

WILLIAM TENNENT MARCHING PANTHERS

FALL 2019 STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Time Commitment- see full schedule for specific dates and times

Summer rehearsal overview

- June “mini camp” (June 18, 19, and 20) 6p-9p
- August band camp (Aug. 12-16 and Aug. 19-22) 8a-5p
- Additional rehearsals for percussion and guard members:
 - June 26 and 27- 4p-8p
 - July 10 and 11- 4p-8p
 - July 24 and 25- 4p-8p
 - August 7 and 8- 4p-8p

Fall rehearsal overview

- Tuesday and Thursday after school rehearsals from 3:00-6:00
- Wednesday rehearsals for drumline, pit, and colorguard from 3:00-6:00
- Football most Fridays, competitions Saturdays with rehearsal before
- Season ends mid November

Sectional rehearsals/social get-togethers

- several times throughout the summer/season, organized by section leader

What if I....

cannot make a summer rehearsal?

- While we want all of our new members to be at as many of our rehearsals as possible, we understand that summer schedules sometimes present conflicts. With prior approval, a student may be excused from a summer rehearsal due to family vacation or other unavoidable commitment. It is essential that these conflicts are communicated with the director as soon as they arise.

- Due to the amount of material covered, students who cannot attend the mandatory **August Band Camp may not be permitted to participate in the WTMB**. Final approval is at the discretion of the director and WT administration.

have financial concerns?

-Many fundraising opportunities are made available throughout the year to help students offset the cost of participation.

- Contact Mr. DiCarne via email with any financial concerns.

Financial Commitment

Marching Band Activity Fee

- The registration/activity fee for all participants is \$175
- \$50 non-refundable deposit, along with your medical form and contract is due on or before June 20.
- Students may pay by check, cash, or use funds from his or her student account (see attached WTMB Activity fee form)
- This fee will cover select items to be determined by Mr. DiCarne and the Exec Board

-Marching shoes and gloves

- All members are required to purchase a pair of Dinkle brand marching shoes and white gloves
 - Dinkles cost approximately \$38 per pair
 - Gloves cost approximately \$2.50 per pair (first pair free for new members)
- Please contact Mr. DiCarne or the treasurer with any financial requests or concerns.

Fundraising

- All WTMB members are encouraged to fundraise to both support the program AND their own student accounts.

Fundraising efforts support:

- Purchase, repair, and maintenance of equipment
- Custom show music and drill each season
- Additional trip expenses/clinicians/performance opportunities
- New sheet music - Uniform maintenance
- Adjunct staff salaries (marching band)

Student Accounts

- Many of our fundraisers offer opportunities to earn money towards

your student account. Money in this account may be used to pay for our annual trip, activity fees, purchase equipment, or other band-related costs.

Student Responsibility

Attendance

- ***Excused absences*** include personal illness (requires a note or email from home), death in the family, family milestone (wedding, Bar Mitzvah, etc.), religious observance, etc.

- ***Unexcused absences*** include school work, employment, lack of transportation, etc. Students missing rehearsal for ANY reason may not be eligible to perform in our next performances. **This is primarily a safety issue.** Eligibility to perform is based on staff discretion and the staff decision is final.

Punctuality

- Rehearsal begins at the time listed on your calendar. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to that start time so that all students are at the rehearsal site when rehearsal begins.
- Students are expected to have a ride home upon conclusion of a rehearsal or performance. If you are unable to get a ride home, please make arrangements to carpool with another band member.
- 2 late arrivals count as 1 unexcused absence.

Knowledge of Music and Drill

- Due to the rapid pace of the season, all show music must be learned and memorized prior to August 12 (start of band camp).
- Section leaders and staff members will conduct music checks throughout the season. While we understand that students with a great range of ability, it is essential that we see continuous growth and improvement throughout the season. Failure to meet these expectations will result in limited performance privileges.

Quitting mid-season (PLEASE DON'T!)

- Your contract is an agreement that you intend to continue with Marching Band through November.
- Voluntarily leaving the group at any point during the season can have a devastating effect on both the drill design and the music. A vacancy is not easy to remedy and will cause additional rehearsal to the other members and re-writing by the staff.
- If you are having a difficult time adjusting to Marching Band, please see a section leader or staff member before you deciding to leave the ensemble.

Football Games

Performance information

- During most home games, we will perform pre-game
- During most away games, we will perform during half-time

Third quarter

- WTMB members have the 3rd quarter “free” to purchase concessions and relax outside of the stands
- Students are to be in the stands, ready to play as soon as the quarter ends -

Sportsmanship

- The band will perform music in the stands during the first, second, and fourth quarter of the game ONLY while our team is on DEFENSE.
- Always root for our team, but never jeer at the officials or taunt the opposing team

...in the stands

- Students are to sit with their section in the stands to facilitate good instrumental balance during stand-tune performance
- Cell phones are not to be used while in the stands. If you have an emergency and must make a call, please notify a staff member

Policies

- Rehearsal Policies

- Arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to all listed report times
- Come to rehearse with PLENTY OF WATER (water jug provided)
- Come dressed appropriately for the weather (hot or cold)

- Performance Policies

- Carry yourself with the utmost pride while in uniform
- Be an outstanding audience for other performing groups
- Treat all parent chaperones and volunteers as you would a staff member

Stuff You'll Need

- Rehearsals

- Instrument/equipment (sticks, flags, reeds, etc.)

- Equipment must be kept in good working condition
 - Dot Sheets
 - Music (in a folder or binder)
 - All show music and stand tunes
 - Water Jug (plenty at all times, even during colder months)
 - Proper Dress (***no jeans!***)
 - Light, easy-moving clothing for warm weather
 - Warm clothing that does not restrict movement for colder weather
 - Sneakers that provide excellent ankle support
 - Clothing that you don't mind getting a BIT dirty
 - Sunscreen, sunglasses, and/or a hat (for hot daytime rehearsals)
- Performances**
- Full uniform (coat, pants, gloves, marching shoes, hat with plume, black socks, and band t-shirt)

UNIFORM POLICIES AND REMINDERS

Our uniform is a point of pride in our program. When you wear this uniform, you are representing your band, your community, your school, and most importantly, yourselves. As such, all members must adhere to strict guidelines when in full or partial uniform. These guidelines are to be in effect from the moment we dress in our full uniforms.

Uniform Guidelines

- Uniforms are to be worn exactly the same way by all members at all times
- Other than water, food may not be consumed while in full uniform. Students will be told to remove their jackets or wear raincoats during the 3rd quarter of games or post performance at festival before being permitted to eat.
- Inappropriate language or speech is prohibited while in uniform
- Cell phones are not to be used while in uniform. If you have an emergency, please see a staff member.
- Students may not run in uniform.
- Public displays of affection are prohibited while in uniform.
- If instructed to remove, Shako (hats) will be placed directly in front of your feet, uniformly across the ensemble.
- Never carry your Shako by the strap.
- Hair should be off the collar of the uniform.
- Pierced ears should be filled only with studs or covered by bandages while in uniform

- Jewelry should not be visible outside of uniform

Before and After Performance

- Always hang up your uniform properly. Uniforms must be kept in garment bags unless being worn with pants properly folded and jacket snapped.
- No items other than your Shako and gloves are to be stored in hat boxes.
- Uniforms should be dry cleaned throughout the season and returned dry cleaned at the conclusion of the school year
- Uniforms soiled or damaged due to student negligence are the **COMPLETE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** of that student. The cost of replacing an entire uniform is approximately \$500

Unsportsmanlike Behavior

- You understand that you must respect teammates and the staff of the WTMB and that at all times you have a responsibility to uphold and represent the values of your team. Treating staff and team members, or others with disrespect at rehearsals, on social media platforms, or at competitions in any way (including, but not limited to, yelling, swearing, calling names, complaining to other athletes) may result in your removal or suspension from the WTMB.

WTMB AGREEMENT

Name _____ Grade in 2019-20 _____

Contact email address _____ cell phone _____

This commitment form is an agreement to participate as a member of the William Tennent High School Marching Band.

Student: Please INITIAL the statements that you understand completely. Feel free to ask questions about the ones you don't. Return this form as well as a \$50 non refundable deposit (part of activity fee) to Mr. DiCarne no later than JUNE 20th.

Questions may be emailed to: Mr. DiCarne at dicach@centennialsd.org

____ I understand that this form and my \$50.00 deposit (non-refundable) is due June 20

____ I understand that I am responsible for any equipment loaned to me for practice and performances.

____ I understand that I'm required to pay the activity fee outlined by the band boosters association.

____ I understand that I will need to be at summer practices: August 12-16 and August 19-22.

____ I understand that I will need to do practice outside of rehearsal.

____ I understand that if I do miss rehearsal I need to meet with a member to learn what I missed

____ I understand that if I miss rehearsal frequently I may forfeit my ability to be in some or all of the show. I may also be pulled from performances if I miss rehearsal the week of a competition.

_____ I understand that I will need to demonstrate respect and consideration for all members of the band and colorguard and most importantly to my instructors.

I have read the above and agree to all items which have been initialed:

Signed (student) _____ Date _____

Signed (parent) _____ Date _____

WTMBA Activity Fee Form

_____ will be participating in Marching Band this school year.
(Name of Student)

First \$50 installment is due by **June 20, 2019** and is **non-refundable**. (This holds your spot in the drill and allows us to begin making purchases for uniform requirements.)

The **Second** payment of \$75 is due by **September 4, 2019**.

The **Final** payment of \$50 is due by **October 2, 2019**.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to **WTMBA**.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Please check the appropriate boxes below and attach payment to this paper work and return it to Eric Daubert (treasurer, WTMBA) or put inside the mailbox outside Mr. DiCarne's office.

If you are choosing the option to use your student account, please make sure that you have sufficient funds.

- I have paid *entire* (\$175) amount by

☐ Money Order # _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ PayPal _____ ☐ Student Account _____ .

- I will pay the **first** installment of \$50 by **June 20 (non-refundable)**

☐ Money Order # _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ PayPal _____ ☐ Student Account _____ .

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Please sign and date below:

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(Parent Signature)

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(Parent Email Address)

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(Date)

## WTMBA PARENT COMMUNICATIONS MANDATORY

We want to be able to communicate with you!!  
Meetings, Updates to the Schedule, Last Minute Changes, Reminders, Fundraising Info, Arrival  
Times, Departure Times, Carpool Info, Band News  
These are some of the things we would like to be able to share with you!

Please complete the following information:

Band Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone # (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
May we publish your information for other band parents? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

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Please return forms including communications, photo release and membership ASAP to:  
Shelly Orzechoski, WTMBA Corresponding Secretary  
31 Dorsett Circle, Warminster, PA 18974  
267-474-1866

WT BAND DEPT.  
[WWW.WTMB.ORG](http://WWW.WTMB.ORG)

OR  
wtmbacorrespsec@gmail.com

**William Tennent Music Boosters Association**  
**Photo Release Form**  
**MANDATORY**

The William Tennent Music Boosters Association (WTMBA) is including photos of students, teachers and school activities on the website, the district cable channel and in print media.

We/I hereby give permission for the WTMBA to use photos of the student named below on the WTMBA website, the district cable channel or other electronic media or print forms of communication.

Student(s) Name\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

