

Welcome to the Martin Warrior Band Family!!!

Frequently Asked Questions

How much time does band take?

Band is a double blocked class. In the fall, there is a concert band class on the "A" day, and a sectional class on the "B" day. In the spring, there is a concert band class both days. Marching rehearsals are Monday and Thursday afternoons, and Tuesday evening for the Varsity Band. JV Band members are required to attend Varsity marching rehearsals for the first ½ hour on Monday and Thursday. Both Varsity and Jr. Varsity Band members are required to attend and perform at all Friday night football games. Varsity Band students will participate in several contests throughout the fall, most of which take place on Saturdays. (All known dates for 2009-2010 will be posted on the band website ASAP.)

Find that you have a full class schedule?

Students who are going to be involved in a lot of activities need to attend summer school. Here are some suggestions for summer school courses you may take in order to open up a block during the fall or spring semester. The accelerated World Geography (summer before 9th) and the accelerated World History (summer before 10th) is a good way to clear up one spot in your schedule during the 9th and 10th grade years. After those first two years, there is more elective time and making time for band is not quite such an issue.

When am I required to be at Martin during the summer to participate in the band camps?

Many students are planning now for the summer. We appreciate your checking to see when we are holding band camps! We are finalizing the schedule. Colorguard and Drumline members have additional rehearsals. Copies of the "2010 Tentative Summer Dates", "Tentative Fall Activities Schedule", and Colorguard Audition Information will be available at "Future Fish Night" to aid planning for the summer and fall. Percussion placement audition information will be forthcoming.

What do I need to know about Summer Marching Camp?

All members of the Martin Warrior Band are members of the marching band. **Three half credits are gained as a substitution waiver for Physical Education for students who march in the band for at least 3 years.** The Warrior Marching Band consists of two groups: the Varsity Marching Band, and the Junior Varsity Marching Band. The Varsity Band consists mainly of upper classmen. This group competes at various competitions throughout the fall. Students in this group earn their position through auditions that begin during summer band camp. It's vital to the success of the organization that the most qualified students are placed in the Varsity Marching Band. The Junior Varsity Marching Band (JV Band) consists of those students not yet experienced enough to perform in the Varsity marching show. The students in the JV band participate in the Varsity football games on Friday nights.

What to bring and wear: Loose fitting clothes, shorts, comfortable tennis shoes with socks, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, a large water jug with your name on it, and your instrument (if you use a school owned instrument it will be checked out to you during Freshman Band Camp). Marching band students earn P.E. credit for a reason. It is a very physical activity. To build necessary endurance and strength, we exercise daily! We start slowly and build gradually.. You are in charge of setting your own limits. Don't over do it!!

Martin Band Events – How do I know what is going on???

The band website lists all Martin Band Events. Please check back frequently in order to have all the details of our busy schedule. The events for the 2009-2010 school year will be listed ASAP!

Are you taking private lessons???

The Martin Band Hall will be open on Tuesdays this summer for private lessons.

What financial obligations should I anticipate?

The following is a list of **ESTIMATED** Fees for 2010-2011.

July 4th Parade/Pep Rally Shirt - \$15.00 (payable during any summer marching rehearsal)

ITEMS FOR BAND REGISTRATION (August 14, 2010)

\$10.00 – Uniform fee

\$75.00 – UIL activity fee (subject to change due to the number of meals & drinks needed at games/contests)

\$10.00 – Show shirt

\$1.00 – Gloves

\$100.00 – Warrior Marching Band Student Operational Fee (pays for additional staff, needed for summer and fall instruction.)

\$200.00 – Varsity Band Student Operational Fee (pays for additional meals, instructors, travel, and contest fees for Varsity Band)

Freshman Only Fees

\$35.00 – Marching shoes

\$ 5.00 – Music Flip Folder (if needed)

SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL RENTAL FEES

(students who “double” pay one fee)

\$120.00 – School-Owned Instruments (\$60 per semester) – payable to AISD

\$120.00 – Percussion (\$60 Fall Drumline Fee – payable to Martin Band, \$60 Spring Semester Instrument Rental – payable to AISD)

\$120.00 – Percussion/Double Reed (\$60 Fall Drumline Fee – payable to Martin Band, \$60 Spring Semester Instrument Rental – payable to AISD)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

\$??? – Band Uniform Picture (optional, schedule & prices, yet to be determined)

\$5.00 – bow tie (guys - to wear with concert tuxes at concert band activities)

\$??? - Spring trip travel cost (destination and cost yet to be determined)

\$?? – Warrior Band T-Shirts, miscellaneous items, etc.

Additional Fees are required for Colorguard members for uniforms, etc.

How can I keep up with all of the rehearsals, activities, competitions, call times, and information needed to be successful in the Martin Warrior Band?

CHECK THE WEBSITE OFTEN!

www.aisd.net/martinband

