

Marching Band FAQ's

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the Warrior Marching Band. If you have any others please feel free to email me.

What are Spring & Summer Rehearsals?

Spring and summer rehearsals allow the band to get ahead in learning music and the basics of marching, as well as giving new students to the band time to get used to the band and the traditions and structure of what we do. The spring rehearsals are mandatory and the summer rehearsals are “summer optional” which means that if you are on vacation with your family, have fun and relax! If you are in town these rehearsals are a mandatory part of the schedule.

What is Band Camp?

Band camp is the time before school begins where the band can focus on refreshing their marching skills, learning and memorizing all the new music and learning their formations on the field for the marching show. It is also an opportunity to spend time together at the end of the summer and have some fun!! **Band Camp is a mandatory part of participation in marching band.**

What are MICCA and NESBA?

MICCA stands for the Massachusetts Instrumental Choral & Conductors Association. NESBA stands for the New England Scholastic Band Association. They are groups that support music in the schools and sponsor marching band festivals for bands throughout the fall. The marching band will have the opportunity to perform in front of judges and an audience and be evaluated at each sponsored performance. More information can be found at www.miccamusic.org and www.nesba.org.

What is the user fee?

The user fee is collected at the high school for students to participate in extra curricular activities and athletics. The fee pays for staff stipends and all the operating costs of the marching band (instrument repair, music arranging and writing, drill writing, equipment, etc.). Marching band is considered a fall sport and the fee is \$175. The user fee (\$175) is due by Friday, June 4th to Mr. Bankert or Mr. Morel. Checks should be made out to “Wakefield High School”. Please contact Mr. Bankert with any user fee questions.