

# FOREST PARK

## MARCHING BRUIN BAND



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Hello new and returning Marching Bruins!

Welcome to a new year of the Marching Bruin Band! We are so excited to have you join us for the 2018 season. With each new year brings the opportunity to continue the tradition of excellence here at Forest Park, and we're excited to have YOU along for that journey.

We will have two informal rehearsals before our official kickoff event. This will give you time to get to know the current members of the marching band, and to try out the activity before you fully commit. There is no obligation when you come to these meetings, we just want to show you how much fun we have in marching band! **Parents**, this includes you! Our incredible booster organization can't wait to meet you.

Our official kickoff event will be **on Tuesday, May 15, 2018; 6:30pm** in the Forest Park Auditorium. This is where you will hear all about our show, have another opportunity to ask questions, and fill out paperwork for the upcoming season.

Before we can begin, it is important that everyone understands the expectations of being a member of our award-winning ensemble. Please take a moment to read through this packet and become familiar with the guidelines and schedule. You will receive more information as we get closer to the beginning of the season, but this is a good start.

We can't wait to have you join us very soon! If you have any immediate questions not answered in this packet, check out our website or feel free to send an email to Mr. Specketer.

We're looking forward to meeting you!

Rob Specketer, Director of Bands

## **ABOUT THE MARCHING BRUIN BAND**

The Marching Bruin Band is an extension of the band curriculum at Forest Park High School. The band's purpose is to give students in all different mediums of music experience in the marching arts. Our marching band consists of members from band, orchestra, and choir, and offers non-musicians the opportunity to participate through our color guard. All members of our ensemble add to the overall presentation of our product. Members of the Marching Bruin Band receive 0.5 credit on their transcript.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

New members of the Marching Bruin Band pays a fee of \$295.00. This fee goes towards the everyday operation of the ensemble, including competition fees, uniform cleaning, transportation, and instruction. It also covers the cost of marching shoes and gloves. This fee is broken up over two payments. The first payment of \$130.00 is due by Thursday, May 31, 2018. The second payment of \$165.00 is due on the first day of band camp, August 6, 2018. The monetary commitment should not hinder the participation of any student. Please contact Mr. Specketer to set up an alternative payment plan if necessary.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

All dates and times are subject to changes or adjustments. The most up to date calendar can be found on [www.bruinband.net](http://www.bruinband.net).

### **END OF SCHOOL YEAR DATES**

Interest Meetings/Rehearsals - **Tues. April 24, 2018** and **Tues. May 1, 2018**; 5:00-7:00pm

Drumline Clinics - Tues. April 24, 2018 and Tues. May 1, 2018; 4:00-6:00pm

**Drumline Auditions - Wed. May 9, 2019; 4:00-6:00pm**

Full Band Rehearsal - Tuesday, June 5, 2018; 5:30 - 8:00pm **(ALL MEMBERS)**

Full Band Rehearsal - Thursday, June 7, 2018; 5:30 - 8:00pm **(ALL MEMBERS)**

### **BAND CAMP**

**August 6-10, 2018**  
**1:00-9:00pm**

**August 13-17, 2018**  
**1:00-9:00pm**

**August 21 and 23**  
**5:00-8:00pm**

**Saturday, August 18, 2018** - Join us for our Preview Picnic! The students will give their first performance of the 2018 Marching Show, followed by a picnic and parent information presentation by the band boosters in the auditorium.

**Thursday, August 23, 2018** - The MBB (Marching Bruin Band) will perform for the freshman orientation event at Forest Park. Report time and the exact schedule are TBA, but please keep that morning free.

# WHAT TO KNOW FOR BAND CAMP

Band camp occurs in August each year. It is essential to the success of our program for the entire season. It is a time for students to get to know each other, as well as the time when we learn the entire marching band show, including music, drill, and choreography.

## **Time**

Students should be ready to begin rehearsal/warm-up at the scheduled times. Arrive early so you have time to prepare for the rehearsal.

## **Meals**

Meals will NOT be provided, and students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during camp.

## **Attire**

Students should wear shorts, a light colored t-shirt, socks, and sneakers. Jeans, flip flops, and sandals will **not** be allowed during rehearsals. Students should also bring a spare pair of socks in case of rain. Students who are dressed inappropriately will be asked to find a change of clothes. If no change is available, the student will be sent home.

## **What to Bring**

- Water Bottle** (Reusable, with your name on it.)
- Dinner** (Meals are NOT provided by the boosters or directors.)
- Sunscreen** (Usually provided by band boosters, but have some just in case.)
- Deodorant** (Re-apply when necessary. Stick deodorant only, **no aerosols!**)
- Lip Balm** (Recommended with SPF protection)
- Instrument w/ all accessories** (Always have a spare reed or valve oil!)
- Binder for Music/Handouts with clear plastic pages**
- Pencils**
- ALL MUSIC AND DRILL**

## **BAND CAMP STAFF**

**Ben Pereyra**

*Assistant Director*

**Rebecca Anderson**

*Marching/Woodwind  
Instructor*

**Elisabeth Pereyra**

*Pit Instructor*

**Isabella Lowe**

*Brass Instructor*

**Alec Moser**

*Brass Instructor*

**Nick Ro**

*Percussion Instructor*

**Amy Sesay**

*Guard Instructor*

# MARCHING SEASON REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

While school is in session, we will use the following rehearsal schedule\*. Students may stay after school for evening rehearsals as necessary.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Sectionals 2:30 - 4:00pm	Evening 5:30-8:00pm	After School 2:30 - 5:00pm	Evening 5:30 - 8:00pm	Only before competitions 2:30 - 5:00pm

## Percussion/Color Guard Expectations

Drumline, Front Ensemble, and Color Guard will have additional rehearsals scheduled. These rehearsals are required for participation in those groups.

*\*Extra rehearsals may be scheduled if necessary. The most up to date schedule can be found on [www.bruinband.net](http://www.bruinband.net)*

## TENTATIVE 2018 MARCHING SEASON SCHEDULE

Competition dates subject to change based on availability.

*(Also available at [www.bruinband.net](http://www.bruinband.net))*

August 24, 2018 - **AWAY vs Colgan HS**

August 25, 2018 - **TAG DAY (Required for all members)**

August 31, 2018 - **AWAY vs. Osbourn Park HS**

September 14, 2018 - **HOME vs Centreville HS**

September 15, 2018 - **WOODBRIIDGE VIKING INVITATIONAL**

September 21, 2018 - **HOME vs. Woodbridge HS**

September 22 or 29, 2018 - **COMPETITION #2**

October 5, 2018 - **HOME vs Freedom HS**

October 13, 2018 - **COMPETITION #3**

October 19, 2018 - **HOME vs. Gar-Field HS (Homecoming)**

October 20, 2018 - **VBODA Marching Assessment/JMU Parade of Champions**

November 2, 2018 - **HOME vs. Hylton HS (Senior Night)**