



Royal Oak High School
Marching Band 2018
“The Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence”

“West Side Story”

Welcome!

I hope you're excited about the rapidly approaching 2018-19 season. **ATTENTION:** All students & parents are required to read this information thoroughly and mark your calendars now to avoid future conflicts. I can't stress the importance of this enough. This year's show is very challenging, and will propel 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! 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 dedicated 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

\$100.00 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 16 for new members / August 20-24 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 strongly recommended.
Bring: Instrument, Dot Book, Music, Flip Folder, Pencil, Tons of Sun Screen, Water Bottle.
(For new members and those who have lost theirs, Dot Books 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. Contact 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 8/23. Shoes and gloves will be distributed upon arrival at band camp. 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 will be held financially 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 does it mean to be a member of the Raven Marching Band?

Our show this year is particularly challenging. We'll all have to work hard to live up to the performance standard our school and community has come to expect. We thrive on positive energy. We support each other, like family! We adhere to the “Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence” through action, not just words. Your pursuit begins now and continues throughout the summer.

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 know the schedule, be prepared, and be unwaveringly committed. When you make your best effort, you'll be making very special memories that will last your entire life.

See you on the field!

Mr. J

2018-2019 Schedule

Pre-Season

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Description</u>		<u>Time</u>
8/16	Freshmen / First Years / Section Leaders	Orientation / Introductory Skills (Lunch provided)	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
8/20-24	Camp Week / Full Band	Students present all day/Lunch Provided	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
8/23	Uniform Distribution	After rehearsal Seniors-5:30, Juniors-6:00, Sophomores-6:30, Freshmen-7:00	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
8/24	Car Wash	Marching Band Students (3 hour shifts) Courtyard Movie (weather permitting)	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 9:00 – 11:00 p.m.
8/30	Home Game (North Farmington)	School Spirit Show!	Call: 3:00/Game: 7:00

School Schedule

<u>Rehearsal after School Mon-Thurs 3:15 – 5:15. We rehearse rain or shine! It's a class. It's required.</u>			
9/7	Raven Rally	After school	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
9/14	Home Game Performance (Berkley)	“Salute to Service Night” Post-Game Performance – “West Side Story” (Maria, America)	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
9/15	Royal Oak Ford – Drive 4 UR School	ROHS Bus Loop / Test Drive for \$\$\$!	10:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
9/21	Home Game Performance (Seaholm)	Homecoming! Post-Game Performance – “West Side Story” Complete	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
9/28-29	<u>Tag Days!</u>	All work at least one 3 hour shift	9/28-5-9pm / 9/29 9am-9pm
10/7	Marching Band Golf Outing	RO Golf Course (Adults only – Service Hours available for student volunteers)	12:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.
10/10	Rehearsal w/ Guest Clinician	All students in Raven Head T-Shirts	3:15p.m. – 5:15p.m.
10/12	Home Game Performance (Tentative)	Event TBD	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/13	CMU Band Day (optional but awesome!)	Central Michigan University Music of “Santana” - Charter Bus / Breakfast / Lunch / Snacks (\$30)	6:30 a.m. – 5:00p.m.
10/17	MSBOA Marching Band Festival	Bloomfield Hills H.S. “West Side Story” (Charter Bus)	Call:3:00/Perf:TBD
10/19	Home Game Performance (Lutheran North)	Senior Night & Bulldog Night Half-Time Performance – “West Side Story”	Call:4:00p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/25	Glow Show Invitational!	(At ROHS) “West Side Story”	6:00 – 9:00p.m.
10/27	Woodwardside/ROBIA Halloween Parades	<i>Optional but encouraged.</i>	10:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
11/11	Veterans’ Day Service	Downtown Royal Oak	Time TBD
12/1	Berkley Holiday Parade	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	Call 5:00p.m./Step-off 5:30p.m.
5/?	Memorial Day Parade Rehearsal	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	Announced at Spring Band Concert
5/27	Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade	<u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE*</u>	8:30 a.m. (Downtown)
5/28	Band & Orchestra Banquet	Club Venetian (RSVPs required)	6:00p.m. – Finish
5/30	Uniform Return	ROHS Band Room	7:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

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 present at **ALL** performances including parades.

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