

McKinney Royal Pride Band

Dear 2011-2012 MHS Royal Pride Band Member and Parents:

We would like to welcome you as a returning member or new member of the McKinney High School Royal Pride Band! This letter contains important information about two upcoming events that require your attendance.

Saturday, June 4th - Band Registration Day!

We are all looking forward to the 2011 marching season! The first step in your preparation is to attend band registration day. This is a mandatory event and will be held on **Saturday, June 4th** at Faubion Middle School. You will be fitted for your marching uniform and take it home that day! School-owned instruments will be issued as well. We will also be taking your orders for essential supplies such as band shoes, band shirts, garment bags, and other important items.

Registration schedule on June 4th:

2011-2012 Seniors	8:00am-10:00am
2011-2012 Juniors	10:00am-12:00 noon
2011-2012 Sophomores	12:00 noon-2:00pm
2011-2012 Freshmen	2:00pm-4:30pm

Please arrive at the beginning of your registration time!

We are breaking up band fees into payments for the 2011-2012 school year. Fees are split into the two seasons, marching season and concert season. **The first marching season payment of \$140.00 is due from all band members on registration day. (June 4th) This payment is non-refundable.** The second marching season payment, which is 50% of your remaining marching balance, is due on the first day of Summer Band Part II on August 1st. The final marching season payment, which is the remainder of your marching balance, is due on September 9th. The separate, concert season fee is due in its entirety on October 7th.

You will have an opportunity to raise money to pay for your remaining band fees after the **\$140.00 deposit**. You will receive information about our annual march-a-thon before the students leave for the summer. This will enable them to collect pledges through the summer months, giving them a longer opportunity to raise the money they need for band fees and the yearly spring band trip. The march-a-thon will be on August 13th! All march-a-thon profits go 100% toward the individual students' fees and/or spring band trip. This is the easiest and best way to raise your funds for band. Work hard on march-a-thon pledges during the summer to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses during the school year.

(Please remember our policy: NO PASS, NO PLAY, NO REFUNDS, NO EXCEPTIONS)

Registration forms are in this packet which detail items and fees due as described above. If your student is a color guard member, be sure to use the color guard form!

A note about band shirts:

You will need 2 band shirts each year. There are many times when we need our shirt to wear under the uniform on Friday night at the football game and the next day for a marching contest. Having two shirts takes away the need to wash your shirt late at night when you get home after the ball game. Our member shirt is the same each year. (Yearly show shirts will be designed and available as a non-required purchase.) If your member shirts hold up through the season, and they still fit, you may not need to order new shirts each year. The shirts are high-quality and built to last. It is made of an under armor type material that wears like a regular t-shirt. (not form-fitting) They are very comfortable under the uniform and breathe, keeping you much cooler!

June 6th, 7th, & 8th- Summer Band Part I

The second event which requires your attendance is Summer Band Part I. It will be held on June 6th, 7th, and 8th. This is a three day camp in which we will learn the basics of marching as well as learn the music to our show opener. Attendance is mandatory! Detailed times and schedules are in this packet. We will use attendance at this camp as a determination for how many marching spots to write for the 2011 marching show. To help guarantee your spot, be in attendance!

We are looking forward to an exciting band year in 2011-2012 and are glad you will be a part of our band family! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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