

**Monacan High School Bands
11501 Smoketree Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23236**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Another school year is drawing to a close and already we're beginning to plan for next year! The 2009 edition of the Monacan Marching Chiefs is taking shape and I'd like for your son or daughter to be a part of it. This letter is to inform you of our schedule for band camp and after school begins in the fall.

SUMMER BAND CAMP

Week One: August 10-14

Drum Line: Monday through Friday, 8AM - 1PM

Drum Majors: Monday through Friday, 8AM - 1PM

Section Leaders: Tuesday through Friday, 8AM - 1PM

New Marchers: Wednesday through Friday, 8AM - 1PM

Color Guard: Monday through Friday, 8AM - 1PM

Week Two: August 17-20

Full Band/Guard: Monday through Thursday, 8AM - 4PM

Week Three: August 24-27

Full Band/Guard: Monday through Thursday, 8AM - 4PM

Thursday, August 27 - Final performance and family picnic, 6PM

REGULAR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE (AFTER SCHOOL BEGINS)

Monday through Thursday: Full band practice 2:15 - 4:00 PM

Friday: Fridays are reserved for football games; report times will be given out after the fall schedule is set.

Saturday: We will be involved in competitions for 4 or 5 Saturdays between the end of September and the beginning of November; a schedule will be given out at camp (refer also to attached tentative schedule).



RULES AND POLICIES OF THE MONACAN HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING CHIEFS

1. All wind and percussion players and drum majors must be enrolled in a regular band class during the school day to participate in the Marching Chiefs. This does not apply to color guard members.
2. Band members are expected to attend ALL scheduled marching band functions, including all of band camp in August. The only acceptable reasons for missing a scheduled practice or performance are serious illness or death in the family. A calendar will be handed out during band camp listing every practice and performance. Missing a practice or performance (unless excused by Ms. Ryan) can be cause for dismissal from the Marching Chiefs.
3. Marching band is a school function; therefore, all marching band events, whether on or off campus, are also considered school functions and all Chesterfield County rules apply. The use of alcohol or drugs prior to or during a marching band function is strictly forbidden, and anyone caught engaging in these activities will be sent home immediately and their name referred to the principal and the proper authorities. Smoking at band functions is likewise forbidden. Remember that we are representing our school in a very visible way, and any inappropriate activities will not only reflect badly on you but on the band and the school as well.
4. Specific guidelines concerning dress, behavior, and other expectations will be given to students during band camp.
5. **There is a fee of \$180 to participate in marching band. A deposit of \$100 is due with your registration form. The remainder of the fee will be collected at Fee Night.** This fee helps to pay the many expenses incurred by the marching band during the season.
There are several payment plan options available if you are unable to pay the remaining fee at Fee Night. Please make arrangements with Ms. Ryan if you would like to set up a payment plan.
**Please note: You must either pay your fee at Fee Night or arrange a payment plan. Students will not be allowed to perform with the marching band unless one of these things has occurred. Thanks for your understanding!*
6. Horn and drum line members will purchase gloves and shoes during band camp. Gloves are approx. \$5 and shoes \$20/pair. Guard members may be required to purchase part or all of their uniform; information will be given out at camp.

After reading these rules and policies, please sign below. **Return this form and a check made out to Monacan Band Boosters for \$100 to Ms. Ryan or your band director no later than Wednesday, June 10.** Please contact Ms. Ryan at 378-2480 ext. 235 or Jennifer_Ryan@ccpsnet.net with any questions or concerns.

I, _____, as a member of the Monacan High School Marching Chiefs, have read and do fully understand these rules and policies that govern the band. I will abide by these and understand that if I choose not to do so, I may be dismissed from the band.

Band Member Instrument/Guard

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

Parent's e-mail address _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL

I give permission for my child _____ to be a member of the Monacan High School Marching Chiefs for the 2009-2010 school year. I understand that my child is expected to be at every scheduled practice and performance both during the summer and once school starts. If my child misses a mandatory (scheduled) practice or performance without having a valid excuse, he/she may be dismissed from the band.

I also understand that the remainder of the marching band fee (total amount minus \$100 deposit) is due at fee night or that I must set up a payment plan to pay this fee.

Parent/Guardian Date