

2020 LHS Marching Blue Devils

Guidelines for Summer Band Activities

Thank you all for being flexible and patient during this time. We are trying our best to provide a marching season to our students while still maintaining safe Covid-19 guidelines. Please understand that things change daily, and that we are working to ensure a safe and productive band camp. We will not be able to be together as a large group at all during the first month or so, this will be a VERY different season. We are all going through this together, all local bands, football teams, etc. Hang in there and make the most out of what we are able to do!

Procedures When Arriving at School and Being Picked Up

Do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the start of rehearsal. Only selected leadership students will be allowed to arrive early. Those students will know who they are.

All band students will be screened at the northwest corner of the school near the student parking lot. You will be directed when you arrive and will begin seeing instructional signs when you pass the marching band trailer. The screening will take place in the vehicle. This will involve a temperature check and answering questions regarding possible exposure or symptoms of Covid-19. This will happen EVERY DAY until further notice.

Parents: when dropping your child off, if they do NOT pass the screening you will be asked to leave prior to getting to the rehearsal space.

Once students have been screened and cleared to enter, head directly to your designated area. The assigned areas will be labeled with signs and will stay the same day-to-day.

Students may be asked to wipe down and sanitize certain items they handle (music stands, flag poles, percussion equipment, etc). This will be built into the rehearsal time.

Students should be picked up along the same parking lot road that they were dropped off. Students should be picked up within 15 minutes of the end of rehearsal. If this is not possible for, communication between parents and directors MUST take place PRIOR so that arrangements can be made.

Student drivers will park in the student parking lot, in the first row, closest to the building. They MUST park and leave ONE space between them and the next car. As they exit their car they must wear their mask and maintain social distancing. They will report to the screening station to check in before heading to their assigned area.

Students will NOT be permitted inside the band room unless permission is given by the directors. During the first day of camp, we will have procedures in place for students to retrieve instruments to take home and keep during the season. The band room will ONLY be available for storage of large instruments during band camp (percussion and tubas)

What to Bring:

Mask: if you do not have one, we have some to distribute but will only be able to provide one to any given student.

Water: Come with your jug of water FULL. Water fountains will NOT be available. We will have some water bottles available for those who absolutely need it, but this should NOT be your primary hydration source.

Food: Each student should eat breakfast BEFORE CAMP! A smart, healthy, well-balanced breakfast is crucial to a positive band camp experience. Avoid heavy foods and dairy products. All students should also BRING their own lunch for the lunch break. This lunch should include protein, fruit, and carbs. Again, avoid heavy foods and dairy.

* It is also great to have a snack bar and extra fruit in case you need food prior to lunch.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WATER BE SHARED!!!

Attire: You WILL be physically active! Wear athletic, loose-fitting, comfortable clothing! Example: t-shirt, athletic shorts, and tennis shoes (with socks).

Towel: Bring a beach or bath towel so you have something to do exercises on!

Pencil: of course you need one!

Instrument/Equipment: For the time being, students will be asked to take home their instruments every day at the end of rehearsal (including color guard). Certain large instruments will be allowed to stay at school as needed. This is for students to sanitize their instrument at home and to help ensure students have their instruments at home in the event of a cancelled rehearsal.

Provided: Three ring binder with drill, pencil pouch, drill chips and music. Bring back every day. This 'drill book' is the only one you get and you MUST take care of it.

Cell Phone: We actually DO want students to have their phones at rehearsal. They will not be using them freely, but we do have several apps (some free, and some with upgradable options) that we will have students download and use during rehearsal.

Plastic Trash Bag: For students to place belongings in, in the event of rain! Inside is not an option for us, unless the weather becomes dangerous.

Sunscreen: Come to camp with sunscreen, and already applied. You can do this in the parking lot or drop off line as you are arriving. Students WILL NOT share sunscreen!

Access to Restrooms

Yes, there will be access to restrooms during rehearsal. Currently, all students will use the commons restrooms, in small numbers ONLY. Students needing to use the facilities at times other than breaks should ask Mr. Channell or Mr. Amoss ONLY.

Mask and Social Distancing Guidelines

Have your mask already on when arriving in your car and leave it on until a staff member instructs you to take it off. You will not need to wear your mask the entire rehearsal — in fact, most of the time you will NOT need it on. BUT, do not make assumptions. The staff will inform you when removing your mask is permissible.

When transitioning from one area to another (i.e. restrooms), ALWAYS have your mask on.

All students must maintain a 6ft distance from one another. When in small groups and outdoors, this will be no issue. When moving from one area to another or during breaks is when we will really need to focus on this!

IF YOU BECOME ILL

If you become ill at rehearsal, inform a staff member immediately. You WILL be required to go home. Please note, if you do become ill, it will not be assumed that your illness is Covid-19 related. If you are displaying symptoms that may be related to Covid-19, you will be asked to stay home until you are symptom-free and/or have been cleared by a medical professional. Specific cases will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Donations

While we have some on hand, we are asking for donations of the following items:

Masks, Hand Sanitizer, Kleenex/Tissues, Sanitizing Wipes, Sanitizing Cleaners

A Reminder

Band is a VOLUNTARY extracurricular activity that students and student-families choose to participate in. If you do not feel comfortable sending your child to band camp, then there is always the option to sit this year out. We want every student to enjoy this marching season and safety is always our first priority. We will do everything we can to minimize exposure, but it is going to take a huge effort from everyone to make sure we ALL follow the guidelines to keep us all safe.

Contact us if you have any questions! Thanks!

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