



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Ewing High School

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TO: All Marching Band Students and Parents

RE: Band Camp Reminder- July 31-August 4

Band Camp is almost here! I hope everyone is ready to learn your new show music and drill. Music will be passed out on the first day of camp. Please bring your instrument. Remember, **mandatory** band camp runs from **Monday, July 31st to Friday, August 4th**. Please download the 2017-2018 marching band packet, shoe order and t-shirt order files. These files can be downloaded at the following address: Contact dolson@ewingboe.org. These will all be collected on August 1st. Show Music, drill, stand music and mp3's will be here as well. **All files should be available by the third week of July.** Please check often to see what has been added.

Please return all completed shoe/shirt and Rules forms on August 1st. Please check back often to get the most up to date schedule and TEMPO information. ****Be sure to sign up for REMIND. Text @ewingh to 81010 to join. Important reminders, weather announcements and instructions will be sent for quick communications. **FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS!**

If you do not have access to the web, try the following options: Visit the Ewing Library or ask a friend to print out the material.

The daily agenda for band camp will be as follows:

- 8-12: Basics/Break/Field Drill
- 12-1: Lunch- Please **bring a lunch or \$ for lunch.**
- 1-3: Music Rehearsals/Band front Clinic

**Agenda may change due to weather conditions.

**On Friday the 4th, TEMPO will be providing pizza, drinks, chips, etc. for lunch!

!!!!SENIORS- If your senior portrait has been scheduled during band camp, please reschedule your appointment so that you can look your best for your picture!

Please bring the following to band camp each day:

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| **LUNCH** | HAT | SUNSCREEN |
| **LUNCH \$\$** | SUNGLASSES | **WATER** |
| MUSIC | INSTRUMENT | DRILL CHARTS |
| <u>SNEAKERS!!</u> | BUG REPELLENT | PENCIL |
| SNACK | | |

PARENTS: Please be aware that the students are under their own recognizance during the lunch hour 12-1pm. Please review with your child the importance of good conduct, etiquette and personal responsibility to make this time enjoyable and safe for all.

The marching band staff is looking forward to working with you this year! See you soon!

Mr. Olson and Mrs. Gibbs
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TO: ALL BAND STUDENTS AND PARENTS

RE: MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

Please read the following course requirements to become more familiar with music department policies. The policies were developed to enhance student success and make the band the best it can be. **Please sign and return one copy to Mr. Olson by Monday July 31st.**

PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE: In addition to classroom participation and compliance with instructional requirements, participation also includes: **Mandatory Band Camp (July 31st – August 5th, 8am to 3pm)**, performance criteria, in-school rehearsals, out-of-school rehearsals, concerts and graduation.

PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE: Attendance at all performances is mandatory! Performances include: all football games, Ewing community days, pep rallies, parades, concerts, graduation and all other public performances. Students that do not attend required performances will earn a lower grade. Students and parents are expected to use the enclosed schedule to prevent unexcused student absences.

PERFORMANCE DRESS CODE: All Marching Band performances will be done in **full uniform**. Concert band performances may use either the marching band uniform or the “traditional black and white” concert uniform. This uniform consists of: **Gentlemen-** all black dress pants, an all white (not off white, no polka dots or stripes of any kind) long sleeve (winter concert)/short sleeve (spring concert) dress shirt with a dark non-patterned long tie (preferably black) and all black dress shoes. **Ladies-** all black skirt and an all white top (not off white, no polka dots or stripes of any kind. Tops must have a collar and sleeves) **OR** an all black dress and of course, black dress shoes. Mini skirts, black jeans, sneakers and sandals are prohibited. Students that do not meet the performance dress code will not perform.

SCHOOL SPORTS/ATTENDANCE: Students that participate in fall school sports will alternate between band and the school sport. This alternation will occur anytime there is a marching band performance/rehearsal conflict with a school sport scrimmage, game or practice. The Marching band student may not miss a performance for a sport practice.

ABSENCES/PARENT NOTES: Any absence from a rehearsal or performance requires a parent/guardian note containing the date of the absence, the reason for your child’s absence and a phone number where you can be reached. Please submit this note at least 3 days in advance of the absence. Absences caused by illness must be substantiated by a doctor’s note. Once the note has been submitted, it will be reviewed by the marching band staff and will either be recorded as an unexcused or an excused absence. The following are examples of some unexcused absences: work conflicts, transportation problems, college trips, vacation, doctor/dentist appts. (except in emergency situations) etc. The following are examples of excused absences: Death in the family, severe illness, school sport (provided you are alternating between band and the sport for each conflict), etc.

Please understand that these attendance requirements are necessary to: 1. put a complete band on the field. 2. Eliminate holes in the drill. 3. Provide consistent instrumentation. 4. Enhance student accountability.

GRADING PROCEDURE: Grading will be based upon participation, attendance at band camp, rehearsals and performances, and music performance tests. Students will be tested on all music. All marching band show music must be memorized. Stand music does not need to be memorized. The student must purchase a 10 page flip folder for stand music. Flip folders are mandatory for all students for all rehearsals and performances. During each rehearsal we will work for high caliber musical and marching standards. Emphasis will be placed on cooperation, self-discipline, behavior, following directions and self evaluation of performance.



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BEHAVIOR: Improper behavior will not be tolerated at any time. Students that refuse to cooperate will be dealt with by teacher detention, parent conference or removal from the group. Please follow these common sense rules to promote a positive learning environment: **SIMPLE COMMON COURTESY!**

1. No talking while the director is on the podium.
2. No talking while a rehearsal is in progress.
3. Immediately upon entering the room, get out instrument and music find your seat. Warm up quietly!
4. If you have a question, raise your hand.
5. No food or drink in the IMR PLEASE!
6. All instruments are to be placed in their respective place in the storage room.
7. Do not trade instruments, use the one you are assigned.
8. You are responsible for repairing damaged or non-working assigned instrument(s).
9. Follow directions given by the director and/or drum majors.
10. Have a positive attitude.
11. Students that are uncooperative/disruptive or not participating will be removed from the program.
12. **All students that play reed instruments must supply their own reeds.**
13. **NO CELL PHONES!!** They will be confiscated and turned into the office with a write up.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to all football games, parades, trips or competitions is for EHS Band students and parent chaperones only. No others will be permitted. **Students must ride the bus both to and from a location. No exceptions.** Please understand that this rule is required for the safety of all students. Students that drive may not “follow the bus” or drive to an event. Transportation is provided to all away football game performances. **All students are required to travel seated in their seat with seat belts fastened and act in a manner that will represent Ewing High School positively. Students that cannot follow these guidelines will have their transportation privilege revoked.**

FOOTBALL GAME REGULATIONS:

1. Uniforms **MUST BE COMPLETELY BUTTONED AND WORN AT ALL TIMES!**
2. If the weather is warm, you will be given instructions regarding your uniform by the instructor. Listen and follow directions!
3. **The band sits as a unit in sections- perc., band front, trumpets, etc. NO OUTSIDE VISITORS ARE PERMITTED TO SIT WITHIN THE BAND.**
4. **All band members play all stand music.**
5. The band only plays as a unit, not as individuals.
6. The directors and the drum majors are responsible for choosing the stand tunes. Please stay alert as to which song is being called up.
7. There is no food or drink permitted in the stands at any time.
8. **3rd Quarter Privileges/Break**
 - Uniforms must be properly worn.
 - **You are responsible for your instrument during this time. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR INSTRUMENT IN THE STANDS!**
 - Stay in groups of at least 3 people.
 - Use the restrooms.
 - Get a snack.



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-Be back in the stands and ready to play by 2:00 left in the 3rd quarter. All food and drink is to be consumed prior to this time. DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINK BACK INTO THE STANDS.

9. At the conclusion of each game, we will **ALWAYS** march to the busses (away games) or to the IMR (home games). **When asked to fall in, do so as quickly and quietly as possible.**

10. Problem students who do not follow these guidelines will not be tolerated and will be removed from the program.

SPRING TRIP ELIGIBILITY:

1. Students who have earned 3 or more days of out-of-school suspension (OSS) will forfeit their privilege to travel and will not be permitted to participate in the trip.

2. Trip payment dates will be strictly enforced. Payments received after the due date will be returned and the student will not participate in the trip. (*HINT*- Be sure to get involved in the many planned fund raising activities as they are designed to pay for/defray the cost of the trip!)

3. Students who are disruptive/uncooperative and/or not participating in class will have their trip privileges revoked by the instructor. Students who receive 3 or more detentions for the behaviors listed above will lose their privilege to travel.

4. Students must be passing all classes to participate and not have any NCA/attendance problems. Students that are not passing all classes by 1 month prior to the trip will be removed from the trip list

Please sign and return 1 copy to Mr. Olson by August 2rd, 2017.

I have read and understand the EHS music department policies and regulations and agree to abide by them.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____



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EWING MARCHING BLUE DEVILS
SCHEDULE 2015-2016

As of 6/8/16

Game 9/9/16	7:00PM	Away vs. West Windsor- Plainsboro South	Report to IMR 4:45PM	
Game 9/16/16	7:00PM	Home vs. Pemberton Township	Report to IMR 6pm	
Game 9/23/16	7:00PM	Home vs. Nottingham	Report IMR 6pm	
Game 10/1/16	1:00PM	Home vs. Willingboro	Report to IMR 12pm	Homecoming Game
Game 10/7/16	7:00PM	Away vs. Lawrence ** Might be a home game if Lawrence field is not completed. Update- TBA	Report to IMR 5pm	
Game 10/14/16	7:00PM	Home vs. Burlington Township	Report to IMR 6pm	
Game 10/22/16	2:00PM	Away vs. Hamilton West	Report to IMR 12pm	
Game 10/29/16	11:00AM	Away vs. Princeton	Report to IMR 9am	
Game 11/4/16	7:00PM	Home vs. Hightstown	Report to IMR 6pm	

10th game: This game could be a consolation or a playoff. Keep the following dates open: 11/11, 11/12, 11/18, 11/19 . I will announce game details as soon as I get the information.

January 12, 2017- Winter Concert EHS start time 7pm. Report time TBA

May 2018- Operation Dreamlift- Mercer Co. Airport report time to EHS 5:45AM!

May 16, 2017- Spring instrumental concert. 7pm. Report time TBA

June- GRADUATION CEREMONY ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. This is a mandatory performance for all students in grades 9-11. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal from the group.

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