

2018-2019 Marching Band Information Sheet

Band Camp Info...

- Students should bring hat, sneakers, sunscreen, lunch and LOTS of water and Gatorade each day. Students must remain at school for lunch.
- **Week 1** – students will go home for dinner/relaxation break.
- **Week 2** – students will be dismissed prior to dinner
- **Family and Friends Preview Show:** Traditionally held on the last day of Band Camp. This year it is on Thursday, 8/30 @ 6:30 pm, Varsity field.

Typical weekend

Football games...

- Schedule lists the time of the football games. There will be a morning practice prior to every Saturday game (usually 9am). Students will then break for lunch (they provide) prior to the game. They will be finished between 4 and 5pm depending on location of the game.
- During 3rd quarter of football games, students will be allowed to go to the snack bar (need a few dollars). During home games they will also be provided with a drink and a snack donated and served by the Music Booster Parent volunteers.

Competitions...

- Typically Saturday night.
- We do not know our performance times until a couple of weeks prior to our performance dates.
- If there is a game and a competition on the same day, sometimes complimentary dinner is provided for the students through parent/guardian donations and served by parent/guardian volunteers at SPFHS after the game. All parents/guardians will be asked to donate for these meals.
- While at the competitions, there are often opportunities for food to be purchased after our performance – that is of course, if we perform early enough. If we go on later and the snack bar is closed, students should have a snack for after the competition.

SPFHS Marching Band Competition (Home Show)...

- The Raiders host an annual home competition - this year, it will be held on **Saturday, Sept 22, 2018** on our home football field. This is an USBands sanctioned event. The USBands is the circuit in which we compete. (website below)
- Marching Band parents organize this event and ***MANY volunteers are needed - please donate whatever time you can.***

Uniform Info...

- All instrumental students will be fitted for a uniform and a shako during band camp.
- No jewelry of any kind (Medical bracelets allowed).
- Hair should be groomed, neatly pulled back and hair sprayed if needed.
- **BLACK SOCKS** must be worn and ankles covered.
- Students change in/out of uniforms on bus and in band room. Therefore, students need gym shorts or similar under uniform – **NO JEANS**.
- Black tee shirt under uniform. Students will get one early in season, but will need one of own until then. **NO tank-tops** allowed – shoulders covered.
- Shoes... **CLEAN** black marching band shoes only. New shoe orders due by the first week of Band Camp.
- Gloves... all non-percussion musicians must wear black gloves at every performance. New students will receive a new pair prior to first performance. Students are responsible to wash between performances. Lost gloves may be replaced for a fee.

BLUE BOX...

- Students will hear this term and see it in writing many times. It is a blue wooden box located in the Music Office and is the central location to turn in various forms and payments related to music activities.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association (SPFMBA)...

- The parent organization that helps to organize and chaperone various music department activities, including Marching Band performances, and the Annual Spring Music trip.
<http://spfmusicboosters.org>
- Parents/guardians must be a Music Booster members to chaperone the marching band and/or be part of the Pit Crew

Parent/guardian donations...

- Parents/guardians are asked to donate cases of water during band camp, to be given to our students during home football games and away competitions.
- Parents/guardians will also be asked to donate snacks for home football games.
- Also, as mentioned under weekend competitions – food and beverages will be needed for complimentary dinner when football game and Marching Band competition fall on same day.

Additional helpful info...

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- Regina O'Connor– Music Boosters Parent Liaison (908) 889-4883, spfraidersmb@gmail.com
- SPFMBA (Music Boosters Association) website – <http://spfmusicboosters.org>
- USBands website – www.yea.org

