



Royal Oak High School
Marching Band 2021
“The Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence”

“The Music of Billy Joel”

Welcome!

Are you ready for the biggest “come back” year of all time? I think we all are! I want to welcome our new members and vets back to what I anticipate will be an amazing season. Our show music is fantastic, we’ll have updated uniforms, You’ll be directed from a brand new tower, and most 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 - 8/23/21)

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 extra reeds, lubricants, swabs, and anything else you need to keep your instrument in top playing condition. Students will have a designated “spot” to keep their belongings, and will be prohibited from sharing items.

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 19th for freshmen, new members and ALL BLUE SHIRTS / August 24-28th 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.
(For returning members needing a replacement, Dot Books are \$15 and must be ordered by July 1st.)

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

This schedule doesn't include information about health screening and use of PPE. That information will be communicated separately closer to the time of camp, as it is in a constant state of change.

Date	Event Description	Time
8/13	2021-22 Kick-Off Pep Rally in Stadium	5:00 - 8:00pm
8/19	New Member / Blue Shirt Day	8:00 - Noon
8/23-27	Full Band Camp Week ROHS practice field / lunch provided / students not permitted to leave during lunch	8:00am - 5pm

School Schedule

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

9/10	Raven Rally after school / Home Game (Berkley) "Hometown Heroes / Salute to Service" Post-Game Performance – "Billy Joel"	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm (Segment IV)
9/17	Home Game (Troy) "Homecoming" Post-Game Performance – "Billy Joel" (Segment III & IV)	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
9/19	Marching Band Golf Outing - RO Golf Course <i>Please encourage family and friends to register!</i>	3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
9/24-25	<u>Tag Days!</u> (All work at least one 3-hour shift)	9/24-5-9pm / 9/25 9am-9pm
10/4-9	MSBOA Marching Band Festival (TBD) Bloomfield Hills H.S.	Call:3:00/Performance TBD
10/8	Home Game (Anondale) "Cancer Awareness - Bulldog Night" Halftime Performance – "Billy Joel" Complete Show	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/15	Home Game (Fraser) "Senior Night" Half-Time Performance – "Billy Joel" Complete Show	Call:3:30p.m./Game:7:00p.m.
10/20	Glow Show Invitational! Final Performance - "Billy Joel"	5:00 – 9:00p.m.
10/30	Woodwardside / ROBIA Halloween Parades Costume Contest!	10:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
12/11	Royal Oak Jingle Parade / Downtown Royal Oak	Call 5:00p.m.
5/25	Memorial Day Parade Rehearsal <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	3:00 – 4:30p.m.
5/30	Memorial Day Parade <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	Call 8:00a.m.
5/31	Band & Orchestra Banquet / Location TBD	6:00p.m. – Finish
6/3	Marching Band 2020-21 Rehearsal & Parent Meeting - MANDATORY ROHS Auditorium	Rehearsal-6:00p.m. Meeting 7:30p.m.!

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

****NEW** To earn "Letter" eligibility for the year, Marching Band students must be present at **ALL** performances including parades, and have no more than 3 absences from rehearsal. (excused or unexcused)