

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Panther Marching Band! I am very excited that you have chosen to pursue this fantastic opportunity offered at Addison. This packet will detail everything you need to know for the upcoming season and most importantly band camp. **Please read the packet carefully as it details exactly what you need for every single day of band camp.**

The long-standing tradition that exists with the band program is exemplified in the Panther Marching Band. The marching band has been an immense source of pride for the Addison community, parents, and students. Students in the marching band can expect to perform at various venues throughout the fall season. Each performance is an experience in itself and allows students to self-reflect and evaluate their performance and areas of improvement. The more opportunities students have to work together and improve their show will not only allow for students to take pride in what they do, but it will also allow for each student to contribute individually to the overall show. Through participation in the Panther Marching Band, students learn how to work together by transforming separate ideas, music, drill, general effect, and color guard to make one coherent show. When everything connects, students are able to see the bigger picture and how they fit into that picture. Students realize that each individual plays a critical role in accomplishing the goal of performing a show. Through participation in marching band, students develop important interpersonal skills, including communication skills and motivation, and have numerous leadership opportunities.

Parents involved with their student's participation in marching band will have many opportunities to see their student perform. Parents often take a tremendous amount of pride in our marching band by seeing their student perform and improve throughout a marching season. Without parental support, the marching band could not function as efficiently as it does. Every time a student performs in the Addison band uniform, they are representing our high school, the community, his/her family, and his/her own character. This experience can be very rewarding for all involved.

The Panther Marching Band is built around many traditions and these traditions carry inherent pride within them. The amount of hard work put into accomplishing these traditions is immense. It is only through this hard work though that students will be able to fully understand and comprehend what it truly means to be a member of the Panther Marching Band. Students will discover quickly that our marching band is framed from the idea that this organization is what you put into it. The more you put into it, the more you will get in the form of memories and pride. As students become a part of the tradition that is the Panther Marching Band, I hope that they will carry the memories and skills that they've acquired with them throughout their life.

Students and parents, if you ever have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to another great season of artistry on and off the field.

Sincerely,
Mr. Timothy Wright
Director of Bands and Choirs
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School Phone #: 517-547-6947

Panther Marching Band Camp Schedule 2019

Monday August 5th, 2019

8:30am– REGISTRATION: ALL Marching Band Members Report (Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival)
9:15am-10:00am – Expectations for Band Camp (On risers)
10:00am-10:15am – Stretches
10:15am-11:00am – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals
11:15am-12:00pm – Full Ensemble Rehearsal
12:00pm-12:30pm – Lunch
12:45pm-1:45pm – Sectionals (Perc. W/ Matthew Roark, WW's w/ Alexa Howard, Brass with Mr. Wright)
2:00pm-3:00pm – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals
3:00pm-4:30pm – Learn Drill
4:30pm – Band Dismissed (Parent Meeting in the Band Room)

Tuesday August 6th, 2019

8:45am – Marching Band arrives (Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival). **Report to Football Field**
9:00am-9:15am – Stretches
9:15am-12:00pm – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals and Learn Drill
12:00pm-12:30pm – Lunch
12:45pm-1:45pm – Sectionals
2:00pm-2:45pm – Full Ensemble Rehearsal
2:45pm-4:30pm – Learn/Clean Drill
4:30pm – Band Dismissed

Wednesday August 7th, 2019

8:45am – Marching Band arrives (Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival)
9:00am-9:15am – Stretches
9:15am-12:00pm – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals and Learn Drill
12:00am-12:30pm – Lunch
Uniform Fitting Afternoon (Small groups of students will be pulled for fittings)
12:30pm-1:30pm – Sectionals
1:30pm-2:45pm – Full Ensemble Rehearsal
2:45pm-4:30pm – Learn/Clean Drill
4:30pm – Band Dismissed

Thursday August 8th, 2019

8:45am – Marching Band arrives (Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival)
9:00am-9:15am – Stretches
9:15am-12:00pm – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals and Learn Drill
12:00pm-12:30pm – Lunch
12:30pm-1:30pm – Sectionals
1:30pm-2:30pm – Full Ensemble Rehearsal
2:45pm-4:30pm – Learn/Clean Drill
4:30pm – Band Dismissed

Friday August 9th, 2019

8:45am – Marching Band arrives (Eat Breakfast Prior to Arrival)
9:00am-9:15am – Stretches
9:15am-12:00pm – Basics Block/Marching Fundamentals and Learn Drill
12:00pm-12:30pm – Lunch
12:30pm-1:30pm – Sectionals
1:45pm-2:20pm – Full Ensemble Rehearsal (On Field)
2:20pm-4:30pm – Learn/Clean Drill
4:30pm – Tailgate Party
5:30pm – Community Performance at Addison Football Field (Everyone is welcome!)
5:45pm – Band Dismissed

How much does Band Camp cost? The cost for the week is \$65. Registration forms and payment need to be brought into registration on Monday, August 5th at 8:30am. If you need more time to gather payment, that can definitely be arranged. ***I will need you to email me your plan for payment if you cannot pay the \$65 by August 5th.***

If finances are a concern, please call me. No one should miss Band Camp, and financial arrangements can be made! Please note that all meals during camp times will be provided, as well as water and snacks.

What do I have to do to sign up? I need you to do several things for me by **Monday, August 5th**:

1. Fill out the camp registration form.
2. Fill out the health form.
3. Have a parent fill out the Parent Volunteer.
4. Make sure to give me a Parent and Student email address. I will be sending notes, reminders, and requests home via email this year, so please give me an address if you have one!
5. Include your check, or make financial arrangements with me.
6. Bring everything to Registration on August 5th at 8:30pm. You may also mail it to the school before then:

Tim Wright
Addison High School
219 N. Comstock
Addison, MI 49220

What is the Tailgate Party? On Friday, hot dogs will be provided, and I'd love for you to please bring a salad *or* dessert to share. After we eat, you can enjoy a performance by the Panther High School Marching Band! Tailgate begins at 4:30 p.m. Again, please indicate on the registration form how many will likely be attending. Please note: In order for this event to happen, we need people willing to cook the hot dogs and supply the grills. Please see the Parent Volunteer form to sign up to help.

What do I wear/bring to camp?

- Clothes - shorts and t-shirts are fine, please no revealing shorts, tanks or bikini/swim tops.
- Socks - yes!! They will help prevent blisters.
- Shoes - must be appropriate to march in, and they should be able to tie (sneakers are best). In other words, no sandals, flip-flops, etc. Also, no Vans or slip-ons (unless they fit snugly, will not slip-off, and they have a flexible sole). You will need this kind of shoe during the school year as well. I will be the final judge as to whether or not a shoe is appropriate to march in.
- Sunscreen and lip balm with sunscreen, sunglasses,
- Instrument, lyre, music, folio, pencil, and "ACE" Hardware bag
- Reeds, valve oil and other instrument needs
- Rain gear (if needed)
- Positive attitude!

What should I *not* bring? Anything that you think will disrupt our purpose for being at Camp. Use or possession of illegal or restricted substances or materials will be handled the same as at school. Your parents will be notified to come and pick you up immediately if there is any cause for concern.

Uniforms, gloves, shoes, etc. Uniforms will be handed out during band camp. An order form is attached for marching band shoes and gloves. Please indicate your shoe size on the registration form, and give your best guess on glove size.

Parent Volunteers Needed!! Our band program cannot run without the help of many parent volunteers. Please look over the Parent Volunteer Form and let me know where you can help out. I will need a lot of help during band camp, but there is also a great need for help throughout the year. If you have other talents not listed that you feel can help out our program, please indicate that also. Thank you for your help and interest!

Attendance/Tardy Policy and Expectations

Students who have signed up and made a commitment to the Panther Marching Band are required to attend every rehearsal and performance. It is important to acknowledge that each member of the marching band relies in some way or another on another student to be at rehearsal. If students are repeatedly missing from rehearsal, how can the band accomplish combining music and drill successfully, bringing our separate ideas together and creating a consistent and coherent show idea? Mr. Wright will have the final decision in all matters regarding attendance.

Students are permitted to be excused from a rehearsal if Mr. Wright is notified with an appropriate excuse no later than 24 hours before the planned absence in writing. This notification should be in the form of a parent email/note explaining the absence. Students are permitted to be excused from a performance (football game, competition, etc.) if Mr. Wright is notified with an appropriate excuse no later than one week before the planned absence in writing. Students need not contact Mr. Wright with one weeks' notice in cases of family emergency or extreme illness and will be granted an excused absence. In either case, parents must contact Mr. Wright as soon as possible to notify him of the reason for the absence.

Students who habitually miss rehearsal without notifying Mr. Wright will not be permitted to march in the next performance whether that performance is a football game or competition. The student will be required to stand on the sideline and play his/her instrument. Students who are absent with an unexcused absence during the school day are not permitted to attend after school marching band. Students who are repeatedly tardy to rehearsal also run the risk of not being permitted to march in the next upcoming performance. Mr. Wright has the final say.

July, August, September and October Schedule

Reminder: Please check the music department website (<https://addisonmusicdepartment.weebly.com/>) and click on the "Calendar" tab to view these dates in more detail. This calendar will be updated throughout the year, so I encourage you to periodically check it to stay in the loop.

Band Camp!: August 5th-9th

Evening Rehearsals: August 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 27th from 6pm to 9pm

Home Football Games

- Friday, September 6th
- Friday, September 20th
- Friday, September 27th
- Friday, October 11th
- Friday, October 25th

Hillsdale County Fair Parade: Monday, September 23rd (During School)

Lenawee County Marching Band Exhibition – October 1st (Afterschool)

Please, please, please – do not forget to bring in these forms for Registration by Monday, August 5th.

NOTE: If you have received these documents and any of the following relate to you, please email me ASAP at my above email:

- Your child will miss any part of band camp
- Your child cannot make band camp at all
- Your child does not want to take high school band

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and having a great week at Band Camp! Please send me an email if you have any questions (tim.wright@addisonschools.us). Thank you for reading all of this (☺) and have a great rest of your summer!

Sincerely,
Tim Wright, Director of Bands