

# **KENT CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

JONATHAN SCHNICKE, DIRECTOR  
WWW.KENTCITYBANDS.COM



Dear 2020 Band Members and Families,

We are in the final stages of completing the exciting plans for the **2020 Kent City Marching Eagles Band Camp** at home (Kent City High School). We hope you are looking forward to this week of work, study, and fun.

The purpose of this camp is to give our Marching Eagles a head start on learning and memorizing our 2020 marching show. Band Camp is a vital part of the fall preparation. It is a phenomenal way to build relationships as well as learn music and drill for the show.

## **WHAT IS MARCHING BAND?**

Marching band is an extension of our classroom. It marries the audio qualities of music making with the visual artistry of creating drill on the football field. This is accentuated by the usage of color guard and dance elements for the entire ensemble. Come to band camp with an open mind and ready to stretch yourself to do things you never dreamed possible. Remember - you will achieve what you put into the product. Go full in - you won't be sorry.

## **WHAT IS BAND CAMP?**

An intensive week of musical, visual and social preparations for the upcoming marching season. During the week, we will have our staff in place to help with delivering information in a focused environment.

## **CAMP DATES:**

Band Camp - Monday August 3-Thursday August 6 5-9pm

## **ATTENDANCE EACH DAY:**

It is very important that students attend EVERY day of band camp. We can only grow if the students that we are counting on attend each day. On day 2 or 3, you might start feeling sore and might find it difficult to be motivated to attend camp. Attend anyways. Persevere. Push Through. Once you get over the "hump" you will make it happen and it will be a very successful camp.

Keep informed- on Facebook Parents - @kentcitymusicboosters Students - @kentcityhsbands,  
on Instagram- @kentcitybands, Online - [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com); via text/email updates - Remind.com;  
Student accounts, Calendar, and email - Charms Office

**For information on these and how to get them go to KentCityBands.com for directions**

## ***DROP OFF & PICK UP:***

**Drop Off:** We will utilize the pre-arranged drop-offs established for Covid Screening.

**Pick Up:** We ask that parents park on the north side of the building at the end of the day. We will be dismissing from the field at or around 9pm each night. It will take us around 10-15 minutes each night to tear down/move back from the field.

## ***PARKING LOT REHEARSAL CONSIDERATIONS:***

We will march on both grass and parking lots at camp. Our main rehearsal field is the parking lot behind the stadium. Here are some things to survive marching on the lot:

**Shoes** - DO NOT USE NEW SHOES ON THE LOT. The lot will chew up your shoes throughout the season. Plan on one pair of shoes that you try to make last for the season. They will most likely be destroyed by the end of the season.

**Chalk** - To mark your spots on the lot, standard or spray

**Field Markers** - There will be times that we will be using the stadium, you will need a set of field markers for this. Something flat and recognizable. Ask a section leader for information.

**Knee Pads** - We do a LOT of body-work and will be up and down on the pavement. You may find it helpful to acquire a set of knee pads for when we work on these visuals.

**Towel** - When setting your instrument down, to prevent damage, you may want to have a small towel to set your instrument down on the pavement (tubas and trombones and tenor/bari sax will need a larger towel).

**Pop Up Tent** - Sections may wish to bring a tent to line the sideline underneath the stadium tower for shelter from the sun throughout the rehearsal. This isn't mandatory, but could be very useful. Larger sections may need 2-3. Percussion could use 1 for battery and 3-4 for front ensemble.

## ***PARKING:***

All students, staff, chaperones and parents should park on the north side of the school.

## ***BAND CAMP REHEARSALS:***

Kent City Band Camp is a closed sideline rehearsal for band camp. This means that we don't want guests at rehearsals distracting throughout the day. If you arrive early and wish to watch rehearsal, I ask that you watch from the back sideline and don't do things to distract from the rehearsal. Please utilize social distancing and wear masks around our students.

Keep informed- On Facebook Parents - @kentcitymusicboosters Students - @kentcitybands, On Twitter - @kentcitybands,  
online - [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com); via text/email updates - Remind.com;  
Student accounts, Calendar, and email - Charms Office

**For information on these and how to get them go to [KentCityBands.com](http://KentCityBands.com) for directions**

## **STAFF:**

Band Camp is staffed by the Kent City Bands. Camp staff is hired by the school and are considered Kent City Schools employees and include: Jason Rees, Jonathan Schnicke, Warren Yaw, Isaac Schnicke, Bobby Hazelton, and Rachel Gubala. Others to be determined.

## **ZONES:**

We will be assigning “zones” for students to have a home base throughout camp. At the end of camp, these areas will need to be put back in order.

## **MEDICAL AND PERMISSION FORMS:**

All permission forms & emergency medical forms are due **by August 3** (You will find the forms online at [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com) or you can fill them out online) Due to Covid, we are asking that ALL forms be filled out online. **ALL FORMS ARE REQUIRED!**

## **PAYMENT:**

Due to Covid, we will NOT be charging a Camp/Band Fee. However, we will be charging for items as they occur (T-shirt, dogtags, shoes, etc.)

## **COMMUNICATION:**

\*\*\*Kent City Bands uses - EXCLUSIVELY - the Band App for communication. Please make sure you are utilizing it. If you need an invitation code, please contact Mr. Schnicke.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO BAND CAMP**

- Instrument, in good working order (Have your instrument inspected before band camp). Meyer Music, Marshall Music or West Michigan Band will take care of it.
- Lanyard or long shoe lace to hold drill cards.
- Sling/reg. back pack and/or fanny pack for belongings to the field (cellphone, drill cards, chalk, reeds, etc)
- **3 Ring Binder with 8-10 sheet protectors. These are a requirement. Also a rope to hang it from shoulder. This will fit nicely in sling backpack to and from the field.**
- Sidewalk Chalk (standard or spray) Also a lanyard/shoe string for them as well as your drill cards.
  - Field markers (set of 4-5)

Keep informed- On Facebook Parents - @kentcitymusicboosters Students - @kentcitybands, On Twitter - @kentcitybands,  
online - [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com); via text/email updates - Remind.com;  
Student accounts, Calendar, and email - Charms Office

**For information on these and how to get them go to [KentCityBands.com](http://KentCityBands.com) for directions**

- Instrument extras: valve oil, slide oil, cork grease, extra reeds, extra drumsticks & tape, pencils, rubber bands, etc.
- Prescription Medications, including allergy medication, inhaler and epi-pens (**Note:** we cannot administer any medications without signed forms. In the band camp packet you will find a form for administration of OTC medications. There is also space for you to add specific items your student is used to using regularly.)
- Lip balm (Carmex is great for Brass), Gold Bond Powder (if needed during the day)
- Knee and/or ankle braces if needed
- Bug spray, **sun-block**, sunglasses, **sun visor/hat**
- Athletic shoes (athletic shoes with solid sides, toes and back, they should be made of leather or canvas, no vinyl or plastic, new shoes not recommended)
- Extra socks (higher than ankle to avoid blisters)
- Cotton t-shirts and athletic shorts (you will get dirty, hot and sweaty, so bring plenty)
- Raincoat/gear, sweatshirt and/or light jacket if needed.
- Water jug (Igloo Cooler style)
- Compression shorts to protect legs from being chapped. They can be purchased at Target, Walmart, or sporting goods stores. They are worn under mesh or nylon type athletic shorts.
  - Attire - This is an outdoor camp. Dress accordingly. Clothing needs to be cool and appropriate for outdoor athletic exercise. Remember, band camp rehearsals will be warm and outside. You will be doing a lot of athletic activity. Please be aware and prepared (it might be colder when we start and then heat up throughout the day). Dress in layers. We treat band camp the same as any athletic sport practice in the summer that practices outside. Appropriate Athletic wear is acceptable: Tank Tops, Sports Bras, Spandex, Shorts, etc. We do ask that during meals, shirts must be worn.
  - Hats - We wear hats at band camp to keep the top of our heads cool and protected from the sun.

**DO NOT BRING:** drinks (other than initial water bottle), stereos, laptops, tv's or coolers

COME PREPARED FOR HOT WEATHER... ANY WEATHER! (we will rehearse - rain or shine)

***Important Health Reminder:***

To the parents of children with asthma/reactive airway conditions: Please do not forget to pack your child's inhaler, even if he/she hasn't used it in a while. The conditions may include dust, pollens, and other environmental allergens to which your child is sensitive.

Keep informed- On Facebook Parents - @kentcitymusicboosters Students - @kentcitybands, On Twitter - @kentcitybands,  
 Online - [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com); via text/email updates - Remind.com;  
 Student accounts, Calendar, and email - Charms Office

**For information on these and how to get them go to [KentCityBands.com](http://KentCityBands.com) for directions**

## ***RULES/EXPECTATIONS***

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE EATEN PRIOR TO REHEARSAL.

No drug, smoking materials, tobacco products, non-prescription drugs, or alcoholic beverages are permitted at band camp (or any Kent City Band function). If any student is found in violation, parents will need to come to camp to pick up student (also school administration will be notified). Student will/may be dropped from the course for this violation.

ABSOLUTELY no hazing permitted.

The chaperones and camp staff **MUST** be obeyed and treated with respect. They have the same authority as the director.

No band member will leave the campus during the week for any reason until after dismissal. No quick runs home or quick runs to Speedway, etc.

Students are to only be in areas of the school designated for band camp.

No non-band guests should be invited to our rehearsals at camp.

No excuses for tardiness will be accepted. Plan accordingly to be there on time.

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION should have a form signed by a physician for self-administration.

**Cellphones at Band Camp** - Some students use cellphones for their drill cards during rehearsals. This is not the best way to utilize your drill. It is fine to snap a picture in case you lose your cards, but if you drop your drill card you pick it up off the lot and keep going. If you drop you \$1000 iPhone 11 the pavement....your parents won't be happy. Students can have their cellphones with them, but we ask that students stay OFF their phones during rehearsal. Please don't check social media during rehearsal nor check the time. We will get you out on time from rehearsals.

In addition, all rules of Kent City High School, and the Kent City Board of Education rules will be in force during the entire duration of the camp. **ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

Don't bring anything expensive to camp, if you do, you are bringing it at your own risk.

Keep informed- On Facebook Parents - @kentcitymusicboosters Students - @kentcitybands, On Twitter - @kentcitybands,  
Online - [www.kentcitybands.com](http://www.kentcitybands.com); via text/email updates - Remind.com;  
Student accounts, Calendar, and email - Charms Office

**For information on these and how to get them go to [KentCityBands.com](http://KentCityBands.com) for directions**