

# WELCOME TO THE McLEAN BAND PROGRAM!

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of our outstanding group of students and continue our tradition of excellence! The Bands at McLean High School are a visible and important part of the culture of our students and our community. Our staff works hard to provide you with a comprehensive, challenging, and fun experience in your music education. We want this to be an important and impactful part of your lives for the next four years!

Here are the first steps to being a part of our program:

1. **ALL STUDENTS** need to be registered for CHARMS. This is the communication system provided by FCPS. If you are not already registered for this, email [cmweise@fcps.edu](mailto:cmweise@fcps.edu) as soon as possible to complete the process.
2. **ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS and their parents should attend our New Band Student Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7PM via Zoom. Instructions will be emailed and posted on Google Classroom.**
3. Decide if you are going to participate in the Highlander Marching Band. This is one of the most fun components of the overall high school band experience. The most important time to register for marching band is before your FRESHMAN YEAR. Many students find that this eases their transition into high school in a very comfortable way. Students are encouraged to register for marching band this year.

*Please see attached addendum regarding payments and fees!*

## MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION:

If you choose to be a part of the Highlander Marching Band, please do the following:

1. Complete the Commitment Form online using the link provided at [www.mcleanband.com](http://www.mcleanband.com). Signatures are required by both students and parents to be considered complete.
2. ~~Pay the \$250 Optional Activity (Camp) Fee via MySchoolBucks (use the online store option). If you must pay by check, please place payment in the secure lockbox in the McLean band room, submit it to the main office, or to one of the Longfellow band directors, Mr. Zimmerman or Ms. Gutjahr.~~
3. ~~This fee and the online form are due by May 8. After the initial registration, you will receive information regarding our Marching Band Camp beginning in August. The FCPS Course Materials Fee for Marching Band of \$220 and forms for camp will be due by June 12.~~

Specific details regarding the fees outlined above can be found in the *McLean High School Band Program Finance Information and Policies* document, which is available on Charms.

**Financial Assistance:** NO STUDENT IN THE McLEAN BAND WILL EVER BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES! Contact Mr. Weise via e-mail at [cmweise@fcps.edu](mailto:cmweise@fcps.edu) directly regarding Financial Aid if you need some assistance.

## The completed online form, with signatures, and ~~payment of the \$250 Optional Activity Fee~~ are due by Friday, May 8, 2020!

~~Payment of this fee should be made electronically via MySchoolBucks school store.~~

~~If it is absolutely necessary for you to pay by check, please make checks payable to **McLean High School**.~~

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) utilizes a third party check collection service, Checkredi Payment Services, to reduce the administrative burden placed on school personnel in managing returned checks. A returned check fee will be charged to the check writer in addition to the face value of the check. The Commonwealth of Virginia allows a returned check fee of up to \$50.

Please let us know if you have any questions! **You can call or email any time.** Again, we are really looking forward to working with you next year!



Chris Weise, Director of Bands, McLean HS

## Coronavirus Payment Addendum for Marching Band 2020

Normally, we collect a marching band deposit with the initial registration forms in order to secure student commitment and pay expenses that we incur in the spring for the upcoming marching band season. However, this year, due to the uncertainty ahead regarding the exact schedule for Marching Band Camp and the 2020 season, we are not going to be collecting money currently. We do not anticipate asking for any type of deposit or payment toward Marching Band until sometime later in May – perhaps even as late as the summer. Due dates and amounts will be communicated to you ahead of time. Financial Aid applications will be accepted at that time for anybody who is in need.

Please understand we are already incurring expenses for the marching season. While we will not be asking for a financial payment at this time, we hope you will honor your commitment to the marching season the same as in previous years when we collected a substantial non-refundable deposit. **Any student dropping out after they have committed negatively impacts the performance/learning abilities of all other students and raises the fee amounts of the rest of the students/families.** Therefore, please honor your commitment to participate as we are accepting your commitment in “good faith”.

Below is a description of Marching Band fees for last year – 2019. At this time, we cannot predict what the actual costs/fees will be for this season. However, we CAN say that the fees this year will NOT exceed these previous amounts. If anything, they will probably go down if the schedule needs to be altered and if August camp this year cannot be the same as it always has been in the past. For planning purposes, we are offering this information to you to provide a rough estimation of what it would be during a normal season.

### MARCHING BAND 2019 (last year) FEE STRUCTURE:

Marching Band Course Materials Fee 2019 (\$220 – collected in May): This fee is like fees paid for certain other FCPS classes. It covers consumable materials related to the course. Examples of the consumable materials covered by this fee include uniform purchases and maintenance, the drill book, music/choreography for the show, band t-shirt, instrument accessories, equipment repairs, and food during instructional activities. If fees collected exceed the costs incurred for all consumable materials, any excess fees, not to exceed 25% of the total fee, will be set aside in an FCPS reserve account to fund future purchases of marching band uniforms.

Optional Marching Band Camp Activity Fee 2019 (\$250 – collected in June): This is an optional activity fee that students pay if they choose to participate in marching band camp. While participation in marching band is an element of the Symphonic Band course, a student still has the choice of whether to participate in Symphonic Band. For a student who does not desire to participate in marching band, they can sign up for the Wind Ensemble or Concert Band course. This activity fee covers the costs of Marching Band Camp in August. Examples of such costs are marching band instruction, food and other miscellaneous expenses of Marching Band Camp. If the money collected exceeds the actual cost of the camp, excess fees will be refunded.

Marching/Color Guard Uniform Accessories 2019 (amount varies – collected in July/Aug): Certain uniform accessory items need to be purchased separately by the students. Examples of these items include marching band shoes, color guard shoes, color guard gloves, and additional band t-shirts. Orders are collected via MySchoolBucks.

Marching Band Trip Activity Fee 2019 (\$265 – collected in Sept/Oct): The fee for this optional activity covers the cost of trips taken for Marching Band competitions. The fee covers costs such as transportation, hotels (if applicable), and snacks/meals provided during the trip. If fees collected exceed the actual cost of the trip, excess fees will be refunded.

## Marching Band & Guard Schedule 2020

### April:

~~2 – Battery Audition Clinic 6-8PM~~  
~~16 – Battery Auditions 6-8PM~~  
~~21 – New Band & Guard Student Orientation – McLean HS Auditorium – 7:00PM~~  
~~23 – Battery rehearsal 6-8PM~~  
~~30 – Battery rehearsal 6-8PM~~

### May:

~~1 – Marching Band & Guard Registration Due~~  
~~16 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM~~  
~~21 – Battery rehearsal 6-8PM~~  
~~27 – Drum Major Audition~~  
~~28 – Battery rehearsal 6-8PM~~  
~~30 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM~~  
~~30 – Battery rehearsal – 10AM-3PM~~  
~~TBD – Guard auditions~~

### June:

~~3 – Section Leader Interviews – 3:00-6:00~~  
~~6 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM~~  
~~6 – Battery rehearsal – 10AM-3PM~~  
~~8-10 – Marching Band Leadership Training – 3:15-4:45~~

### July:

TBD – Color Guard Clinics  
31 – Section Leaders 8-12 (lunch provided)

### August:

3 – **Rookie Day (new marchers) with Section Leaders** 8AM-4PM  
4-21 – **Band Camp – ALL MEMBERS - exact schedule TBD – rehearsal every day M-F**  
11 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM  
**19 – Potluck Dinner and Preview Performance – 6PM**  
25 – First Day of School – regular practice schedule begins  
**28 – Tailgate Party and Home Football Game**

### September:

2 - General Band & Guard Parent Membership Meeting 7:30PM in Auditorium  
7 – Labor Day Student Holiday  
8 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM  
**12 – TAG DAY FUNDRAISER – All Band & Guard Students Participate**  
**17 – Home Football Game**  
**26 – Possible Marching Competition - VMBC Herndon**  
TBD - Back-to-School Night

### October:

**2 – Home Football Game – Band Senior Night**  
**3 – Possible Marching Competition – SAT, USBands Yamaha Cup, Rock Ridge Band Day, VMBC South County**  
**10 – Possible Marching Competition – USBands Marine Corps, VMBC Millbrook, Oakton**  
12 – Teacher Work Day – Student Holiday – rehearsal for all 10am-1pm  
13 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM  
**16 – Home Football Game – Homecoming**  
**17 – Homecoming – VBODA State Assessment Rock Ridge**  
**23 – Home Football Game**  
**24 – Possible Marching Competition – VMBC Dominion, VBODA State Assessment Patriot**

### June 2021:

TBA - Band Banquet

### Schedule from the first day of school through the end of October:

Tuesdays and Thursdays – 3:30-6:00PM

Wednesdays – 7:00-9:30PM

### Other Notes:

- Marching competitions take most of the day. There will be a rehearsal at school and then the competition. Times for everything will be based on when we are scheduled to perform.
- All rehearsals and performances are required.
- Percussion/Drumline/Color Guard times may vary slightly from this schedule, but will remain on the same days

Revised 3/5/20

# McLean Marching Band Camp Schedule for Summer 2020

Pre-Season Rehearsals – Revised 4/2/20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>JUL 27</b>  <b>ALL FALL SPORTS BEGIN AT MCLEAN</b>	28  Drum Majors and students help prepare materials for camp to begin	29  Drum Majors and students help prepare materials for camp to begin  <b>Guard Camp- 9AM – 9PM</b>	30  Drum Majors and students help prepare materials for camp to begin	31  <b>Section Leader Meeting and Lunch</b>  8AM-12PM	<b>AUG 1</b>
2	3 <b>Winds – New Marchers and Section Leaders – 8AM-4PM</b>  <b>Battery –</b> Rookies & SL 8AM-12PM <b>ALL Battery 1-4PM</b>  <b>Front Ensemble –</b> 8AM-4PM  <b>Guard – 12PM – 8PM</b>	4 <b>ALL STUDENTS START TODAY!</b>  <b>Winds- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM; 5:30PM – 9PM</b>	5 <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	6 <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	7 <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>  <b>9PM – Pool Party</b>	8
9	10  <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	11  <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	12  <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	13  <b>Winds - 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM  <b>Guard- 9AM – 9PM</b>	14  <b>Winds &amp; Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM</b>  <b>Battery &amp; Front Ens –</b> 8AM - 2:00PM  <b>Talent Show – 6PM in auditorium</b>	15
16	17  <b>Winds – 2PM to 9:00PM</b>  <b>Battery, Front Ens &amp; Guard –</b> 1PM – 9:00PM	18  <b>Winds – 2PM to 9:00PM</b>  <b>Battery, Front Ens &amp; Guard –</b> 1PM – 9:00PM	19  <b>Winds – 1PM to 6:30PM</b>  <b>Battery, Front Ens &amp; Guard –</b> 1PM – 6:30PM  <b>6:30PM - Potluck Dinner</b>  <b>8:00PM - Parent Preview Show</b>	20  <b>7:30AM – Winds/Battery arrive and rehearsal on stage</b>  <b>9:00AM - Freshmen Orientation Performance</b>  No rehearsal for the remainder of the day. Students should attend orientation events at the school.	21  No rehearsal! Enjoy the long weekend!	22