

# **Mahomet-Seymour Marching Bulldogs 2019**



## **The Siege**

# **Freshmen Mini Camp**

**(Freshmen, New Students, Section Leaders, and Drum Majors)**

- **Monday, June 17 - 6-8pm**
- **Tuesday, June 18 - 6-8pm**

# **Full Band Mini Camp**

**(All Marching Band Members)**

- Wednesday, June 19 - 6-8:30pm**
- Thursday, June 20 - 6-8:30pm**
- Friday, June 21 - 6-8:30pm**

Please notify Mr. Stevens in advance for scheduled conflicts with June Mini Camp rehearsals at [mstevens@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:mstevens@ms.k12.il.us) Since parade and field show music as well as marching basics are taught during these rehearsals, it is important that students miss as few rehearsals as possible.

## **DRUM CAMP and COLOR GUARD CAMPS**

**-July 22-26 -**

**Colorguard: 9:00AM-3:00PM**

**Drumline: Time TBA**

All percussion and colorguard members need to be present for these rehearsals. Much of the music and choreography for the field show is taught during this time. Failure to attend may jeopardize regular participation status.

# **BAND CAMP**

**(All Band Members)**

- Monday, July 29 - 8am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm**
- Tuesday, July 30 - 8am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm**
- Wednesday, July 31 - 8am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm**
- Thursday, August 1 - 8am-12pm & 5pm-8:30pm**
- Friday, August 2 - 8am-12pm & 5pm-8:00pm**
- Saturday, August 3 - 1pm-3pm**

Band Camp is mandatory for all members of the Marching Band unless arrangements have been made due to extraordinary circumstances.

# **Additional Summer Rehearsals**

**(All Band Members)**

- Tuesday, August 6 - 6-8pm**
- Thursday, August 8 - 6-8pm**
- Tuesday, August 13 - 6-8pm**
- Thursday, August 15 - 6-8pm**

# **Regular School Year Schedule**

**(All Band Members)**

***Beginning Tuesday, August 20***

- Tuesday - 3:30-6:00pm**
- Wednesday - 3:30-5:30pm**
- Thursday - 3:30-6:00pm**

Percussion and Color Guard may have additional rehearsals throughout the season as determined by instructors.

# Shared Positions

The Marching Bulldogs use a shadow system to assure that complete field show formations are always present during all performances. This is due to the possibility that a student could move away, get injured, be unable to perform due to grades, drop the class, or not be physically / musically ready to perform at a designated skill level. Students that are unable to attend band camp are automatically designated as shadows. Otherwise, freshmen are generally chosen as shadows. The number of shadow positions will vary from section to section. Selected students are paired and both learn a specific drill position. Mr. Stevens, along with the color guard instructor, will select which students perform at any given performance. Shadows will be guaranteed to perform in all parades, and selected field show performances. (Football Games and/or Competitions). During a performance that a shadow is not marching on the field, the student will perform music only in the front ensemble or assist with props and pit. Shadows are expected to be at all rehearsals and performances.

## Grading Procedures and Attendance

A student's grade in marching band is based on several factors.

1. Attitude and Effort
2. Attendance and Punctuality
3. Musical Performance
4. Marching Performance

Attendance at every rehearsal and performance is of the utmost importance! Job schedules must be arranged so they do not conflict with scheduled rehearsals and performances. Unexcused absences and tardiness may cause a student to be dismissed from participation or changed from a regular position to a shadow. Also, please try and schedule medical appointments at times that miss scheduled rehearsals. Other Mahomet-Seymour High School activities which conflict with marching band rehearsals will be excused as long as Mr. Stevens is given advance notice. Since band practices continue until 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday, students dismissed from sports practices at 5:30pm should attend the remaining band practice time. \*\*\*This year we will be beta-testing a new QR-code attendance procedure. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated!\*\*\*

**Excused Absences:** Death in the family, weddings, illness, school-sponsored activities.

**Unexcused Absences:** Forgetting or skipping, sleeping in, job conflicts, failing to notify Mr. Stevens in advance for planned excused absences.

Students must be in attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Requests for absences **MUST** be through the All-New

**SAVE ME!  [Marching Band Absence Request Form](#)**

Failure to request absences will automatically result in an unexcused absence.

# **Marching Band Fees**

RETURNING MEMBERS (Band and Guard) - \$130.00

FRESHMEN and NEW MEMBERS - \$170.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MSHS

**(The above Marching Band fees are separate from the  
\$30.00**

**DISTRICT ACTIVITY FEE paid at registration)**

Marching Band fees are due no later than the last day of band camp unless previous arrangements have been made. For financial concerns please contact Mr. Stevens!

- Students are responsible for providing all-white tennis shoes and white socks that cover the ankles for performances in SUMMER UNIFORM.
- Students are responsible for providing a plain gray t-shirt, plain gray shorts, and white socks that cover the ankles to wear under our MAIN UNIFORM.
- Students are expected to have longer hair put up before arriving at school and are not permitted to wear jewelry or fingernail polish for performances.

## **Allerton Retreat**

The marching band will have their annual retreat on Friday night and Saturday, September 20 and 21. Buses will leave the HS at 4:30pm Friday and return around 6:30pm Saturday evening. All students are expected to attend unless excused in advance.

# **2019 Marching Band Season Schedule**

- Monday and Tuesday, June 17 & 18 --- Freshmen and Newbies Camp --- 6-8pm  
(Freshmen, New Members, Section Leaders, Drum Majors Only)
- Wednesday - Friday, June 19-21 --- June Mini Camp --- 6-8:30pm  
(Full Band)
- Monday - Friday, July 22-26 --- Percussion and Color Guard Camps --- Times TBA
- Monday - Friday, July 29 - August 3 --- Band Camp --- 8am-12pm and 5-8:30pm
- Friday, August 30--- Home Football Game (Dawgapolooza) --- 5:00pm
- Friday, September 13 - Home Football Game - 5:30pm
- Friday and Saturday, September 20-21 --- Allerton Retreat
- Friday, September 27 - Home Football Game - 5:30pm (Homecoming)
- Saturday, September 28 - Saturday Rehearsal Day - 9am - noon
- Friday, October 4 - Home Football Game - 5:00pm
- Friday, October 5 - Competition - Eastern Illinois University
- Saturday, October 12 - Competition - Illinois Wesleyan University
- Saturday, October 19 - Competition - St. Louis Bands of America Super-Regional
- Friday, October 25 - Home Football Game (Senior Night) - 5:30pm
- Saturday, October 26 - Competition - University of Illinois Marching Band Championships
- Tuesday, October 29 - Indoor Band Competition - 6:00pm
- DECEMBER 26-December 30 - FIESTA BOWL TRIP to Phoenix, AZ

Students should plan on performing at possible home playoff games if necessary.

# **Forms**

Please fill out BOTH of the forms found under the links below:

If you are not participating, please fill out only the commitment form.

**Marching Band**  
**Commitment Form**

**Health Form**

If you have any issues accessing the above links, please send Mr. Stevens or Mr. Meyer an email.