



WATTERSON MARCHING EAGLES

Summer Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents & Students:

I hope this letter finds you well. What a challenging and unique school year. We are optimistic that things will continue to improve and return to normal. While there are still some uncertainties about next school year, we are planning our band season, including camp, as normal. We hope that you will stick with our marching band through these uncertain times and be flexible with what might be in store. It will be important to stay abreast of current news by going to our website www.wattersonbands.org (password: carnation) and get on our email list. More information regarding the email list will be sent soon. We will make any adjustments to the schedule as needed. As you can see, we have also made changes to our pre-season schedule. There are a number of reasons that we had to do this. First was how early our first football is this year. Second, scheduling the field has become more challenging. And third, we felt that this was the perfect time for a change. Please look over the schedule attached carefully. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to email one of the directors. We do understand that an earlier start may impact some families. Please try to adjust your summer schedule if possible. We will also work with all students to make sure that they are caught up if needed.

This camp schedule is very beneficial to our program and is common for most competitive programs. Please schedule any activities or work around the attached schedule.

Important Note: Physicals must be done prior to the first day of band camp. If you have had a physical since January 1, 2021 then you are good. Please turn in all official physical forms to the main office. This is required by law of the State of Ohio.

Band camp is MANDATORY. Make sure you are on time for all activities. *“Being early is being on-time, being on-time is being late.”*

Some important things to remember:

- Bring a water **jug** (1/2 to 1 gallon) every day. (no sweetened drinks)
- Dress appropriately for the weather. You *must* have good athletic shoes with socks.
- A hat with rim (baseball cap, etc.) is needed.
- Bring 5 or more set markers with name on: plastic tub lids or anything flat and sturdy. These are for marking positions on the field and are used much of the season. (not pit)
- Eat a nutritious breakfast before arriving each day. Nothing “heavy” and easy on caffeine.
- Wear sunscreen, especially early in camp.
- Consider beginning a simple exercise regiment before camp. Jogging or walking.

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Show music, Pre-game music, and stand tunes should be memorized by first day of full camp. All will be posted online. Consider private lessons for extra help and attend any extra sessions that may be scheduled by section leader.

PERCUSSION: Will follow summer schedule from Mr. Swanson (jswanson@cducation.org)

TENTATIVE FEE SCHEDULE: **All fees are subject to change. Incentive funds may be used for these fees. Checks made payable to Band Boosters. *Please read enclosed documents for further information. Incentive funds may be used.*

Transportation fee	\$90.00	Due first day of full camp
Dry cleaning fee	\$40.00	Due first day of full camp
Band Camp lunch fee	\$20.00	Due first day of full camp
Polo (summer uniform)	\$15.00 (est.)	Due at delivery if needed.
Marching shoes	\$30.00	Due at delivery. *WE ARE SWITCHING SHOES.
Gloves (wind players only)	\$3.00 a pair	Due at delivery. Available all season.

A band t-shirt will be designed and may be ordered. Details and cost TBD

There are also fundraising activities which help pay for budgeted expenses not listed. A detailed letter regarding fundraising and incentive accounts will be passed out and discussed at our new parent meeting, the annual potluck in August, and posted online.

SUMMER UNIFORM: New members will need to purchase.

Please note what this involves:

- Watterson Marching Band Polo Shirt. These will be ordered during camp.
- Tan shorts. Not too long, not too short. No cargo pants! (may wear official Watterson shorts)
- White athletic shoes. No “neon” colors. No “Chuck’s” or high tops.
- Short white athletic socks.

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REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL YEAR

*Begins first day of school.

The marching band continues to rehearsal after school during the fall.

*Schedule may be altered due to early dismissals or days off.

<u>WINDS:</u> Monday:	Full Band Rehearsal	until 5:15	<u>PERCUSSION</u> Monday:	With Band until 5:15
**Tuesday:	Brass sectionals (no WW)	until 4:15	Tuesday:	Percussion until 5:00
**Wednesday:	Woodwind sectionals (no Brass)	until 4:15	Wednesday:	Percussion until 4:00
Thursday:	Full Band Rehearsal	until 5:15	Thursday:	With Band until 5:15
Friday:	Rehearsals <i>only</i> if no game	TBA until 5:30	Friday:	With Band if no game

**Again, the schedule may change if needed.

All practices are mandatory and required for band members for their grade. Please schedule all appointments after practice.
A more detailed calendar will be posted during band camp.

Performance Schedules

*All performances are Mandatory.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

*All home games are at **Ohio Dominican University**.

*Game starting times, NOT reporting times. Those will be posted later.

8/20	Whetstone	7:00	AWAY	
8/27	Bellefontaine	7:00	HOME	
9/3	Ready	7:00	HOME	
9/10	Licking Valley	7:00	AWAY	*Will not attend
9/17	Whitehall	7:00	HOME	
9/24	St. Charles	7:00	AWAY	
10/1	Granville	7:00	HOME	
10/8	DeSales	7:00	AWAY	
10/15	Centennial	7:00	AWAY	
10/22	Hartley	7:00	HOME	

CONTEST SCHEDULE

*Schedule is currently tentative. All performance times will be announced about 1 week in advance.

A finalized schedule will be posted online during or after band camp.

9/25	Lebanon H.S.	Lebanon, OH	MSBA	Starts at TBA
10/2	Mini-Camp	Bishop Watterson		9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch provided
10/9	Westerville North	Westerville, OH	OMEA	Starts at 5:00 p.m.
10/16	Colerain H.S.	Cincinnati, OH	MSBA	Starts at 4:00 p.m.
10/23	Thomas Worthington	Worthington, OH	MSBA	Starts at 5:30
10/30	OMEA State MB	TBA	OMEA	Starts TBA.
11/6	MSBA Championships	West Clermont	MSBA	All day?