is updated. As outlined in the band handbook, any required event will be a certain amount of points (for a grade) and treated like an assignment in other classes. Failure to show up to a scheduled event (barring medical emergencies) will result in a loss of points. Again, this is outlined in the band handbook in more detail. The updated handbook will be uploaded to view at www.deckervillebands.weebly.com by the first day of school. A hardcopy of the handbook can be sent home upon request.

The following will hopefully clear up any additional questions you may have about marching band:

Safety: Because of the current Coronavirus situation, this year band camp must be held entirely outside. The school will provide hand sanitizer and instrument sanitizer. Due to the fact that we will be outside it is important to have and wear sunblock. Also, in the event of inclement weather, that days camp will be postponed and rescheduled. For updates and any changes please see our Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/deckervillebands](https://www.facebook.com/groups/deckervillebands)) or the band website (deckervillebands.weebly.com). Also, please sign up for remind if you haven't done so, directions are posted on the band website.

Band camp: Monday, July 27th-Thursday, July 30th for marching practice, parade practice as well as music rehearsal. Each day will run from 8:30am to 12pm. Note that this is shorter than in years passed to minimize personal contact.

We will use the parking lot and track for parade practice and the track infield for drill practice. There will be water breaks every 30-40 minutes.

I hope to have help from parent volunteers for refreshments (water) and any medical assistance if needed. Please let me know if you can help with these areas.

Time: The only extra time spent during the school year for band will be during parades or occasional after-school rehearsals and marching festival. The only other time spent outside of the school year will be for band camp. Extra time will need to be spent with the Drum Major (Student Leaders) for training.

Dates: All dates are required and those during the school year are worth a grade.

Band Camp: Jul 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th.

Other required dates (potentially marching band festival) will be handed out by the first day of school.

Student Cost: If the student would like to purchase a personal flip-folio (otherwise provided by school): \$10

These costs may be covered through your child's band booster account.

If your student would like to purchase their own personal marching shoes we can arrange that during band camp, otherwise shoes will be provided.

The marching drill will be handed out on the first day of band camp. Please make sure that your student does not have any conflicts the week of camp. It is very important that we have 100% participation that week.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to volunteer at anytime during band camp week, please email me at jbelkiewicz@deckerville.k12.mi.us this is the best way to get in touch with me. Also, if anyone needs to borrow an instrument for the summer please email me and we can arrange a time to meet at the school. Thank you, and have a great summer!



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