



Royal Oak High School
Marching Band 2025
"The Ravenous Pursuit of Excellence"

"Steampunk"

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 \$130.00. (Due by June 11th, 2025)

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.

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

Where: Royal Oak High School Practice Field
Who: All Marching Band Members (Winds/Battery/Front Ensemble/Color Guard)
When: 8/11-8/15, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Uniform: During camp, students will wear their uniform T-Shirt at all rehearsals. (Distributed at the first rehearsal.) Additional shirts may be purchased for \$12 each. Having an extra shirt or two is strongly recommended.
Bring: Instrument, Music, Lyre, Flip Folder, Pencil, Tons of Sunscreen, Refillable Water Bottle.

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!!!

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Calendar as of 8/18***

Pre-Season Band Camp Schedule

Date	Event Description	Time
5/30	First Rehearsal, ROHS Band Room (Parent meeting at 7:30, Auditorium)	6:00-8:00pm
8/11	Blue Shirts and New Marchers report at 8am, all else report at 12pm **Blue Shirts and New Marchers must pack a lunch, all else please eat before arriving	
8/11-15	Full Band Camp Week ROHS practice field / lunch provided / students not permitted to leave during lunch **Color Guard has additional rehearsals from 6:00pm-8:00pm	8:00am - 5:00pm

School Schedule

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

8/28	Home Game (Lakeshore HS)	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm
9/6	Walled Lake Western Marching Band Invitational	Call: 3:30pm @ ROHS
9/19	Home Game (Clarenceville) "Homecoming"	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm.
9/12-13	<u>Tag Days!</u> (All students work at least one 3-hour shift)	9/12 5-9pm / 9/13 9am-9pm
9/21	Marching Band Golf Outing - RO Golf Course Please encourage family and friends to register!	3:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.
9/26	Home Game (Berkley) "Bulldog Night"	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm
10/3	Home Game (Avondale)	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm
10/13	MSBOA Marching Band Festival - Bloomfield Hills H.S.	Call:3:00/Performance TBD
10/17	Home Game (Rochester)	Call: 3:30pm / Game 7:00pm
10/22	Glow Show Invitational!	5:00 – 9:00p.m.
10/25	EMU Band and Twirler Day (optional)	Call:TBD/Performance TBD
10/25	Woodwardside/ROBIA Halloween Parades (Optional but encouraged!)	10:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.
12/6	Berkley Holiday Lights Parade	Call 5:00pm
5/21	Memorial Day Parade Rehearsal <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	3:00 – 4:30p.m.
5/25	Memorial Day Parade <u>*REQUIRED ATTENDANCE FOR ALL*</u>	Call 8:00a.m.
5/26	Band & Orchestra Year End Celebration / Location TBD	6:00p.m. – Finish
5/29	Marching Band 2026-27 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. 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)