



# WATTERSON MARCHING EAGLES

## Summer Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents & Students:

I hope this letter finds you well. Last fall was a good and successful band season overall and we are very proud of all our accomplishments. We are excited for the upcoming fall season as I hope you are as well. Our show, entitled "Reach" looks to be another great program. We are still recruiting for any new members, especially for our front ensemble and color guard sections. If you know of any student that would be a good fit for our band program, please reach out to them and discuss the benefits of being in the Watterson Marching Band and have them contact me as soon as possible: [mrenzi@cdeducation.org](mailto:mrenzi@cdeducation.org) or [mr.renzi@bwhs.org](mailto:mr.renzi@bwhs.org)

You will find the camp schedule attached to this letter along with the tentative performance schedule. This camp schedule is very important to our program and is common for most competitive programs. Please schedule any activities or work around the attached schedule. We will also have a some rehearsals prior to fundamental camps to help students prepare musically. Watch for emails as well as on our band website for any updates: [www.wattersonbands.org](http://www.wattersonbands.org) (password: carnation)

*Important Note: Physicals must be done prior to the first day of band camp. If you have had a physical since January 1, 2024 then you are good. Please turn in all official physical forms to the main office. This is required by Bishop Watterson and 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, bucket hat, etc.) is needed.
- Bring about 5 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.
- 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 on our website. 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@cdeducation.org](mailto:jswanson@cdeducation.org))

**COLOR GUARD:** Will follow summer schedule from Heather

**TENTATIVE FEE SCHEDULE:** *\*All fees are subject to change. Incentive funds may be used for these fees. Checks made payable to Band Boosters.*

Transportation fee	\$100.00	Due first day of full camp
Uniform fee (guard included)	\$50.00	Due first day of full camp
Band Camp lunch fee	\$25.00	Due first day of full camp
Summer Polo (if needed)	\$28.00 (est.)	Due at delivery if needed. (sizes taken during fundamentals week)
Marching shoes (winds/perc.)	\$35.00 (est.)	Due at delivery. (sizes taken during fundamentals week)
Gloves (wind players only)	\$4.00 a pair	Due at delivery. Available all season.
Duffle bag (if needed)	\$32.00 (est.)	Due at delivery.
Guard fees TBA (shoes, gloves)		

A band t-shirt will be designed and will need to 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. See cost above.
- Tan shorts (medium khaki color). Not too long, not too short. No cargo pants (lots of pockets)!
- White athletic shoes. No "bright" colors. No "Chuck's" or high tops. Majority of shoe needs to be white.
- Short white athletic socks. Not "no see" 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.

WINDS: Monday: NO Brass/WW practice.  
Tuesday: Brass/WW sectionals until 4:00  
Wednesday: Full Band Rehearsal until 4:00  
Thursday: Full Band Rehearsal until 5:15  
Friday: Rehearsals *only* if no game until 5:15

PERCUSSION Monday: Percussion until 5:00  
Tuesday: Percussion until 4:30  
Wednesday: With Band until 4:00  
Thursday: With Band until 5:15  
Friday: With Band if no game

GUARD: Monday/Tuesday: Sectionals until TBA  
Wednesday/Thursday: With full band (see above)

\*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 by 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 at a later date.

8/23	Big Walnut	7:00	AWAY	
8/30	Dublin Scioto	7:00	AWAY	
9/6	Westerville North	7:00	HOME	
9/13	Tiffin Columbian	7:00	AWAY	*Will not attend (practice)
9/20	Chardon	7:00	AWAY	*Will not attend (practice)
9/27	Hartley	7:00	AWAY	
10/4	KIPP	7:00	AWAY	
10/11	St. Charles	7:00	HOME	*Homecoming
10/18	Harrison	7:00	HOME	*Senior Night?
10/25	DeSales	7:00	HOME	

### CONTEST SCHEDULE

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

\*A "touch up practice" is normally held prior to each contest day.

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

9/21	Bishop Fenwick HS	Middletown, OH	MSBA	Starts at TBA
9/28	Mini-Camp	Bishop Watterson	N/A	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch provided
10/5	Zanesville HS	Zanesville, OH	OMEA	Starts at 5:00 p.m.
10/12	Practice	Bishop Watterson	N/A	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
10/19	Thomas Worthington	Worthington, OH	OMEA	Starts at 5:00
10/26 or 27	OMEA State MB	TBA	OMEA	Starts TBA.
11/2	Centerville HS	Centerville, OH	MSBA	Starts TBA
11/9	MSBA Championships	Miamisburg	MSBA	All day?