

## **Wolverine Marching Band Information**

### **Welcome to the 2023 Season of the Wolverine Band!**

Welcome to the 2023 Wolverine Marching Band! Whether you are a new or returning musician or family, please read and familiarize yourself with the information in this packet. This packet includes Band Camp guidelines, a Band Camp order form, a detailed camp schedule, and a season schedule. As always, please contact the directors for the most up to date information. And so it begins...

### **Philosophy**

The Wolverine Marching Band is a spirited and energetic extra-curricular ensemble that focused on representing LaVergne High School, entertaining fans, uplifting school spirit, and supporting the Wolverine Football team. It is an organization that requires a high commitment level, but also has a lot of fun! The marching band is open to all band students who are enrolled in one of the five concert ensembles.

### **Keys to a successful season**

Marching Band days can long and sweaty, but in the end, you be in awe of what we have accomplished together! In a few short months you will make new friends, get reacquainted with old ones, learn a pile of new music, refresh some old music, get the traditional band tan, eat some delicious food, hear some terrible jokes, have some sore muscles, support our football team, embody school spirit, and entertain our families and community. Just ask the seniors... they will tell you that the days are long, but the years fly by. In order to make the most of our time together, we would ask that you do a few things:

#### **Be in attendance and on time.**

It doesn't matter what you play or how amazing you are. Marching band is the ultimate group activity. We can't move forward without you.

#### **Make good choices.**

Choose your words and actions carefully. Inside and outside of band.

#### **Keep things in perspective.**

What may seem like a big deal after a long day, may not after some rest and food. Keep your eye on the prize!

#### **Remember that you are important.**

It doesn't matter what you play or how many years you've been in band, your directors believe that you are important, and want you to have a great experience. Do what we ask and give it your best!

## 2023 Band Camp Information

### Attendance

Band Camp will run from Monday, July 18th through Friday July 29th, 2022. **New Marchers Camp will run from Thursday, July 13-14, 2023.** Daily attendance at camp is a mandatory requirement. Each and every absence affects the group. We understand that “life happens” and that there will occasionally be unavoidable conflicts, but we ask that families please avoid scheduling doctor appointments, physical therapy, or other flexible things during camp/rehearsal hours. Students will not be excused for work. Please contact a director and fill out the absence form as soon as possible if a student must miss an event. Students with unexcused absences from band camp, sectionals, gameday rehearsals, etc., will not be allowed to perform with the ensembles. All camp rehearsals will take place at LaVergne High School and will occur regardless of weather conditions.

### What to Wear

To ensure comfort and safety, it is important that students are dressed appropriately. In order to safely participate students should wear:

- Comfortable, loose-fitting, school-appropriate clothing (t-shirts and shorts work best).
- Hat / Sunglasses to protect eyes from the sun
- Sunscreen... Sunburns are painful.
- Athletic footwear. Flip flops/sandals may not be worn during band camp. Students that do not have appropriate footwear will be asked to wear their marching shoes for their own safety.

Please make note of the “themes” on the daily schedule. Theme will be chosen by your leadership team and updated before camp starts. There will be rewards for the most spirited sections!

### What to Bring

- Water & snacks. There will be break times scheduled throughout the day.
- Instrument in working condition.
- Pencils. You’ll need them outside so have a pocket or a plan.
- Dot Book. All students are required to have a dot book.

### Meal Plan

Students should be sure to eat lunch and hydrate before camp each and every day. We know that good food goes a long way. Students are encouraged to bring lunch or walk/ride to the nearest fast food restaurant.

## **Uniforms**

Students will be fitted for a marching band uniform during camp. Uniforms will be kept at school. Other than normal wear and tear, students will responsible for any missing pieces or excessive damage to their uniform. Our volunteer parents spend hours maintaining our uniforms so please treat these items with care.

New marchers will need to purchase marching shoes. The cost for new marching shoes is \$30 (included in band dues). Students may also purchase gently used shoes for \$10 (included in band dues) if their size is available. Marching band track suits (\$120), and t-shirts. Students can make this decision when they are fitted in August.

In addition,

- A. Uniforms must be worn correctly at all times.
- B. Instruments polished
- C. No visible body piercing, or jewelry.
- D. Regular Uniform inspections will be carried out by the captain, tech, and directors.

The value of an entire uniform is over 500.00. It is the student's responsibility to take proper care of the equipment entrusted to them.

## **School Instruments**

Students are encouraged to have their own instruments. However, a limited number of school instruments are available for student use. A contract which outlines parent and student responsibilities must be filled out prior to instrument check-out. Students will still need to provide their own reeds and other materials.

Students that need a school instrument should come in during the instrument check out on **Thursday, July 13th, 2023**. School instruments are regularly maintained and will be distributed in working condition. Please treat these items with care, as students are responsible for damage to the instruments.

## **Performances**

- A. Marching band members performs at all football games, parades, competitions and other performances of the marching band.
- B. Members must always be with the whole band or accompanied by a chaperone, no member may be alone at any time.
- C. Members must meet at the designated time and location they are asked to report by the tech and directors.

- D. Members must return from their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break with 3 minutes on the play clock remaining or face discipline.
- E. Members should not hold conversations with persons outside of the band in the stands if the band is playing.

### **Family and Friends Picnic Performance**

On **Saturday, July 29th, 2023**, we will host the Marching Wolverine Preview Performance on the practice field. Additional information about this performance will be out in July. Please plan to come by, eat a hotdog, and see what we have accomplished in just a few days!

### **Band Boosters**

The Band Boosters is a support organization for current band members and other in the community who are interested in the welfare of the band. Our purpose is to provide the financial and manpower support necessary for the band to participate in as many educational opportunities as possible. It is imperative for EVERYONE to get involved and help out. It has its own constitution and guidelines and is a separate entity from the band and the school. The Boosters general meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Band room. The band boosters do not set band policies or make business decisions without the consent of the band director and/or principal and superintendent.

### **Other Opportunities**

There are many things that the LHS band needs from you, the parents and band boosters. If there is some way in which you feel that you can serve the band, feel free to discuss this with the director. \*All ideas will be entertained, carefully thought out, and discussed with the booster. We want you involved in your child's education and will find a way for you to help them succeed in that endeavor both in and out of band. We thank you for your support, because without you, none of what we do would be possible.

\*Band Camp Workers \*Pit Crew \*Chaperones \*Truck Drivers \*Load/Unload Trucks  
\*Food \*Water at Games \*Uniform Crew \*First Aid and \*LOTS MORE

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## 2023 Wolverine Marching Band Band Camp & Rehearsal Schedule

### Summer Band Camp Dates (Mandatory)

- **July 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Leadership and New Marchers Pre-Camp**  
*All New Marchers are required to attend a two -day camp from 12noon-4:00pm. New marchers will learn the marching style and meet the leaders of the band.*
  - **July 13<sup>th</sup>** : New Marchers Band Parent Meeting 5:00pm.
- **July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Band Camp (Full Band)**  
*All marching band members will be required to attend a week-long camp from 1:00pm-9:00pm.*
- **July 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Band Camp (Full Band)**  
*All band members will be required to attend the full band camp from 1:00pm-9:00pm. We will learn the entire show during this week. Please do not schedule any other appointments during this week. Students must stay on campus the entire day.*
- **July 29<sup>th</sup> Wolverine Marching Band Friends and Family Picnic Performance (Full Band)**  
*All band members will be required to attend the full band camp from 4:00pm-9:00pm. Friends and Family Picnic Performance will start at 7:00pm.*

### Regular Rehearsal Schedule (Mandatory, Begins Tuesday August 1st)

- Tuesdays 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- Thursdays 5:00pm to 8:00pm

## Fall 2023 Calendar of Events and Rehearsals

Band Booster Meeting: Second Tuesday of Every Month

**Marching Band Rehearsal: Tuesday (4:30pm to 6:30p) and Thursday (5:00pm - 8:00pm)**

July 13-14, 2023, Leadership and New Marchers Pre-Camp, 12noon-4:00pm

Thursday, July 13th. New Marchers Band Parent Meeting, 5:00pm

July 17<sup>th</sup> – 29th. Marching Band Camp (Full Band) 1:00pm - 9:00pm

**Saturday, July 29th, Wolverine Marching Band Friends and Family Picnic Performance (Full Band), 3:00pm**

Tuesday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, Regular Marching Band After School Rehearsal, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday, Aug. 17th LHS vs West Creek HS (Home Game)

Friday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, LHS vs Siegel (Home Game)

Friday, Sept 1st LHS vs Wilson Central (Home Game)

Friday, Sept. 8th LHS vs. Page (Away Game)

Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Marching Band Rehearsal 5pm – 7pm

Monday, Sept 11th, Marching Band Rehearsal 5pm – 7pm

Friday, Sept. 15th LHS vs. Smyrna (Home Game)

**Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Old Timers' Parade**

Friday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> LHS vs. Cane Ridge (Home Game and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night)

**Saturday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> Band Competition**

Friday, Sept. 29th LHS vs. McGavock (Away Game)

Monday, Oct. 2nd – 6th, Fall Break

Monday, Oct. 9th, Marching Band Rehearsal 5pm – 7pm

Friday, Oct. 13th LHS vs. Green Hill (Away Game)

Saturday, Oct. 14, **Saturday Marching Band Competition**

Friday, Oct. 20th LHS vs. Stewarts Creek (Home Game)

**Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday Marching Band Competition**

Monday, Oct 23rd, Rehearsal (Concert Band and Wind Ensemble) 4:00pm-6:30noon

**Tuesday, Oct. 24th A Fall Concert (@LHS)**

Friday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> LHS vs. Antioch (Home Game)

**Saturday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Community Performance @3:00pm**

Friday, Nov. 3rd Possible Play-Off Game

Tuesday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, Pep Band Practice

Friday, Nov. 10th Possible Play-Off Game

Friday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Possible Play-Off Game

Nov. 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Breaks

**Thursday, Nov. 30th, Winter Jazz and Percussion Concert at 7:00pm (@LHS)**

Friday, Dec. 1st, Marching Band Rehearsal, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Saturday, Dec. 2nd, Parade of Lights (Marching Band), 5:00pm**

Saturday, Dec. 2nd, Mid-State Auditions

Tuesday, Dec. 5th, After School Rehearsal (Concert Band/Wind Ensemble and Perc. Ens.) 4:00pm - 6:30pm

**Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 A Winters Concert**

Monday, December 21st – Friday, January 2nd: Winter

**\*Tentative Rehearsal Schedule**