



Royal Oak High School
Marching Band 2022
“The Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence”

“John Williams Movie Magic”

Superman - Jaws - Raiders Of The Lost Ark - Marion’s Theme - Throne Room from Star Wars

Welcome!

As we work toward more normal times, the Raven band is working its way back to full strength! We want to welcome new members and vets back to what will be a fantastic season of tradition, exciting sounds, and performance. The music of John Williams will make every rehearsal exciting. We have a new drill learning tool called “CLICK” that will bring efficiency to rehearsal, bringing us to a higher level of readiness, sooner. And best of all, we’ll be working with YOU! The Marching Ravens are the BEST!

ATTENTION:

All students & parents are required to read this information thoroughly. This letter includes a calendar. Significant time and effort goes into creating it. It’s your responsibility to know when rehearsals, performances, and other activities are scheduled. Please take the time to get everything into your calendars so we can avoid conflicts. *Please understand Marching Band is a class on your schedule, with required attendance and grades. 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. Medical appointments should be made outside of rehearsal time whenever possible. Every absence matters, and impedes the progress of the entire band. (All reasonable efforts will be made to work out conflicts with other school activities.)*

Marching Band Participation Fee

To cover camp expenses, music, equipment, dry-cleaning, etc., the fee is \$120.00. (Due the first day of camp - 8/22/22)

Performance Requirements

Pregame and MSBOA Show Music *must be memorized!* You’ll be submitting performance recordings that will be assessed and contribute to your grade. Students will be permitted to use lyrics for other special event music as needed.

Personal Bag for Camp

All necessary equipment needs to be obtained and kept in a backpack or duffel. The bag should contain everything needed including but not limited to: Refillable water bottle CLEARLY MARKED with your name, sunscreen, healthy snacks, a hat, and any other personal needs. Also included should be accessories to keep your instrument in top playing condition. Students will have a designated “spot” to keep their belongings.

Pre-Season Camp Information - Band Camp attendance is required.

Where: Royal Oak High School Practice Field
Who: All Marching Band Membership (Winds/Battery/Front Ensemble/Color Guard)
When: August 18th for freshmen, new members and ALL BLUE SHIRTS / August 22-26th for all.
Uniform: During camp, 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 Sunscreen, Refillable Water Bottle.
NEW - All will need corded earbuds or headphones to use with the “CLICK” system.
(For those needing a replacement, Books are \$15 and ordered through the registration form.)

What does it mean to be a member of the Raven Marching Band?

We’ll all have to work hard to live up to the performance standard our school and community have come to expect. We thrive on positive energy. We support each other, like family! We adhere to the “Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence” through our actions, not just words. Your “pursuit” begins now and continues throughout the summer. It’s your responsibility to know the schedule, be prepared, and be unwaveringly committed. When it all comes together, you’ll be making very special memories that will last your entire life.

See you on the field!!!

Pre-Season Band Camp Schedule

6/2 First Rehearsal and Parent Meeting MANDATORY! Rehearsal 6:00p.m. (Band Rm.)
Band membership will be determined on this night. Meeting 7:30 (Auditorium)

Students & parents will be signing a form, acknowledging their commitment and understanding of rehearsal and performance requirements, calendar, and uniform requirements.

8/18	New Member / Blue Shirt Day (Practice Field)	8:00 - Noon
8/22-26	Band Camp! (Full Band) ROHS practice field / lunch provided / students not permitted to leave during lunch	8:00am - 5:00pm
9/1	Home Game (Farmington) "School Spirit Show" / Parent Tailgate 5:00 - 6:30	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.

School Schedule

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

9/9	Raven Rally after school / Home Game (Ferndale) "Hometown Heroes / Salute to Service" Post-Game Performance – "John Williams" (Segment IV)	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm
9/10	The Walled Lake Preview Show A non-competitive invitational featuring our area's top bands.	3:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.
9/16	Home Game (Pontiac) "Homecoming" Post-Game Performance – "John Williams" (Segment III & IV)	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
9/18	Marching Band Golf Outing - RO Golf Course Please encourage family and friends to register!	3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
9/23-24	<u>Tag Days!</u> (All work at least one 3-hour shift)	9/24-5-9pm / 9/25 9am-9pm
10/7	Home Game (Troy) "Cancer Awareness - Bulldog Night" Halftime Performance – "John Williams" Complete Show	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/10	MSBOA Marching Band Festival (TBD) Bloomfield Hills H.S.	Call:3:00/Performance TBD
10/21	Home Game (Lamphere) "Senior Night" Half-Time Performance – "Throwback Show"	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/26	Glow Show Invitational! Final Performance - "John Williams"	5:00 – 9:00p.m.
10/29	Woodwardside / ROBIA Halloween Parades Costume Contest!	10:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
12/10	Royal Oak Jingle Parade / Downtown Royal Oak	Call 5:00p.m.
5/24	Memorial Day Parade Rehearsal <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	3:00 – 4:30p.m.
5/29	Memorial Day Parade <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	Call 8:00a.m.
5/30	Band & Orchestra Year -End Celebration / Location TBD	6:00p.m. – Finish
6/1	Marching Band 2022-23 Rehearsal & Parent Meeting - MANDATORY ROHS Auditorium	Rehearsal-6:00p.m. Meeting 7:30p.m

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

To earn "Letter" eligibility for the year..... Marching Band students must be present at **ALL** performances including parades, and have no more than 5 absences from rehearsal. (excused or unexcused)