

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 as soon as possible to complete the process.
2. **ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS and their parents should attend our New Band Student Orientation Meeting at McLean HS on Tuesday, April 23 at 7PM in the AUDITORIUM.**
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.

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. 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 10. 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 7.

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 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 10, 2019!***

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

Marching Band & Guard Preliminary Schedule 2019
DRAFT - THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

April:

TBD – Drumline Clinics and Audition
23 – New Band & Guard Student Orientation – 7:00PM

May:

1 – Marching Band & Guard Registration Due
18 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM - First year members only
28 – Drum Major Audition
30 – Section Leader Interviews – 3:00-6:00

June:

1 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM – All members
1 – Battery Mini-Camp – 10AM-3PM
4-6 – Marching Band Leadership Training – 3:15-4:45
8 – Front Ensemble Rehearsal – 10AM-1PM – All members
8 – Battery Mini-Camp – 10AM-3PM

July:

TBD – Color Guard Clinics

August:

1 – Section Leaders 8-12 (lunch provided)
2 – **Rookie Day (new marchers) with Section Leaders** 8AM-4PM
5-22 – **Band Camp – ALL MEMBERS - exact schedule TBD – rehearsal every day M-F**
6 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM
22 – Potluck Dinner and Preview Performance – 6PM
28 – First Day of School – regular practice schedule begins

September:

2 – Labor Day Student Holiday
5 - General Band & Guard Parent Membership Meeting 7:30PM in band room
6 – Tailgate Party and Home Football Game
10 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM
12 - Back-to-School Night
14 – TAG DAY FUNDRAISER – All Band & Guard Students Participate
21 - Possible Marching Competition – VMBC Millbrook HS
27 – Home Football Game – Homecoming

October:

4 – Teacher Work Day – Student Holiday – rehearsal for all 10am-1pm
5 - Possible Marching Competition – USBands Yamaha Cup Giant's Stadium
8 – Band Parent Executive Board Meeting – 7:30PM
11 – Home Football Game
12 - Possible Marching Competition – VMBC Dominion HS
14 – Columbus Day Student Holiday
19 - Possible Marching Competition – VMBC Lee-Davis HS
26 - Possible Marching Competition

November:

1 – Home Football Game – Band Senior Night
8 – Home Football Game – Pep Band only

June 2020:

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.
- We will not do all the competitions that are listed above. This will be scaled down a bit once the schedules are all released. Please keep these weekends open for the time being. We will most likely do three or four of these when we are all done.
- All rehearsals and performances are required.
- Percussion/Drumline/Color Guard times may vary slightly from this schedule, but will still remain on the same days

Revised 1/28/19

McLean Marching Band Camp Schedule for Summer 2019

Pre-Season Rehearsals – Revised 2/21/19

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	JULY 29 ALL FALL SPORTS BEGIN AT MCLEAN Guard New Members Camp 6-9pm	JULY 30 Drum Majors and students help prepare materials for camp to begin Guard New Members Camp 6-9pm	JULY 31 Drum Majors and students help prepare materials for camp to begin All Guard – 6-9pm	AUG 1 Section Leader Meeting and Lunch 8AM-12PM Guard New Members Camp 6-9pm	2 Winds – New Marchers and Section Leaders – 8AM-4PM Battery – Rookies & SL 8AM-12PM ALL Battery 1-4PM & 6-9PM Front Ensemble – 8AM-4PM Guard New Members Camp 6-9pm	3
4	5 Winds- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM Guard- 12-9pm	6 Winds- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM Guard- 12-9pm	7 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	8 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	9 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM 9PM – Pool Party	10
11	12 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	13 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	14 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	15 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 2:00PM and 5:30-9PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 2:00PM 5:30 - 9PM	16 Winds & Guard- 8AM to 3:00PM Battery & Front Ens – 8AM - 3:00PM Talent Show – 6PM in the auditorium	17
18	19 Winds – 2PM to 9:00PM Battery, Front Ens & Guard – 1PM – 9:00PM	20 Winds – 2PM to 9:00PM Battery, Front Ens & Guard – 1PM – 9:00PM	21 Winds – 2PM to 9:00PM Battery, Front Ens & Guard – 1PM – 9:00PM	22 Rehearsal Schedule TBD Highlander Kick-Off Freshmen Orientation 6PM Potluck Dinner and Parent Preview Show	23 No rehearsal! Enjoy the long weekend!	24