



Plymouth High Schools Marching Band

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Welcome- Program Overview

Who: Marching Band is open to students in grades 8-12 from North High, South High, PCIS, and PSMS who are willing to work hard, work together, and to want to succeed. Current 7th graders are eligible as they will be 8th grade in the fall.

What: Perform for football games at North and South HS, local and regional parades, field trips to marching band shows, and perform for local events .

How: Students can perform with their band instrument, participate in the colorguard, or play in the front ensemble (playing xylophones, electric guitar, bass, or other percussion instruments).

Why: It's a great opportunity to get involved in a school activity, perform in a group, make great friends, learn to do things that they thought were impossible, and travel!

Where: Rehearsals are at Plymouth North High School.

When: June- November **Event and Rehearsal calendar is attached.**

Summer/Pre-Camp Rehearsals

Woodwinds and Brass:

-Rehearsals will begin in June to begin to learn Parade and Show music

Percussion Rehearsal:

-Rehearsals will happen weekly throughout the summer on Thursdays. Please attend as many of these as possible. Percussion parts will be assigned during these summer rehearsals.

Color Guard Rehearsals:

-Rehearsals will happen weekly throughout the summer on Thursdays. Please attend as many of these as possible. Guard will work on equipment skills and begin to learn the show during these summer rehearsals.

Summer Band Camp Dates

Monday, August 12- Friday, August 16, from 12:30-9pm (Dinner provided- see below for details)

Plymouth North High School

This week of Band Camp provides a great deal of time to teach the music, marching technique, and the marching drill that will be part of the Fall Marching Band Show, as well as music for parades and other community events. This week is crucial to students success in marching band for the fall. Please only miss these rehearsals in the case of illness, or emergency.

Band Camp Dinners

We will be doing dinners during band camp again this year. We are asking that all families contribute toward these meals in some manner. This will provide food for the students during these rehearsals, as well as being a time of bonding for the band members.

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

The Fall rehearsal schedule will begin the week after band camp from 5:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. This will allow for students to get into the mindset of the practice schedule for the season before classes and sport practices start to help transition to a busier schedule once school begins.

On occasion we will schedule a Saturday rehearsal as needed in preparation for a large event such as a competition. Families will be notified in advance of any scheduled Saturday rehearsals.

The fall rehearsal schedule will end in November and rehearsals for events after Thanksgiving will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Performances

We perform for home football games on Friday evenings at Plymouth North or Plymouth South High School. At these games, we prepare music and formations for pre-game entertainment (fight song and the National Anthem), pep music to be played during the game in the stands, and our halftime performance will feature the band's field show.

Competition Schedule:

During the Fall season, marching bands from high schools all over New England participate in various competitions throughout Massachusetts. At these events, marching bands show-off their hard work and attention to detail in both their formations and in the music performance.

Dates for marching band competitions will be released soon and the calendar will be updated.

Football Game Schedule:

We perform for home football games on Friday evenings at Plymouth North or Plymouth South High School. At these games, we prepare music and formations for pre-game entertainment (fight song and the National Anthem), pep music to be played during the game in the stands, and our halftime performance will feature the band's field show.

Should any football team enter postseason play, any additional games and locations will be added to the calendar.

See the attached calendar for the football game schedule.

Parade Schedule:

Parades are a big focus of the marching season as it is a way for the program to connect and contribute to the communities around us.

See the attached calendar for the parade schedule.

Schedule Conflicts

As directors, we are aware that marching band is not the only activity in our student's lives and we do understand that conflicts do come up. Please understand that your role as a member of in the ensemble is critical to the overall success of the band at performances.

If you are faced with a scheduling conflict, please email Mrs. Holmes or Mr. Shaw with details about your conflict so that we can do our best to help you figure out a resolution.

Uniforms

Students playing instruments are issued a school owned marching uniform. These will be fitted before or during marching band camp, or during rehearsal in the week following. The uniforms will be stored at school.

Students need to purchase the following uniform items:

Instrumentalists:

Marching shoes for approx. \$34

Gray band polo for \$16

Guard:

Show Uniforms price tbd

Shoes approx. \$34

Gray band polo for \$16

Online Registration for Marching Band

Please go to the following link to register your student for marching band:

<https://tinyurl.com/PlymouthMarchingBand2019>

Concussion Protocol

Please complete the concussion protocol training and return your certificate (paper or email) to Mrs. Holmes before band camp.

<http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/Training/index.html>

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14 MB Rehearsal -Returning members only -Memorial Day & DM selection 5:30-7pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 MB Rehearsal -Returning members only -Memorial Day & DM selection 5:30-7pm	22	23	24	25
26	27 Returning Members: Memorial Day Parade 8:30-11:00am	28	29	30	31	1 June

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Pre-season MB Rehearsal 5:30-7pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Pre-season MB Rehearsal 5:30-7pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	28	29

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 June	1	2 MB Rehearsal 5:30-7pm	3	4 July 4 Parade 8:30-11am	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 August Percussion/ Guard summer rehearsals	2	3

AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9 Student Leaders' Day	10
11	12 Marching Band Camp 12:30-9pm	13 Marching Band Camp 12:30-9pm	14 Marching Band Camp 12:30-9pm	15 Marching Band Camp 12:30-9pm	16 Marching Band Camp 12:30-9pm	17
18	19	20 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	21	22 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	23	24
25	26	27 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	28	29 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	30	31 Humarock Parade 10:30am-4pm

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	4	5 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	6	7
8	9	10 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	11	12 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	13 Football Game North	14
15	16	17 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	18	19 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	20	21
22	23	24 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	25	26 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	27 Football Game North South	28

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sept	30 Sept	1 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	2	3 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	4 Football Game South	5
6	7	8 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	9	10 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day No School	15 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	16	17 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	18 Football Game South	19 Possible Football Game North
20	21	22 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	23	24 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	25 Football Game North	26
27	28	29 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	30 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	31 Halloween No rehearsal	1 Nov Football Game	2 Nov

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 NESBA Finals	4	5 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	6	7 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	8 Football Game	9
10	11 Veterans Day Ceremony Memorial Hall 10am-noon	12 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	13	14 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	15 Football Game	16
17	18	19 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	20	21 MB Rehearsal 5:30-8pm	22	23 Thanksgiving Parade Evening: Leave for UK
24 UK Trip	25 UK Trip	26 UK Trip	27 UK Trip	28 UK Trip	29 UK Trip	30 UK Trip
1 December UK Trip	2	3	4	5	6 Plymouth Tree Lighting 4:30-7pm	