



J.R. Tucker Marching Tigers

2024 - 2025

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Welcome to Marching Band! If you haven't already signed up for the class then please speak with your counselor. I am looking forward to getting started on our 2023 show with you all! It is very important that you read through all the information in this packet and sign up through the google form by May 10th. This packet includes general marching band information, tentative dates, forms, policies, etc.

What is Marching Band?

It is a group of musicians playing and marching around with instruments/flags/rifles for entertainment and competition purposes. The marching band plays at football games, parades, and competitions.

Who can do marching band?

Anyone can participate! You just need to be enrolled in a band class in order to participate in marching band. The only exception is for color guard members.

What is the time commitment for Marching Band?

Marching band is a big time commitment but is worth it! The marching season runs from July - November. Rehearsals are Tuesday - Thursday, weekly. Rehearsals will be from 4:00 - 6:30pm. Performances are for football games on Friday nights and competitions on Saturdays (times vary week to week).

ALL rehearsals and performances are **MANDATORY**.

Grading Scale

75% = Performances

25% = Rehearsals

Mondays are for visiting teachers, doctors appointments, work, etc.

What do I need to be successful in Marching Band?

Wear the appropriate clothing, stay hydrated, eat before rehearsal/performances, sunscreen, arrive ON TIME, communication, sunglasses, rain coats, bring required materials.

Appropriate clothing:

- T-shirt
- Shorts (must reach your fingertips)
- Pants (cooler weather)
- Athletic Sneakers
- Hats
- Raincoats (for rain rehearsals)

Inappropriate clothing:

- Sandals
- Flip flops
- Dress shoes
- Boots
- Crocs
- Swimsuits
- No shirts
- Booty shorts

Items you will want to bring:

- Sunglasses
- Water Jugs/Bottles
- Sunscreen
- Lunch Box
- Valve oil/Reeds
- Pencil (Music Rehearsals)
- Printed Music

Items you DON'T want to bring:

- Cell phones (during rehearsals)
- Air Pods
- NO LUNCH
- Junk Food
- Bad Attitude

For each rehearsal make sure you have eaten (not junk food), drank water (not soda or energy drinks), put on sunscreen, wear sunglasses (sun will be in your eyes), and wear hats.

Have raincoats for rain rehearsals (sometimes these are necessary as we get farther into the season and need to clean the show). Mr. Frank will try to update you with weather for the week. But make sure YOU check as well.

Communication is so important to succeed. Mr. Frank will send out weekly emails through Cut Time with dates for the next two weeks and upcoming dates. Mr. Frank will send reminders as needed. It is up to YOU to let Mr. Frank know of any absences from a rehearsal or performance by filling out a conflict form 2 weeks in advance. It will be up to Mr. Frank to determine if it is excused or unexcused. If something arises last minute contact Mr. Frank ASAP.

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/MHDZZUS4JEejE3kV8>

Be sure to fill out by Friday May 10.

Was sent out to 9-11 grade students by email. 8 grade students, should have received it from their band director or directly from Mr. Frank. Please contact Mr. Frank if you would like this emailed directly to you. This will ensure we have all of the information needed to begin the season.

Attendance: It is a requirement and a grade to participate in any and all marching band rehearsals or performances (this includes band camp, football games, parades, competitions).

Do not assume that your reason for your absence from rehearsal/performance will be automatically excused. Refer to the conflict form.

Mr. Frank reserves the right to sit you out of a performance due to the lack of attendance in rehearsals. Situations will vary based upon weather and what has been missed. If you are absent from a rehearsal, excused or unexcused, you are expected to learn the material upon your return. We have a lot to cover and cannot relearn everything we went over in the same manner.

Injuries/Health: If you are injured or need to sit out for health concerns, that are not immediate emergencies, then you will be expected to still attend rehearsals and watch from the sidelines.

If Mr. Frank believes that the injury or health concern is not safe to perform with, he does reserve the right to sit you out. Mr. Frank will always check with the student first to see what they would like to do.

Parents: Please get involved in any way you can! We have opportunities for chaperones, tiger tailgates, pit crew, trailer help, and many other opportunities to get involved with your student.

We will have a **Parent's Meeting Tuesday July 30** at 6:30pm in the band room. Parent's will need to attend in preparation for our marching band season.

Schedule: *This schedule is TENTATIVE and subject to change* (full schedule/calendar at www.jrtuckerband.org):

July

- 22-25 - Auxiliary (12:45 - 3:00pm) and Drumline Camp (6:00 - 8:00pm)
- 23 - Leadership Camp 8:00am - 12:00pm (plan to stay for field lining in the afternoon)
- 24-25 - New Marcher Camp 8:00am - 12:00pm/Uniform Fittings 12:30 - 4:00pm
- 29-31 - Band Camp for ALL MEMBERS 8:00am - 6:00pm (pack a lunch)
- 30 - Parents Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Band Room

August

- 1 - Band Camp for ALL MEMBERS 8:00am - 6:00pm (pack a lunch)
- 3 - Car Wash in the front parking lot 10:00am - 2:00pm (REQUIRED)
- 5-7 - Band Camp for ALL MEMBERS 8:00am - 6:00pm (pack a lunch)
- 8 - Band Camp for ALL MEMBERS 8:00am - 5:00pm (pack a lunch)/Pool Party 6:00 - 8:00pm
- 13-15 - Band Camp for ALL MEMBERS 3:00 - 7:00pm
- 15 - Preview Performance 6:30 - 7:00pm (Location: Stadium or Practice Field)
- 20 - Regular Afterschool Rehearsals Begin (Tues, Wed, and Thurs) 4:00 - 6:30pm
- 30 - HOME Football vs Caroline @ 7:00pm (*Student and Teacher Holiday - No Tiger Tailgate*)

September

- 20 - HOME Football vs Henrico @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)
- 21 - *Possible Competition*
- 28 - Competition - Hermitage Classic (Schedule TBA)

October

- 4 - HOMECOMING Football vs Godwin @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)
- 10 (THURSDAY) - HOME Football vs Deep Run @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)
- 12 - Competition - SVMH Harrisonburg, VA (Schedule TBA)
- 18 - AWAY Football vs Freeman @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)
- 19 - Competition - Godwin Showcase (Schedule TBA)
- 21(MONDAY) - HCPS Showcase (Schedule TBA)
- 23 - Half Day - Rehearsal time may change due to Professional Development.
- 25 - HOME Football vs Thomas Jefferson @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)
- 26 - *Possible Competition*

November

- 1 - AWAY Football vs Glen Allen @ 7:00pm (*Student and Teacher Holiday - No Tiger Tailgate*)
- 2 - VBODA Marching Assessment (Schedule TBA)
- 8 - AWAY Football vs Hermitage @ 7:00pm (Tiger Tailgate)

Fees:

Our program functions from fees as it allows us to pay for our music arranger, drill writer, staff, music, guard equipment, etc. (Will be on OSP in July)

Marching Band Fee	\$250: Due August 5, 2024 (non-refundable)
Winds/Percussion:	\$40 Uniform Rental Fee
Color Guard:	TBD Custom Uniform Fee
All Members:	\$35 Shoes
All Brass/Woodwinds	\$3/pair gloves (2 pair recommended)
Percussion Only:	\$25 Drum sticks and mallets

Payment by check payable to “Tucker High School Band”, 2910 N. Parham Road, Henrico, VA 23294 or pay [ONLINE HERE](#). (Online payments are preferred).

Band Camp Registration 2024 - Payment Form

This form is needed only for those who choose to pay fees by check instead of online. [Online payment](#) is strongly preferred.

BAND CAMP BALANCE	\$250	\$250
BAND UNIFORM FEE (Winds/Percussion)	\$40	\$_____
COLOR GUARD UNIFORM FEE	\$100	\$_____
BAND CAMP/MARCHING BAND GLOVES	\$3/each	\$_____
BAND CAMP/MARCHING BAND PERCUSSION ONLY (Mallets/sticks)	\$25	\$_____
BAND CAMP/MARCHING BAND SHOES NEW MEMBERS ONLY	\$35	\$_____

CHECK TOTAL (please add and write total here) \$_____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Check # _____

Checks should be made payable to J. R. Tucker High School

Leadership and Staff

Director - Austin Frank

Assistant Director - TBA

Color guard Instructors - Suzanne Jenkins & Lilly Morris

Drumline Instructor - Vic Bennett

Drum Major

Luke Stearns

Woodwind Section Leaders

Abby Perryman - *Flute*

Parker Walls - *Clarinet*

Bridger Noles - *Saxophone*

Brass Section Leaders

ZoeMari Jackson - *High Brass*

Samantha Sherlock - *Low Brass*

Auxiliary Captain

Lia Jones

Percussion Section Leader

Natalie Stoudt

Spirit Captains

Harper Nishimoto

Harper Perryman

Equipment Managers

Maeve Foster

Joseph Labriny

Clifford Smith