

FOREST PARK HS

MARCHING BRUIN BAND



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Dear Marching Bruin Band Students, Parents and Community,

One week from today, the 2019 Marching Bruin Band season will kick off with our Band Camp! In preparation for next week, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of a few key aspects that will contribute to making this Band Camp at Forest Park High School the most successful yet! As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at the email address above!

Schedule - In the first week of Band Camp, each day will be broken up into an afternoon session (1 - 4:30 PM) revolving around music, and an evening session revolving around marching fundamentals and drill (5:30 - 9 PM). It is recommended for students to arrive early to prepare for rehearsal. The sessions will be separated by an hour long dinner break where students can eat dinner and enjoy team building exercises lead by our Drum Majors! (Meals will NOT be provided and students are not allowed to leave the school grounds during camp) Below is the full schedule for the 2019 MBB Band Camp!

August 5 - 9, 2019
1:00-9:00PM

August 12 - 16, 2019
1:00-9:00PM

August 20 and 22
5:00-8:00PM

Required Documents - Each MBB member is required to turn in two documents: 2019 FPHS MBB Parent/Student Contact and the Prince William County Emergency Permission Form. The Parent/Student Contract (on white paper) includes information for payment of the \$265 MBB fee as well as acknowledgement of the student's commitment in participating in ALL MBB related activities during the season and throughout the year. The Emergency Permission Form (on blue paper) is required by Prince William County to be completed and signed by Parents/Guardians at the beginning of each sports session. **BOTH FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE A MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN MBB** - so please turn them in ASAP :)

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 - It is imperative that each MBB member comes to Band Camp with the following items:

- Water Bottle** (*Reusable, with your name on it.*)
- Sunscreen** (*Usually provided by band boosters, but have some just in case.*)
- Deodorant** (*Re-apply when necessary. Stick deodorant only, **no aerosols!***)
- Towel** (*A small hand towel will work, used for sweat/protecting hands while doing aerobics*)
- Lip Balm** (*Recommended with SPF protection*)
- Instrument with all accessories** (*Always have a spare reed or valve oil!*)
- Binder for Music/Handouts with clear plastic pages**
- Pencils**
- ALL MUSIC AND DRILL**

Special Band Camp & August Events -

Monday, August 5, 2019 - PARENTS - Join the Bruin Band Boosters in the Forest Park HS Commons for a Band Booster Meet and Greet. The Booster Board will present Booster 101 for 2019-20 season and school year! The MBB will join around 8:30 so I can introduce myself to the whole community as the new Director of Bands!

Saturday, August 17, 2019 - Join the Marching Bruin Band for our Preview Picnic! The students will give their first performance of the 2019 Marching Show, followed by a picnic and parent information presentation by the Band Boosters in the auditorium.

Thursday, August 22, 2019 - The MBB will perform for the freshman orientation event at Forest Park in the morning. Details TBA.