

Marching Band FAQ's

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the Warrior Marching Band. If you have any others please feel free to email me.

What is Band Camp?

Band camp is the time before school begins where the band can focus on refreshing their marching skills, learning and memorizing all the new music and learning their formations on the field for the marching show. It is also an opportunity to spend time together at the end of the summer and have some fun!!

What are MICCA and NESBA?

MICCA stands for the Massachusetts Instrumental Choral & Conductors Association. NESBA stands for the New England Scholastic Band Association. They are groups that support music in the schools and sponsor marching band festivals for bands throughout the fall. The marching band will have the opportunity to perform in front of judges and an audience and be evaluated at each sponsored performance. More information can be found at www.miccamusic.org and www.nesba.org.

What is the user fee?

The user fee is collected at the high school for students to participate in extra curricular activities and athletics. The fee pays for staff stipends and all the operating costs of the marching band (instrument repair, music arranging and writing, drill writing, equipment, etc.). Marching band is considered a fall sport and has a fee of \$260 per student for the year. If you would like more details please feel free to email me. The first half of this fee (\$130) is due by Monday, June 17th to Mr. Bankert. Checks should be made out to "Wakefield High School".

What does the rehearsal schedule look like and will there be time for homework?

The rehearsal schedule during the school year will be two days a week and Saturdays.

We will be rehearse on Tuesday and Wednesday night during the season from 6:00-9:00.

Color Guard will also rehearse starting at 4:30 Tuesday. We will also rehearse every Saturday, Time TBA. Create your fall schedules appropriately!

While this seems like a lot of time, if you are organized and plan your day you will have plenty of time to do homework, study and socialize. There are students in the marching band that participate in the fall drama show, play a fall sport and participate in marching band. **If you want to be in marching band, we can make it work with other activities as long as schedules are set-up ahead of time!**