



JENISON MARCHING BAND

PARENT MEETING
MAY 6, 2024 7:00

Parent Communication

Our website www.jenisonbands.org is your primary source for information throughout the marching band season.

If you have filled out the online form, you should already be receiving a Weekly News email from the Band Boosters with updates.

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Follow us on Facebook (Jenison Bands) and X (formerly Twitter) (@jenisonbands). There is also an unofficial Facebook group called “JMB Parents 2024” where parents can share photos, ask questions, and share information.

There are also several experienced parents who have offered to be a resource if you have questions you’d like to ask more privately. There is at least one parent representing each section. See the list with their contact information in your parent packet.

Student Communication

Students will receive regular communication, schedules, and other information on Google Classroom.

They will also be asked to install the “Remind” app on their phones for text notifications from the band directors.

All members except Front Ensemble will also be using the UDB app on their phones at times in rehearsal.

Although our schedules are sometimes different and we rehearse separately on a regular basis, the **Color Guard** is indeed part of the **Marching Band**!

The High School Bands Handbook is available in the [Downloads](#) section of the website (located under [Resources](#)).

It contains a great deal of information, including our attendance policies for *Marching Band*.

Attendance Policy highlights

- Any absence notification **MUST** come from a parent, **NOT** a student.
- Any “Camp” week rehearsals are mandatory.
- All other June and July rehearsals are required if the student is in town. If they will be out of town, please notify the band directors.
- Once the school year begins, all rehearsals and performances are considered mandatory, and are part of the student’s band class grade.
- Throughout the season, parents must notify the band directors of any absence via email. The reason for the absence must be given.
- Marching Band is very much a “team sport.” As long as they are healthy, we need all students there for all rehearsals and performances. Babysitting, visiting relatives, special events, or heavy homework loads are not reasons for absence from rehearsal or performance.

All required forms are available on the website under [Resources](#). There is a link to the online form which includes most information, and under [Downloads](#), you will find the paper forms which require a signature and/or notarization. It is imperative that we have ALL FORMS for each student!

If you are missing any forms, there is a list of what we still need attached to your packet.

In your packet you will find a Ford Field liability waiver form (“Agreement and Release of All Claims - Adult & Minor Participant”). Please complete this form (one per family) and sign and date the form, then drop it off at the table in the Lobby on your way out.

For all competition weekends, general times are currently published on the [Calendar](#), but we will post itineraries with specific information for you and your students each week in the [News](#) section.

Marching Band Payments

Payment coupons with due dates were included in the original forms packet. Please be prompt with your monthly payments, and make sure to include the payment coupon with your payment if paying with check (made out to JPS).

If you opt to pay online with student credits or a credit card, you do not need to submit a coupon. (There is a 3% fee for paying with credit card.)

Marching Band Payments

Charms, the online payment system we've been using for many years, is being discontinued within the next few months. We will be moving to a new system called "myblueboard" soon. Instructions on how to switch over to the new system will be included in the weekly email newsletter.

Parent Blog

The Parent Blog is a great source of information, especially for parents who are completely new to the Jenison Marching Band! The blog is managed by Keri Roth, who has been involved in the marching band program since 2018.

You can find a link to the Parent Blog on the band website (www.jenisonbands.org) under **Resources**.

Marching Band Student Needs

All members will need the following items
prior to Mini Camp (June 10):

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- Khaki shorts for Band Camp performance August 9 (solid black athletic shorts for Color Guard)

What to expect from your student

1. Nerves/excitement
2. Initial lack of confidence
3. New friends and social opportunities
4. Please expect them (and help encourage them) to practice at home!
5. Please expect them (and help encourage them) to get in great aerobic shape! Nutrition and hydration are VERY important for this process. Marching Band is an athletic activity, and they need to treat their bodies like athletes do!
6. Pre-Camp/Band Camp/Post-Camp exhaustion!

Uniforms - Required Purchases

All band students must purchase a “Jenison Bands” black compression top, and black compression shorts/tights to wear under their costume/uniform at all times.

We recommend both short and long sleeve tops, and shorts and running tights/leggings to accommodate various weather conditions. (All layers worn under the uniform must be compression fabric.)

The compression gear must fit *very* snugly to their bodies so it does not create a wrinkled appearance under the costume/uniform.

Uniforms - Required Purchases

For home football game performances, students will wear the “traditional” green and black band top and our black bib pants with black dress socks which go at least up to the calf, and black “Dinkles” (band uniform shoes).

Our *Notre Dame de Paris* costume design has some additional requirements. All students will need to purchase a pair of white Dinkles, and must have long white socks. Students will also need to purchase a bodysuit which is worn over their compression gear when wearing the costume.

Uniforms

We will set a fitting schedule for our *Notre Dame de Paris* show costumes as well as the “traditional” uniform as soon as we have sample costume pants.

Students should wear compression gear to their fitting to ensure a proper fit.

Competitions

For many of our students, competitions are the most fun and exciting part of being in Marching Band! We begin competing in mid-September, and continue to perform in competition most weekends. Our season culminates at the

MCBA State Championships at Ford Field on Nov. 2, and the

Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Nov. 15-16.

More info about these competitions will be discussed at our September Band Booster meeting! Booster meetings are on the HS Band Calendar on the website.

Our **Jenison Invitational** will look quite different this year because we do not have an MCBA sanctioned show. We will run a Scholastic circuit show on September 28 which will have a much smaller number of participants than we are used to.

Even with that smaller event size, every family is **required** to fulfill one worker shift that day to ensure that we have enough help. (Normally this has been *two shifts* per family.) Because our budget is absolutely dependent on our success on this day, unfulfilled work shift responsibilities will result in an additional \$150 fee. (This is roughly the equivalent profit per student we anticipate from the Invitational.)

BOA Toledo Regional Family Bus

- The bus would pick up family members from the high school and bring them to/from Toledo for the BOA Regional Championships on September 14.
- This would eliminate the long late night drive and the need to find parking at the stadium, and also gives you the opportunity to have some fun and get to know fellow band families along the way!
- Pricing is dependent on the amount of interest - tentatively \$50 per person.
- Please scan the QR code on the next slide to register your interest and number of seats requested. (No deposit required at this time.)



Social Media

You will be excited to see how our show grows and evolves over the course of the season, and hopefully you will feel very proud of the progress your student and the group are making!

However, we ask that you never publicly post videos of our show or recordings of our music, as these would violate our copyright agreements.

Get involved!!!

The Jenison Marching Band requires a significant commitment of time and money from you and your student - but our hope is that it will also create a tremendous experience resulting in a strong sense of pride, accomplishment and belonging which students will carry with them long after high school.

You have MANY opportunities to contribute to making that experience possible! Even just coming to watch the last 20 minutes of rehearsal helps show your support of your student. Whether they express it or not, your child will appreciate your desire to be involved in a program that is important to them.

Our **Volunteer Credit program** gives you extra incentive (\$100) to get involved. Our Signup Genius with volunteer opportunities for the whole season will go live near the end of this school year. Watch your Weekly News email for the date and a link to the sign ups.

We recommend that you sign up early for your required Invitational position/shift!

Some signups will be ready early in the season, and some new ones will be posted throughout the season.

Use the **Volunteer Credit Form** (in your packet, or on the website under Resources - Downloads) to record your credits as we go through the season, and if you complete 10 credits, return the form in place of your final season payment. (Please feel free to do more than just 10 credits worth of volunteering!)

Jenison Band Boosters

Stacey Holtsclaw, President

Jenny Riha, Vice-President

Craig and Alaine Kemerling, Treasurer

Keri Roth, Secretary

Committees

Chaperones

Concessions

Equipment

Feed the Band

Fundraising

Invitational

Props

Scrip

Sewing

Uniforms

Feed the Band

This is a crucial part of ensuring our students are well fed before performances. The Feed the Band program provides meals throughout the season. This involves a LOT of food! We need volunteers almost every week during the season to feed the band!

In the past, we have been dependent on food donations. Since this has become increasingly difficult, we have replaced this practice by designating \$50 from each student participation fee toward food needs.

Fundraising - SCRIP

Free Money!! SCRIP entails buying gift cards, then getting a percentage of the purchase rebated back into your band account. Most cards are “e-cards” now, so you can purchase them right at the business or restaurant before you check out - no need to purchase weeks ahead of time!

This is a great fundraiser because you are already spending the money, you just get a portion of it rebated back to you!

SCRIP

SCRIP uses the RaiseRight app. See Julie Petrenko for a handout with directions and the enrollment code, or email JBBscrip@gmail.com and she can forward it to you or answer any questions you may have.

Van Andel Arena

Working at the Van Andel Arena can be a VERY lucrative way to earn credits for your student's account! Band parents are averaging about \$100/shift.

Join the Facebook group

"Jenison Fine Arts Van Andel Fundraiser"

to access information, signups, etc.

Tabi Fischer (coordinator) will be available to answer questions in the lobby after the meeting.

Notre-Dame de Paris



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Part One: The Grandeur of Notre Dame

- *Olim* - Steven Schwartz & Alan Menken
- *The Engulfed Cathedral* - Claude Debussy
- *Fetes* - Claude Debussy
- *Requiem: Confutatis & Dies Irae* - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- *The Bells of Notre Dame* - Steven Schwartz & Alan Menken

Part Two: The Fire

- *Adagio* - Remo Giazotto (Tomaso Albinoni)
- *Angelus in Medio Ignis* - Eric Serra

Part Three: The Restoration

- *Pavane pour une Infante Défunte* - Maurice Ravel
- *The Burning Bush/Red Sea* - Hans Zimmer





Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 21 - New Member Orientation 7:00-8:15

Monday, May 27 - Jenison Memorial Day Parade 9:00am

Monday, June 10 & Tuesday, June 11 - MB Mini Camp 9:00-4:00

(Lunch provided by Feed the Band)

Monday, June 17 - Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 18 - Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm

Monday, June 24 - Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 25 - Rehearsal 6:00-9:00pm

Contact

If you have any questions throughout the season, please contact us and we'll respond to you as soon as we can!

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Sue Vanden Berge - svandenberge@jpsonline.org

Band office phone number: (616) 667-3369

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!
We are looking forward to starting the
2024 season with your students!

(Don't forget to turn in your Ford Field form on your way out!)