



Royal Oak High School Marching Band 2017

"The Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence"

"How to Train Your Dragon"

Welcome!

Below is an overview of the rapidly approaching 2017-18 season. It's positively required for all students & parents to read this information thoroughly and mark your calendars now to avoid future conflicts. This year's home football schedule looks good for us. We do have two home games before school starts. This year's show is exciting, challenging, and will help take our band to an all new level! Expectations are high! *Please understand: Marching Band is a class. It **MUST BE** on your schedule. Our band doesn't have "part-time" members. **ALL** rehearsals and **ALL** performances are required, period! **Marching Band commitments come before employment and extra-curricular or club activities.** (All reasonable efforts will be made to work out conflicts with other school activities.)*

Pre-Season Goals

The Fanfare, Fight Song, Alma Matter, American Fantasy, and the National Anthem must be memorized! In August you'll be submitting recordings of yourself playing these pieces to our Google Classroom. Music for next season will be distributed in May, and should be practiced throughout the summer. *All MSBOA show music is required to be memorized.* That will require some summer practice. All necessary equipment needs to be obtained including: instrument in top working condition, flip folio with 10 pages, lyre, Dot Book, and a re-fillable water bottle. The folio, Dot Book and water bottle must be clearly marked with your first and last name. Have all necessary supplies including reeds, lubricants, swabs, and anything else you need to keep your instrument in top working condition. Pre-Season will conclude with the first segment of our first show ready as well as both pre-game and half-time.

Marching Band Participation Fee

\$95.00 Due 7/1 (Includes end of the year dry cleaning.)

Pre-Season Rehearsal Information

Where: Royal Oak High School
Who: All Marching Band Membership (Winds/Battery/Front Ensemble/Color Guard)
When: August 17 for new members / August 21-25 for all.
Uniform: During pre-season, students will wear their uniform T-Shirt at all rehearsals. (Distributed at the first rehearsal.) Additional shirts may be purchased for \$10 each. Having an extra shirt or two is highly recommended.
Bring: Instrument, Dot Book, Music, Flip Folder, Pencil, Tons of Sun Screen, Water Bottle.
(*For those who used a Dot Book last year, you'll be able to use it again this year.
For new members and those who have lost theirs, they can be ordered for \$10 at the time of registration.)

Students are expected to attend *all* rehearsals during pre-season. Conflicts with employers or other non-school organizations are not permitted. See Mr. Jensen NOW if you have a conflict with any of the rehearsals. Students will remain at school all day, and will not be permitted to leave during breaks. (The Boosters will provide lunch.) Mark calendars accordingly.

Uniforms

Uniforms will be distributed on 9/6. Shoes and gloves will be distributed on 8/21. You must take all items home. Uniform items are *NEVER* stored at school. Every student is responsible for the care and maintenance of their uniform, and will complete a Uniform Contract. *Students are solely responsible for lost or damaged uniform items.*

Home Football Games and other Performance Requirements

The Marching Band performs during the entire game, and often at the end of the game. We sit in the stands by sections, in assigned position, remaining in full uniform. Other students are not permitted to sit with the band. *Students will not be permitted to leave early!* Please plan weekend travel accordingly. Students are responsible for making all necessary arrangements with employers in advance should conflicts arise. School comes first, every time!!!

What to expect for 2017

Through hard work and perseverance, the Marching Ravens are recognized as one of this area's best bands. That's not always been the case, but we've paid our dues with blood, sweat, and tears. Our success is a source of pride for our school and community. We support each other, like *family!* We believe in the "Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence!" The coming season will be no different and will get here before you know it. Read the following calendar carefully. The first step to success is to be **PRESENT!** Perhaps better said... *"don't be absent!"* All absences matter, and impede the progress of the entire band. It's your responsibility to be ready, be prepared, and be unwaveringly committed. You'll be making very special memories that will last forever!!!

See you on the field!

Mr. J

2017-2018 Schedule

(Updated 4/19/17)

Pre-Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>		<u>Time</u>
8/17	Freshmen / First Years / Section Leaders	Orientation / Introductory Skills (Lunch provided)	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
8/21-25	Camp Week / Full Band	Students present all day/Lunch Provided	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8/25	Car Wash	Marching Band Students (3 hour shifts)	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
8/25	Home Game (St. Clair Shores)	School Spirit Show!	Call: 3:00/Game: 7:00
8/31	Home Game (North Farmington)	Blast from the Past Show	Call: 3:00/Game: 7:00

School Schedule

Rehearsal after School Mon-Thurs 3:15 – 5:15. We rehearse rain or shine! It's a class. It's required.

9/6	Uniform Distribution	After rehearsal	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
9/15-16	Tag Days	Participation Expected (Shifts)	At least 1 Three-Hour Shift
9/22	Home Game Performance (Avondale)	"Homecoming" Alumni @ Halftime Post-game Performance – "How to Train Your Dragon Show"	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
9/23	Pancake Breakfast	Participation Required <i>Marching Band Performance concludes Breakfast</i>	8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.
9/29	Home Game Performance (Ferndale)	"Bulldog & Salute to Service Night" Half-Time Performance – "How to Train Your Dragon Show"	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/3	Rehearsal w/ Guest Clinician	All students in Raven Head T-Shirts	3:15p.m. – 5:15p.m.
10/8	Marching Band Golf Outing	RO Golf Course (Find your 4some now!)	1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
10/12	MSBOA Marching Band Festival	ROHS Stadium (All night commitment)	Call:3:00/Perf:TBD
10/13	Home Game Performance (Lutheran North)	"Senior Night" Half-Time Performance – "How to Train Your Dragon Show"	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/20	Glow Show!	How to Train Your Dragon Show w/ Guest Bands	6:00 – 9:00p.m.
10/28	Woodwardside/ROBIA Neighborhood Halloween Parades <i>Optional but encouraged. Students perform in Halloween Costume. FUN!!!</i>		10:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
11/19	Holiday Magic Parade	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	Call 1:00p.m./Step-off 2:00p.m.
12/2	Berkley Holiday Parade	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	Call 5:00p.m./Step-off 5:30p.m.
4/13-15	Chicago Trip	Optional/Prior reservation required	
5/?	Memorial Day Parade Rehearsal	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	Announced at Spring Band Concert
5/28	Memorial Day Parade	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	8:30 a.m. (Downtown)
5/29	Band & Orchestra Banquet	Club Venetian (RSVPs required)	6:00p.m. – Finish
5/31	Uniform Return	ROHS Band Room	7:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Uniforms must be checked in by booster volunteers. No exceptions! Yes....this includes Seniors!

Please be sure to sign up for the Marching Band "Remind" list and Google Classroom. See www.rohsbob.org for instructions.

To receive class credit for Marching Band students must be in attendance at **ALL performances including parades.*

***To be eligible for a Varsity Letter through Marching Band students must be in attendance at **ALL** performances including parades.*