



HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

MARCHING BAND COURSE DESCRIPTION

Band Director: Kathleen Schoelwer
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<http://herndonband.org>

PREREQUISITE

All instrumentalists enrolled in a performance band class are required to participate in Marching Band.

ATTENDANCE

Membership in the Pride of Herndon **requires** attendance at all rehearsals and performances (including football games, parades, and competitions). Marching band will meet on Tuesdays (2:30pm-4:30pm), Wednesdays (6:00pm-9:00pm), and Thursdays (3:00pm-5:00pm) and during marching band season (see the band calendar). If a marching band rehearsal is missed, you may not be permitted to perform the following weekend and you also will not earn the Marching Band letter. Only absences due to extreme illness or death in the family will be excused. Specific arrangements must be made with Ms. Schoelwer in the event of a conflict with other school groups. School commitments will always take priority over non-school activities. Ms. Schoelwer must approve any absence **before** the rehearsal or performance.

UNIFORM POLICIES

- The Uniform includes a jacket, bibbers, shako, plume, gloves, black socks, and Viper marching shoes.
- The uniform never touches the ground.
- No Jewelry **of any kind** is permitted while the uniform is on. This includes bracelets and watches. Do not get ears pierced anytime close to a performance.
- All student hair (male or female) must be off the collar. Long hair can be placed in a high ponytail, braid, or hairnet that can be completely concealed under the shako.
- No make-up **of any kind** (including fingernail polish) is to be worn while in uniform.
- Replacement or cleaning fees may be issued to uniforms damaged past normal wear and tear. This includes unnatural hair colors that bleed into the jacket.
- Failure to wear your uniform completely and properly is grounds for dismissal from the performance and forfeiture of your band letter/bar.

FUNDRAISING

Dues only make up a portion of the marching band operating budget. We ask for your participation in two mandatory fundraisers.

- Tag Day (second Saturday in September)
 - Typically from 8:00am-4:00pm
 - Students earn money directly into their accounts for each hour they work
- Showcase (last Saturday in September)
 - All marchers are asked to sign up for at least one shift during the day
 - Woodwinds help set up early Saturday morning (before bands arrive)
 - Brass help tear down Saturday night (after awards)
 - Guard and Percussion help clean up Sunday morning
 - All marchers must sign up for at least one other shift during the day

AWARDS

- First year, third, and fourth year marchers receive a Varsity pin
- Second year marchers receive a Varsity letter
- The Academic Achievement Award is given to students who maintain an average 3.4+ GPA

- Student and staff-picked superlative awards will be presented at the Tag Day Concert in November
- The Matt Weinke Award is awarded to the student who most exemplifies excellence in the Pride of Herndon Marching Band.
- Indoor drumline, District Band, and Spring also

INSTRUMENTS, MUSIC, DRILL AND ACCESSORIES

- It is expected that students bring their instrument (with necessary accessories) and their own music to every rehearsal. Every instrument is to have their name taped to the case. Inside the case the student is to have their name and home phone number.
- If the student is physically not able to play, the student must bring a note from a parent.
- The following accessories are to be brought to rehearsal each day:
 - Pencil
 - **Lyre (provided by student unless using school owned instrument)** and flip folder (provided by HHS)
 - Instrument accessories: cleaning cloth, reeds (at least 3 in case at all times), valve/slide oil, etc
 - Sneakers
 - Drill and music binder with student barcode
 - Water bottle or camel pack

A great deal of effort goes into selecting, preparing, and passing out music. Show respect and care for all music passed out. Students will be expected to replace any lost or damaged music (\$1.00 per page).

H.S.T. (Herndon Standard Time)

- **To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be forgotten.**
- Be at every rehearsal at least 10 minutes early. You will need time to get your music and chair set up, put your instrument together, warm-up a few notes, socialize, get water, etc. You need to be ready to start on the downbeat!

MARCHING BAND POLICIES

- Dignity, courtesy, behavior, and pride will ALWAYS be demonstrated when the uniform is on.
- Public displays of affection are **never** acceptable while in uniform, and are restricted to hand holding at all other times.
- Failure to follow the rules or unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the marching band without a refund.
- Grading is based on timely attendance at all rehearsals and attendance. Unexcused absences and excessive tardiness will result in a grade deduction. Appropriate behavior and proper materials are also taken into consideration.
- Football Games:
 - Do not leave the stands during a football game without permission.
 - Bathroom breaks will be allowed only on a case-by-case basis.
 - The **entire** uniform must stay on until you are asked to remove part of it.
 - Do not sit down until told to sit down.
 - Do not have a parent or chaperone bring you food or drink until everyone gets food and drink, which is typically the 3rd quarter.
 - Use good judgment and common sense- if you think it *might* be a bad idea- it is.

COMMUNICATION

Email addresses included on the Information Card will be added to the mailing list for announcements. HerndonBand.org also contains important announcements, forms, and a current calendar. You may also reach Ms. Schoelwer at KGSchoelwer@fcps.edu or at (703) 810-2332. Proper email addresses are critical since they will be used to send home information. Yahoo groups will be discontinued this year.

Course Description Authorization (Please detach and return)

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

- I/we grant the Herndon High School Band Parents Association the right to photograph and/or videotape my child and to further use said child's name, face, likeness, voice and appearance in connection with exhibitions, publicity, advertising, promotional and commercial materials without reservation or limitation.
- All email addresses included on the Information Form will be included in the mailing list unless otherwise noted.
- Uniforms are provided by the Band Parents Association. Damage to the uniform may result in an additional cleaning or replacement fee.
- Participation in the events listed on the band calendar is mandatory and counts towards the class grade.
- Tag Day and Showcase are required fundraisers. All other fundraisers are optional and offered to help offset your account balance.
- I understand and agree to follow the rules and expectations of the Pride of Herndon Marching Band.

Student Signature: _____ **Date** _____

_____ (student name) has my permission to participate in the Herndon High School Marching Band. This permission extends to all band sanctioned trips and activities. Travel to these trips and activities may be by motor coach or school bus. Certain local events will require own transportation (eg. Tag Day and the Town of Herndon Tree Lighting).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date** _____