



CALLING ALL PTHS CURRENT MARCHING BAND MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND ALL 8TH GRADERS AND FAMILIES

Please find below important information about the 2022-2023 Marching Band Season. The PT Marching Band is open to instrumentalists grades 8-12. The Color guard is open to grades 9-12 and members were selected following auditions in May and June. Please direct any questions regarding attendance at any of the camp dates, participation in marching band etc to Mr. Koszarek via private message on the Band App (<https://band.us/n/a7a07cU4i0A8z>). Please include your student's name, grade (Fall 2022), instrument and any questions.

The Marching Band is in need of MANAGERS for the 2022-2023 season. Managers assist the band with equipment, organization, the pregame and halftime show. Managers are a PART of the band and attend camp and all of our events and trips. If you know of any Student who may be interested in becoming a Manager, please contact Mr. Koszarek via private message on the Band App. Alternatively, contact Cari Williams at ptmusic2024@gmail.com and she will get you in touch with Mr. K.

DON'T MISS AN ANNOUNCEMENT! Please sign up to receive alerts, information and notices from the Peters Township Music Boosters. It's easy!!!! Go to www.ptmusicboosters.com and click the "Subscribe to E-blast" button in the lower right hand corner. **The Calendar on the PTMB website (www.ptmusicboosters.com) is updated weekly! You can also subscribe so that everything is synced with your phone and calendar.**

IMPORTANT DATES/INFORMATION

Mini Camp: this 4 day mini camp was held June 6-9, 2022 and gave members a chance to try out camp, meet everyone and learn the basics of the marching band.

Away Band Camp at California University - Week 1: Away camp is a tradition for the Peters Township Marching Band and we are excited to resume this tradition. All Marching Band members will travel to **California University** and stay in the dormitories Sunday afternoon until Friday afternoon. Our last Away Band Camp was in 2019. At that time we attended camp at Slippery Rock University, but are happy to be returning to Cal U for the 2022 year. In addition to this document, an [Information Sheet and Packing List](#) is on the PTMB website under Forms. We have also sent out a Google Questionnaire for [Students](#) and one to [Parents](#) regarding chaperoning. Both are also available on the website.

Away Band Camp (ABC) gives everyone the opportunity to learn the pregame and halftime shows with the directors in an exclusive session and bond as a group. A nurse and volunteer parent chaperones will also stay in the dorms with the students. The cost for ABC this year is tentatively estimated at \$330.00. The PTMB has voted to provide a discount in the amount of \$175.00 to each student who attends ABC and whose family pays the \$55.00 annual fee to become a PTMB member for the 2022-2023 year no later than Friday July 22, 2022 (before we leave for ABC). Online Registration for Band Camp will be open in mid June. You can become a member at any time by going to ptmusicboosters.com, clicking on SHOP and then Membership. Once you sign up and pay the membership fee you are eligible for the discount. Only one membership is required per family for PTMB membership. **Sign up to receive eblasts NOW at ptmusicboosters.com so that you don't miss any upcoming information and/or announcements.**

ABC Dates: Sunday, July 24 -Friday, July 29, 2022

Times: Sunday drop off at CAL U will be from 2-4 pm. Friday pick up will be announced as we get closer to camp, but will likely be between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. Students practice throughout the day, with breaks, Monday through Friday.

Who: All Marching Band Members (instrumentalists, drum majors, color guard, and managers)

Location: California University, California, PA

Transportation: Parents will transport students to California University on Sunday, July 24, 2022 for check in between 2-4 pm. Students may carpool with other families. **STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING THEIR OWN CAR TO ABC.** Students will travel by school bus from California University to Peters Township High School with their belongings on Friday, July 29, 2022 in the afternoon. Arrival is TBD but is generally between 3:30-4:30 pm. **The trailer will accompany us to ABC. Students with large instruments that normally stay at the school will transport their instruments via the trailer. All other students should bring their personal instruments with them on Sunday.**

Note: If you cannot attend Away Band Camp due to a conflict, PLEASE contact Mr. Koszarek via private message on the Band App.

Information regarding registration for marching band, Away Band Camp, ordering shoes, polos, color guard items etc. will be made available in mid June, 2022. Please note that students are responsible for purchasing band shoes (approx. \$38.00), polo shirts (approx. \$25), black dress pants for summer uniforms (your choice), gloves (approx. \$3.00) and any instrument needs. Color guard members will need to purchase flags, rifles, poms, shoes and other costumes and accessories, as needed. These costs are in addition to band camp. Formal uniforms and rain jackets for all marching band members are provided by the school district and must be returned. In addition, parents are required to pay the School District Activity Fee. That fee has typically been approximately \$40.00 for the Marching Band.

All Marching Band participants must sign up on Family ID to register for Marching Band with the district (similar to sports). We will send a blast when Family ID is open. All students must obtain a physical dated after June 1 and upload it to the Family ID system. MB members are not required to undergo concussion testing.

Marching Band Home Camp - Week 2: Home camp will allow the Marching Band to continue to practice our Pregame and Halftime shows. **Attendance is mandatory unless an absence is excused.**

Home Camp Dates: Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5, 2022

Times: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Who: All Marching Band Members (instrumentalists, drum majors, color guard)

Location: PTHS, Mon, Tues, Wed, Friday, PTMS: Thursday.

Fall practices after school: The marching band practices every *Tuesday* and *Thursday* throughout the marching band season.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Thursday, August 11, 2022 – mid November, 2022 (end of the regular season)

Times: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (times adjusted as it gets darker earlier)

Who: All Marching Band Members (instrumentalists, drum majors, color guard)

Location: PTHS practice field

Transportation: Students are responsible for transportation to and from practice. Students may drive themselves and may carpool. This is a parent decision.

Other Important Dates and Information:

Performances: The PTMB will perform at **every** home and away football game, a number of band festivals, the Washington County Fair, the Kennywood Parade, the Peters Township Memorial Day parade and a number of other events. Specific dates will be provided at a later time. Generally, football games are every Friday from the start of the school year until mid November and band festivals are in September and October. Please bookmark the PTMB website and check the calendar which will list every event time, date and location in the fall once all dates are available. **ptmusicboosters.com**. You can also have the calendar synced to your phone so that you never miss anything. Please note the following dates that are currently on the schedule.

Note: any student who does not intend to ride the bus to or from any event, must submit a Waiver Form to Mr. Koszarek in advance of the event. Waiver forms are posted on the PTMB website at ptmusicboosters.com under “Forms”.

Definitions:

“Dress Uniform” is the traditional formal uniform for instrumentalists: jacket, bibs, annual theme shirt, black socks, gloves (not drumline or front ensemble), dinkles, gauntlets and hat. Unless otherwise stated, MB wears the Dress Uniform. For Colorguard, Mrs. Strangis will advise.

“Summer Uniform” is our summer, casual uniform. It is normally worn for Kennywood, Washington County Fair and the PT Memorial Day parade. It consists of black pants (not jeans material), red polo (to be purchased through E-Commerce), dinkles, black socks and black belt. Color Guard summer uniform is determined by Mrs. Strangis.

DCI Showcase: This is an optional for MB members. DCI is a showcase that the MB will attend, but not perform. The MB attended this event a number of years ago.

When: Sunday, August 7, 2022

Where: Baldwin High School

Time: TBD

Transportation: TBD

Cost: TBD

Kennywood Day: As is tradition, the PT Marching Band will perform at Kennywood Park for its Fall Parade. This is a full day of fun for the students. Students will be bussed to Kennywood from PTHS and admitted to Kennywood **for free** for the day to enjoy riding and team building. We will then march in the evening parade before bussing back to PTHS.

When: Monday, August 8, 2022

Where: Kennywood Park

Time: TBD (usually 8:00 AM until 10:00 PM- it's all day)

Transportation: by school bus to and from the PTHS and Washington County Fair

Cost: Free for students and chaperones to attend. Money required for Food/Snacks/Drink etc.

Dress: Summer Uniform

Washington County Fair: As is tradition, the PT Marching Band will march in the Washington County Fair Parade. Students will march in the parade and then will have free time to explore, ride rides, eat and watch the Bus Demolition derby. Students will be bussed to the Washington County Fair from PTHS and admitted to the Fair **for free**. Students will be bussed back to PTHS later in the evening.

When: Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Where: Washington County Fair

Time: TBD (usually @2:30 PM until 10:00 PM)

Transportation: By School Bus to and from the PTHS and Washington County Fair

Cost: Free for students and chaperones to attend. Money required for Food/Snacks/Drink etc.

Dress: Summer Uniform

Note: Bus Painting for Seniors and Leadership will be Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Time TBD

Parent Preview Show: Our yearly anticipated Parent Preview Show is the first opportunity for parents, community members, and anyone else interested to see what we have been working on, including our pregame and halftime show. Please plan to join us to build the excitement! The parent preview typically lasts 30 to 45 minutes.

When: Tentatively, Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 7:00pm

Where: PTHS Stadium

Dress: Summer Uniform

Cost: Free

Kiski Area Band Festival: We anticipate participating in 2 band festivals/showcases sponsored by other school districts in the months of September and October. The MB performs its halftime show and stays to watch all of the bands perform.

When: Saturday, September 10, 2022

Where: Kiski Area HS Stadium

Time: TBD: mid to Late afternoon through evening

Dress: Dress Uniform

Transportation: Students are transported to and from the festivals by school bus.

Cost: Students and chaperones are admitted for free to the Festival.

PTHS Homecoming Parade: The PTMB traditionally marches in the brief Homecoming Parade which is located on school grounds.

When: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Where: PTHS

Time: TBD: Parade normally starts at 6:00 pm.

Dress: Tentatively, jeans, Theme Shirt

Transportation: Students transport themselves to and from the HS.

Cost: Free. Food trucks at student's cost.

Peters Township Band Festival: The Peters Township Band Festival tentatively scheduled to return for 2022. We have invited marching bands from the area to participate in our festival.

When: Saturday, September 24, 2022

Where: PTHS Stadium

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: Free to Students/Chaperones.

We are in the planning stages of this event and need an event chair ASAP!!!! Please contact Rochelle Koerbel at rkoerbel@mcneeslaw.com if you are interested.

Thomas Jefferson Band Festival: We anticipate participating in 2 band festivals/showcases sponsored by other school districts in the months of September and October. The MB performs its halftime show and watches other bands perform.

When: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Where: Thomas Jefferson HS Stadium

Time: TBD: mid to Late afternoon through evening

Dress: Dress Uniform

Transportation: Students are transported to and from the festivals by school bus.

Cost: Students and chaperones are admitted for free to the Festival.

California University Parade: The Peters Township Marching Band will return to march in the California University Homecoming Parade. The parade takes place in downtown California, PA before the afternoon football game.

When: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Where: California University

Time: TBD: Parade is at noon. Arrival is in the morning and done by early afternoon.

Dress: Dress Uniform

Transportation: Students are transported to and from the parade by school bus.

Cost: Free

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The Peters Township Marching Band is tentatively scheduled to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Downtown Pittsburgh in March of 2023. Stay tuned for more details!!!!

Football Games: The PT Marching Band will perform at each of the following regular season games. The band will participate in pregame and halftime shows at all HOME games and perform its halftime show at all AWAY games. Transportation is provided via school bus to all AWAY games.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
8/26/22	@Fox Chapel HS	Fox Area HS	7:00 pm	
9/2/22	@Seneca Valley	Seneca Valley HS	7:00 pm	

9/9/22	Trinity Area	PTHS	7:00 pm	Senior Recognition
9/16/22	South Fayette	PTHS	7:00 pm	Homecoming Game
9/23/22	@USC	USC HS	7:00pm	
9/30/22	Baldwin	PTHS	7:00pm	50th Anniversary of PT Marching Band. Alumni invited to attend.
10/7/22	@Moon Area	Moon Senior High School,	7:00pm	
10/14/22	Mt. Lebanon	PTHS	7:00pm	Senior Recognition
10/21/22	@Canon-McMillan	AHN Field (CM)	7:00pm	
10/28/22	@Bethel Park	Bethel Park HS	7:00pm	

*Please note that this is a schedule of the **regular season games**. The Marching Band will continue to support the PTHS Varsity Football team at all games throughout the post game season. Please also note that start times above may change based upon the school district. We will continue to update the calendar at ptmusicboosters.com with any changes.

GET INVOLVED: We need YOUR help to make the season a success. We need chaperones for Away Camp, Football games, Festivals and Parades. We need VOLUNTEERS for the HS and Trax Farms Funnel Cake sales, Band Festival and other events so that we may keep offering discounts for Away Band Camp and trips. Chaperone and volunteer signups will be posted soon!!! Here is the link for volunteer sign-ups:

<http://www.ptmusicboosters.com/volunteers/volunteer-sign-ups/>. Please sign up to VOLUNTEER AND/OR CHAPERONE TODAY and Get this on your Calendar!

IMPORTANT: TO CHAPERONE YOU NEED YOUR CLEARANCES! GET THEM DONE TODAY!

Now is a good time for parents to get their clearances, or to check the expiration date of their clearances on file at PTSD. It's easy and can be done online! For information about how to obtain volunteer clearances, go to PTSD's "Volunteer Clearances" webpage at: <http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/Volunteers.aspx>. To check the expiration date of your volunteer clearances on file at PTSD, go to this webpage, scroll to the bottom, and click on the link for "Approved Volunteer List": <http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/Volunteers.aspx>.

We hope that this document is helpful. We are very excited for the upcoming season. Please feel free to direct any questions to

Overall Marching Band Questions: Cari Williams, PTMB President 22-23 (ptmusic2024@gmail.com)

Away Band Camp Questions: Kim Mitchell-Chaperone Coordinator and Committee Chair (ksm5pitt@gmail.com)

Away Band Camp and/or Marching Band generally: Attendance, Marching Band details and requirements: Mr. Koszarek via private message on the Band App

Volunteering information or opportunities: Rochelle Koerbel (rkoerbel@mcneeslaw.com)

WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR THE BAND FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022. PLEASE CONTACT ROCHELLE KOERBEL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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