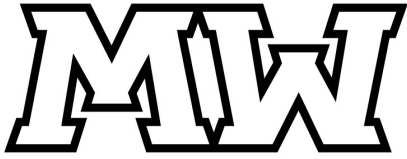


Maine West High School Marching Warriors



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Dear Maine West Current and Incoming Band Members:

Hope you are all excited as we get closer and closer to the end of this school year! Here in the band department, we are ready to think about 2022-23 and that starts with marching band! There will be lots of exciting traditions continuing and beginning this June as a Maine West band member! This first packet will get you everything you need to know to start up as a band member next year.

This packet includes information about:

Upcoming summer rehearsals and camp

A required part of the Maine West band experience is the Marching Warriors. We start this experience for a few nights in June and a week in August to prepare new and returning members for a great year.

2022 Rehearsal and Performance schedule

This 8-week season coincides with varsity football, including home games, some outside-of-school performances, and maybe even some community and recruitment events as well!

Fee Form and explanations of needed costs/purchases

Similar to some other Maine West ensembles and activities, the Marching Warriors requires a flat fee to cover all costs for the students each fall season. Fundraising is made available to students to help lower costs.

Instrument Rental Form

This one-time annual fee of \$50.00 is paid by all percussionists and any other students using Maine West equipment. This cost covers the repairs and maintenance of our inventory that you would pay if you owned your own instruments.

Remind text messaging/app

This required free service is how we communicate with the students and parents of 2019. If a student or family member does not have a smartphone, please contact Mr. Gerstmayr immediately via email.

PLEASE READ (AND FILL OUT IF NECESSARY) ALL THE ATTACHED INFORMATION.

You are responsible for dates/times and information in this packet to ensure the success of our band program, and for your student/family to get the most out of this experience.

MAINE WEST MARCHING WARRIORS

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule 2022

June	6th-8th (Mon-Wed)	Summer Band Workshops, 6:30-8:30pm (ALL MEMBERS)
July	13th (Wed)	Mid-summer check-in session, 5:30-8:30pm (all students in town)
August	4th (Thurs)	Summer Band Workshop start, 9:00am-9:00pm (dinner provided) - Freshman and Student Leaders, 6:00-8:00pm - Marching Band Fittings for All Members 6:00-9:00pm
	5th (Fri)	Summer Band Workshops, 9:00am-8:00pm (dinner provided)
	8th-12th (Mon-Fri)	Summer Band Workshops, 4:30-8:00pm
	16th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	18th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	23rd (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	25th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	30th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	31st (Wed)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm (on different day due to Thursday Meet the Teacher night)
September	2nd (Fri)	Home Game vs. Waukegan, 6:30pm kickoff (**early dismissal school day)
	3rd-5th (Sat-Mon)	NO REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCES (Labor Day Weekend)
	6th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	8th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	10th (Sat)	A.A. Stagg Marching Jamboree Competition - Stagg HS, Palos Hills, IL (times TBD)
	13th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	15th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	16th (Fri)	Homecoming Game vs. Wheeling, 6:30pm (see report times below)
	20th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	22nd (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	24th (Sat)	Maine West Marching Band Exhibition - Stadium, 6:00-9:00pm (see add'l info)
	27th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	29th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	30th (Fri)	Home Game vs. Vernon Hills, 6:30pm kickoff (**times below)
October	4th (Tues)	D62/MW Marching Band Night, 5:30-8:00pm
	5th (Wed)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm (due to Thurs parent teacher conferences)
	7th (Fri)	Rehearsal, 1:00-3:00pm (after early dismissal)
	8th-10th (Sat-Mon)	NO REHEARSALS/PERFORMANCE (Indigenous Peoples Day)
	11th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	13th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	14th (Fri)	Home Game vs. Vernon Hills, 6:30pm kickoff (*times below)
	15th (Sat)	Lincoln Way Invitational - Lincoln Way West HS in New Lenox, IL (times TBD)
	18th (Tues)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm (indoors - auditorium)
	19th (Wed)	Indoor Marching Band Showcase Concert, 7:00pm, Auditorium
	20th (Thurs)	Rehearsal, 6:30-8:30pm
	21st (Fri)	Home Game vs. Highland Park (SENIOR NIGHT), 6:30pm kickoff (*times below)

Marching Warriors Season Information

Evening Rehearsals

From August to October, the full band rehearses twice a week from 6:30-8:30pm. All rehearsals and performances are part of your 1st quarter grade. The reasoning for getting these dates to you in advance is to ensure attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Please set family and work schedules accordingly. Thanks!

Home Football Games and the Indoor Showcase Concert

We are very excited to be a large factor in bringing a strong and spirited audience to our home football games. Please pay attention to our home schedule and make it a priority to not only support the band but Warrior Football as well! We also perform at an end-of-season annual concert that features all the music from the fall season in our Auditorium. More info to come!

Home gameday timeframes:

- 3:30pm, pre-game/halftime run in stadium
- 5:00pm, percussion/color guard call time for warm-ups, dress, makeup etc
- 5:30pm, winds call time to band room for dress and warmup
- 6:20pm, pre-game performance in stadium (games start at 6:30pm)

Off-Campus Competitions and Marching Band Exhibition Performance

During the marching band season, we typically perform with marching bands in the area at local competitions and festivals, and receive some great feedback and perspective from the judges on a visual and musical level. We will also be hosting a special exhibition performance in our stadium with guest clinicians who will not only give us feedback, but work with our students in person ON THE FIELD!

All evening events and performances are required. The evening commitment for our band program is MUCH less after October.

Maine West Band Department

2022-2023 Fee Information

Name: _____

Marching Band 2022-2023 Costs

There are necessary costs to run a quality program such as ours. There is no school budget for marching band. All costs below are payable online through Infinite Campus, and in the bookstore via cash, credit/debit cards, or checks to "Maine West HS".

NEW MEMBERS = \$185.00

SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS = \$160.00

This flat payment includes:

- Uniform t-shirt & baseball cap for all. Long sleeve T & athletic shorts for new members (under uniform)
- Supplemental materials/supplies for season, including drawstring backpacks and flip folio pages
- Staffing costs for more small group attention throughout the summer and fall season
- Production costs such as visual marching design, music arranging costs, props for competition show, etc
- Costs for exhibition event judges/clinicians
- Dinner cost during August 6th band camp

T-shirt size: _____

S → 3X available

ALL MEMBERS

Long Sleeve T size _____

S → 3X available

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Gym Shorts size: _____

S → 3X available

NEW MEMBERS ONLY

IMPORTANT: Add-on for new members and others in need:

All students must wear black uniform marching band shoes - they offer better comfort to the students. These shoes are sized similar to gym shoes - we suggest adding .5 up from your gym shoe size. If you are a new member or a student that needs new shoes, add \$40.00 to your fee total above.

Men's size _____

Women's size _____

**THIS FORM MUST BE BROUGHT TO AUGUST CAMP
WITH A RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.**

**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE THROUGH INFINITE CAMPUS
OR UNDER "BAND" IN THE MAINE WEST BOOKSTORE
BEFORE AUGUST 13th**

Summer bookstore hours are Mon-Thurs 7:30-4:30pm

Credit/debit, checks to Maine West HS and cash are accepted

Online payments through Infinite Campus will be available as well

YOU CAN BREAK UP THE PAYMENTS IF NEEDED OVER THE SUMMER

If there are ANY concerns/questions about payment, please email Mr G.

Marching Warriors Cost Explanations

Uniform T-Shirt, Long Sleeve T, Shorts and Hat!

All new members will receive a uniform T-shirt, whereas new members (frosh/sophomore) will also receive a long sleeve T-shirt and shorts as well. These are to be worn underneath uniforms at performances. This allows us to ALWAYS look uniform in rehearsal for drill cleaning, as well as to cool off on warmer performance events. Students receive a new t-shirt each year to add to their “collection” to avoid constant washing. A custom baseball cap for new members is also included in fees, as they are worn in the stands during games and events when we take off our marching band hats.

Marching Band Shoes

There are **specific** shoes used for marching band, similar to wearing cleats for a sport. ALL members must have a pair of these shoes. The brand shoe is the **Drillmaster Marching Shoe**. They will be delivered to students before the first home game. Returning members may also purchase new shoes in case of growth. **There is a place on the fee form to order a pair to add to your fee total.**

Staffing and Production Costs

Our department brings in many private instructors and staff to work with students on their specific instruments in a group setting. Some staff continue to work with us through the entire marching band season. This is the equivalent to having assistant coaches in athletics. The cost covers this instruction from some of the finest musicians and teachers in the Chicagoland area! Students may continue with private individual lessons when the school year begins. There are also costs that are not covered by the district’s budget, such as marching routine design and special music arrangements that we have composed for our season.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING WITH THESE NECESSARY COSTS.

Maine Township High School District 207
Maine West High School
Fine Arts Department - Instrument Loan Agreement

Instrument Type: _____ Make: _____ Serial Number: _____

Student Name: _____ ID Number: _____ Rental Period: _____ to _____

The undersigned agrees to the following terms:

1. That the property herein described belonging to Maine Township High School District 207 is loaned to the student during his membership in or preparations for one or more of the instrumental organizations sponsored by the Maine West High School Fine Arts Department.
2. Student receiving the said instrument or property listed agrees:
 - (a) To assume full responsibility for instrument or equipment loaned to him and keep it clean and in good repair.
 - (b) To refuse to loan the instrument/equipment to anyone without express permission from chairman of the music department. (When two or more students are assigned to use an instrument vis: a string bass, cello or drums the music director will make special arrangements governing the use of such equipment.)
 - (c) To improve his musicianship:
 - (1) by practicing a reasonable amount of time each day;
 - (2) by taking private or group lessons as recommended by his instructor;
 - (3) by regular attendance at all rehearsals and programs whenever called upon to do so by instructor
 - (d) **To pay a rental fee of \$50.00 per school year.**
(The school year is understood to mean the actual number of days the school is in session during any 10- month period.)

I have read the foregoing conditions governing the property loaned to me. I have examined the instrument and property and find it to be in good condition. For the privilege of using the instrument or equipment, I hereby subscribe and pledge myself to all the conditions herein stated.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

* If it is determined that damage to the instrument was caused by student negligence, a meeting will be set with the family, teacher and department chair to discuss replacement.

** percussionists do not need to fill out make/serial number/value, just list Percussion as instrument

*** for non-percussionists: if renting an instrument, please know that after a year in the department, families should be making arrangements to purchase or rent-to-own a personal instrument. A woodwind or brass student should not be renting an instrument for more than a year. If there are other circumstances, those will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

**PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON INFINITE CAMPUS OR IN THE BOOKSTORE.
RETURN FORM AND RECEIPT TO YOUR MUSIC INSTRUCTOR.**

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NEW PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, June 7th

8:00-8:30pm (then take students home)

Outdoors on bleachers near Oakton Street parking

**We ask that at least one parent from each
new band family must attend**

What will be discussed?

- Rundown of the season and calendar**
- Expectations/policies for 2022 year**
- Important upcoming events**
- Learn about our Fine Arts Boosters**
- Question and answer time**

***Please make it a priority
to attend this meeting.***

Thank you!

Band Students/Parents

“Remind” free text/app service

All new students must send a text message to 81010

Woodwind/Brass - type this message: @mwconcband

Percussion - type this message: @mwpercotech

All parents please send a text message to 81010

type this message: @mwbandpar

This is a free service allowing you to receive announcements and reminders about weekly meetings and events. It is one of the most consistent ways to communicate between teacher and student/families.

(All phone numbers are confidential to both teacher and other subscription members)

**** if a student/family member does not own a smartphone, please email Mr. Gerstmayr immediately***

What do all members need for Marching Band?

Instrument:

- Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Trombone:

You should bring your own instrument. If you have a second instrument, use the “less nice” instrument – i.e. use your plastic clarinet not the wooden clarinet.

- Horn/Mellophone, Euphonium/Baritone, Tuba, Percussion

We will provide you with a marching instrument. Bring your mouthpiece please.

Woodwinds and Brass:

- Head to Quinlan and Fabish, Amazon.com or your favorite music store to purchase the appropriate flip folder and lyre for your instrument. Their sales reps can help you with questions. You will receive LOTS of music to put into your flip folios.

Attire/Needed supplies:

1 - Comfortable clothes and shoes

You will always wear comfortable gym shoes and socks, NEVER flip flops or sandals.

T-shirts and shorts are fine, but always appropriate in length and design/content.

Sunglasses and a hat are definitely a good idea through the season and weather changes.

2 - A **water bottle in the heat is a MUST-have.**

3 - Please make sure you always have a **pencil handy to make changes in music and drill.**

This is very important for what we do. Put it in your case or backpack.

4 - All students must have **1-1.5 inch three ring binder**

Woodwinds/brass use it for drill, percussion uses it for music

Backpack/Drawstring Pack:

- Freshman will receive a Marching Warriors drawstring backpack in the fall.

(sophomores, juniors and seniors have theirs from previous years)

An easy way to keep things together and not leave anything behind/forgotten.

Similar to what you would do for a fall sport.

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Summer Camps and Fall Performance Schedule 2022

Hello!

In case you didn't get our postcard in the mail, here are the dates below are required for all band students in the Marching Warriors. Please mark these on your calendars to avoid conflicts. While we understand that there are un-avoidables like weddings, funerals, etc, we would like to make sure all the "avoidables" can be taken care of. The full season rehearsal schedule will be given out at the June camp.

Remember that every band member is our most important member!

June 6th-8th (Mon-Wed)	Summer Band Camps, 6:30-8:30pm
July 13th (Wed)	Mid-Summer Camp, 5:30-8:30pm (if you're in town)
August 4th (Thurs)	Summer Band Camps, 9:00am-9:00pm
August 5th (Fri)	Summer Band Camps, 9:00am-8:00pm
August 8th-12th (Mon-Fri)	Summer Band Camps, 4:30pm-8:00pm
September 2nd (Fri)	Home Game vs. Waukegan, 6:30pm
September 10th (Sat)	Stagg Marching Jamboree - Palos Hills, IL (times TBD)
September 16th (Fri)	Homecoming Game vs. Wheeling, 6:30pm
September 30th (Fri)	Home Game vs. Vernon Hills, 6:30pm
September 24th (Sat)	Marching Band Exhibition - Maine West, 7:00-9:00pm
October 14th (Fri)	Home Game vs. Niles North, 6:30pm
October 15th (Sat)	Lincoln Way Invitational - New Lenox, IL (times TBD)
October 19th (Wed)	Indoor Showcase Concert, 7:00pm, Auditorium
October 21st (Fri)	Home Game vs. Highland Park, 6:30pm

**** Please note that we have purposely scheduled nothing on Labor Day weekend (Sat-Mon) and Columbus Day weekend (Fri-Mon) as well as most Sat-Sun from August through October. Please use that time for family gatherings/events and college visits. Thank you!**

Please e-mail Mr. Gerstmayr at bgerstmayr@maine207.org with any questions.
See you soon!