

Middletown Marching Band 2016-17 Information Packet

Congratulations on your decision to join the Middletown High School Marching Band. We are excited to get our 2016-17 season going and look forward to having you as a member of our team. For years, the Middletown Marching Band has had a tradition of success and superior performance and has qualified and competed in State Finals each of the last 14 years. Last year's band received numerous awards including 4 Grand Champion awards and a Superior rating at OMEA State Finals. As a member of the marching band, you will work with a team of the finest students at Middletown High School as well as a caring and talented staff.

We want every student to have the experience of being a part of the marching band. It is truly a unique opportunity that offers so much to the students who choose to participate. Marching band not only offers great musical benefits, but it is an activity that teaches discipline, pride, leadership, self-confidence, and a positive work ethic. Our members become part of a TRUE tradition of excellence, and enjoy a rich experience competing and performing throughout the state of Ohio. ALSO, MARCHING BAND IS A LOT OF FUN! We feel that it will be an enjoyable, positive experience for all those involved.

This season is also a trip year for the band. All members of the marching band will have the opportunity to travel to Orlando in April. The band will spend 3 days in the various Disney parks and 1 day in the Universal Orlando parks. The band will also perform at the Magic Kingdom, which a truly unique and special experience.

This letter gives students and parents detailed information about marching band and band camp. It is intended to provide you with all the information necessary to prepare for the 2016-17 season. Please keep this letter for future reference.

Band Camp: Band Camp is designed to be an enjoyable and worthwhile learning and social experience. Band Camp is a time in which we learn a great deal of our contest show and build the team aspects necessary to be successful. Because of this, band camp is **mandatory** for all those who wish to participate in marching band.

Registration and Band Fees: We are currently making decisions about drill and show music. In order to plan a quality program, it is important that we have firm commitments by May 16, 2016. We ask that the attached forms and a \$100 non-refundable deposit be in by the May 16 meeting. The marching band show will be written based on the number of students who have turned in their forms and deposits by this date. Students who sign up late may have to participate in an alternate role. **CREDIT CARD payments may be made online at www.middiemusicboosters.org.**

The total cost for marching band \$275. These marching band fees pay for the cost of band camp, student t-shirts, uniform costs, show props, student food at contests, supplies, as well as some transportation, instructional and show costs. These fees are vital to making the season possible and are in addition to the support we receive from MMB and MCSD. Students will not be permitted to perform until ALL fees are paid in full. (No balance can begin to accumulate for Florida until fees are paid in full.)

The marching band, with the support of The Middie Music Boosters, has a limited amount of funds available to help those students who are unable to afford the full cost. We ask that anyone in need of assistance, please fill out the attached form and return it to Mr. Leisten. The available money will be divided among those who apply and demonstrate a need. This information will be viewed by the band director and the MMB treasurer only and will be kept confidential. For those families with more than one participating member, please fill out a separate sheet for each student.

Introductory Meeting: We will be holding an important introductory meeting on Monday, May 16 at 6:30pm in the MHS Theatre for all students involved in marching band and their parents. *We suggest that all new members and parents attend this meeting. Express registration will take place at 7:00pm in the theatre lobby.* (Returning members may choose to skip the meeting and come to express registration.) At this time we will be discussing many of the details of the coming season. We ask that all students please pay their \$100 deposit at this time so we can begin to plan the visual part of our show.

Alternates: Students who are assigned as alternates will be full participating members of the marching band. They will be expected to be at all practices and performances and will perform in all aspects, with the exception of the contest show, unless their performance status changes from alternate. Alternates may be assigned based on past and current attendance, injury, disciplinary measures, or the need to progress musically or visually. Contest show performing members may be replaced by an alternate at any time based on director discretion (attendance, injury, disciplinary measures, lack of preparation musically or visually.)

Band Camp Details

WHEN:

2:00pm, Sunday, July 31, 2016 through 7:00pm, Friday, August 5, 2016

WHERE:

Southern Ohio Church of God Youth Camp in Lebanon, Ohio

TRANSPORTATION:

Arrival: Each student must furnish his/her own transportation to and from camp. Plan to arrive at camp between 2:00 and 3:00pm on Sunday. Students and parents will then check in and make sure all paperwork/payments are complete. The evening meal will be provided.

Departure: Loading and departure will be after the 7:00pm Parent Preview Performance on Friday evening. **NOTE TO PARENTS: Please do not arrive at the camp for the show before 6:30pm on Friday. NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO DEPART UNTIL ALL CABINS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED. Parents and visitors are not permitted at camp at any time, except in the case of emergency situations when authorized by a director.**

PARKING:

Parking facilities during the week are limited to staff personnel only.

COST OF CAMP:

The total cost for camp and marching band fees is \$275 per student. The cost includes t-shirt, cleaning fee and 2 pairs of gloves. A deposit of \$100 must be received by May 16, 2016. The balance of \$175 must be received in full by August 2, 2015. The balance may be paid in one payment or in the *suggested* installment plan:

May 16:	\$100 non-refundable deposit
June 16:	\$75 payment
July 16:	\$50 payment
July 31:	\$50 payment (full balance due at this time)

ADDITIONAL COSTS :

Instrumentalists: Shoes \$25
(Shoes should be paid for at the uniform fitting session on July 19-21 . We do have a selection of previously owned shoes at a greatly reduced cost.)

Color Guard: Shoes, Gloves, Uniform \$80
(Color guard members are required to have uniform sweatpants/jacket as well. Details will be provided by Stephanie Miller.)

FORMS:

All forms must be signed and returned with the \$100 deposit on May 16. All forms and monies may also be sent to:

Band Camp Chairperson
P.O. Box 1025
Middletown, OH 45042

Make checks payable to: Middie Music Boosters (MMB). Please do not send forms or money to the directors or staff.

CREDIT CARD payments may be made online at www.middiemusicboosters.org

Summer Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. There may be a couple of additions/subtractions.

Early Summer Music Rehearsal:

Wednesday, May 25	Color Guard Only	9am-12, 1-3pm
Thursday, May 26	Rookie Camp (New members and section leaders ONLY) All Members	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm
Friday, May 27	Rookie Camp (New members and section leaders ONLY) All Members	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm

Pre- Camp Rehearsals:

Monday, July 18	Rookie Camp (New members and section leaders ONLY) (Color Guard 9-12, 1-4)	9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, July 19	All Members Percussion and Guard Only	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, July 20	Senior/Junior Uniform Fitting (11th/12th band only) All Members Percussion and Guard Only	6:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday, July 21	Sophomore and Freshman Fitting (9/10th band only) All Members 8th Grade and Make Up Fitting (8th band only/ Make Up) Percussion and guard Only	6:00pm-7:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm
Monday, July 25	All Members Percussion and guard only	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm
Tuesday, July 26	All Members Percussion and guard only	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, July 27	All Members Percussion and guard only	9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday, July 28	All Members	9:00am-12:00pm

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Sunday, July 31- Friday, August 5	BAND CAMP: All Members
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Post-Camp Rehearsals:

Monday, August 8	All Members	9am-12pm, 1pm-4pm
Tuesday, August 9	MCS D Convocation Performance (Wednesday, August 10: First Day of School)	7:30am-8:30am at MHS
Thursday, August 11	All Members	6:00pm-8:00pm

After-School Rehearsals:

We will be practicing after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-5:30 beginning the second week of school (August 16,17,18)

Performances:

The marching band performs almost every Friday night during the football season (August 26-Oct 28), and will perform at several Saturday contests. Tentative dates for contest are September 17 and 24, October 1, 15 and 22, plus OMEA State Finals pending qualification. Students and parents will receive a contest schedule as soon as it is available. Attendance is mandatory at all performances.

Drum Line and Color Guard: Percussionists and color guard may have additional rehearsals at times. These schedules will be available to students well in advance.

IN CASE OF CONFLICT/ABSENCE/ QUESTIONS: Please contact Mr. Leisten at 420-4500 ext. 3173 or by email dleisten@middletowncityschools.com

Middletown High School

Marching Band

Registration Information

PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR \$100 DEPOSIT

Student Name: _____ Grade(2016-17) _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Student Phone#: _____ Parent(s) Phone# _____

Instrument or Section: _____

Student EMAIL: _____

Parent(s) EMAIL: _____

Student Show T-Shirt* Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____
(*one is included in band fees. May want two due to needing them 2 days in a row many weeks of the season)

Additional Show T-Shirt** orders (\$20 each) S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____
(**Marching Band families & friends wear these shirts to events to show their support. Only one order is placed so get them now)

Total Additional T-shirts _____ x \$20 = \$ _____ .00 (Please pay at the time of the order)

The following is necessary for uniform inventory purposes:

_____ Dress Shirt Size (Mens) _____ Blouse Size (Womens)

W _____ L _____ Pants size (Mens) _____ Pant Size (Womens)

Parent Volunteer Opportunities: Please check any of the following interests that apply.

_____ I am interested in chaperoning on bus trips.

_____ I am interested in helping with fund raising efforts/concessions for the marching band.

_____ I am interested in helping with pit crew (equipment handling at shows and games.)

_____ I am interested in helping with uniform alterations and upkeep.

_____ I am interested in participating in the "Middie MB Spirit Squad" at contests.

_____ I own a truck and am interested in pulling equipment trailers to events.

-----To Be Filled Out By Middie Music Booster Treasurer-----

Marching Band Fee.....\$275.00

Color Guard Fees (\$80 if applicable).....\$ _____

Additional T-Shirt orders (if applicable/see above).....\$ _____

Donation towards financial aid for other students.....\$ _____

Total Due.....\$ _____

Deposit\$ _____ Check/Cash/Other

Financial Aid (will be decided by June 1).....\$ _____

Balance Due.....\$ _____