

# 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 are Spring & Summer Rehearsals?**

With our additional competition and trip to Bands of America in Orlando it is essential that we are prepared with our entire show complete much earlier than normal. The students in the band have requested for a number of years spring rehearsals to allow the learning of the music and to also let the new students get involved with the band as early as possible. The spring rehearsals are mandatory and the summer rehearsals are “summer optional” which means that if you are on vacation with your family, have fun and relax! If you are in town these rehearsals are a mandatory part of the schedule.

## **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!! **Band Camp is a mandatory part of participation in marching band**

## **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](http://www.miccamusic.org) and [www.nesba.org](http://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 the fee is \$175. The user fee (\$175) is due by Friday, May 1st to Mr. Bankert or Mr. Morel. Checks should be made out to “Wakefield High School”. Please contact Mr. Bankert with any user fee questions.