

Incoming Freshmen Meeting Agenda

April 1, 2020

I. Call to Order

II. Introduction

III. Band Camps

-Freshmen Band Camp (\$130, includes the cost of camp & band t-shirt)

June 22-26 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. *No registration required.

-Drumline Camp (Percussionists Only) (Free)

July 20-23 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

-Full Band Camp (\$20 per student, cash only please)

August 3-6 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

IV. Class Overview

-Expectations

-Marching Band

-Concert Band

-Ensembles

-Extra-Curricular Activities

-Assignments/Tests

-Chair Auditions

-Handbook

V. Band Tour

-St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin Ireland in Spring 2021

VI. Fundraising

-World's Finest Chocolate

VII. Questions

VIII. Adjournment

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my student be in band and be in sports, clubs, and/or other activities?

-Yes, absolutely! We encourage all of our students to participate in other activities and sports. We just ask that students are responsible and plan and organize their schedule so that they can split time between band and the other activity. In the event of a game or important event, students are asked to fill out Scheduling Conflict Sheets. These sheets are located outside Mr. Creagh's office. The conflict sheet is filled out at least a week before the event.

When does band meet?

-Band is an honors class that meets during the school day. Since we have a cascading schedule, the class moves each day like all the other classes.

Does the band play at all football games?

-During the regular season, we only play at home football games. Once we get a few games into the playoffs, we MAY travel with the team, depending on the size of the stadium and if the other school can accommodate our band.

When will the students receive the band calendar for the year?

-Band students will receive the full band calendar for the year at the first day of Full Band Camp. They will also receive their band handbooks at this time.

Does the band have rehearsals before or after school?

-The band does not rehearse before school. During the marching season, we will have some scheduled rehearsals on weeks where

we have a home football game (usually on Wednesday and Thursday). During the concert season, we may have some scheduled rehearsals before tour or our concerts. Otherwise, students do have sectionals that meet once per week during the concert season. Each instrument section has a different day that they will meet from 2:55 p.m.-3:45 p.m. If students have conflicts with sectionals or rehearsals, they are asked to fill out a Scheduling Conflict Sheet.

Is there a fee to be in band?

-No, there is no lab fee to be in the band. However, students will need to purchase a few items for the class. Please see those items located near the end of this document.

Do students have to take gym if they are in band?

-No, students who are in band do not need to take gym. However, they will need to make up their health credits. They can speak to their counselors when they sign up for classes.

Are students required to attend the band tour?

-Yes, the band tour is a mandatory event for all band students. We do understand the financial burden that this can have on families. We have never had a student not attend a tour due to financial reasons. If you know that you may have trouble with payments, please contact Mr. Creagh near the beginning of the school year so we can figure out a way for your son/daughter to attend the tour.

Does the band have a parent or booster organization?

-No, we do not. All band fundraising and tour payments are collected and organized by Mr. Creagh. We often have band parents help with certain events, like concerts, tour, parades, etc. We will have a volunteer sign-up at the first parent meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Will my student be able to rent an instrument through Marist?

-We usually rent instruments out to students who play larger instruments, such as baritone, tuba, percussion, baritone saxophone, etc. If your son/daughter does not own an instrument, please have them contact Mr. Creagh over the summer so we can plan ahead and make sure that they are able to have an instrument. We use Quinlan and Fabish for their repair services and purchasing instruments.

If you have any other questions for Mr. Creagh, please contact him via e-mail at creagh.andrew@marist.net.

Items to Purchase for Band

The band class at Marist does not charge a lab fee. However, students need to purchase the following items for the school year:

Marching Band Shoes (Need Before **August 1)**

Black Patent Showstopper https://www.amazon.com/DSI-Showstopper-Marching-Directors-Showcase/dp/B06XSBTSP2/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1524062754&sr=8-1&keywords=Black+Patent+Showstopper++shoes

Large 3-Ring Binder-Black (at least 2 inch)

Concert Band Tuxedo Pants (Need by December) CW112M Tuxedo Trousers www.bandshoppe.com Feel free to purchase tuxedo pants from wherever you would like. Just make sure the BLACK STRIPE is down the side of each leg.

Flip Folder & Lyre (Need ASAP, see below)

Flip Folders for Marching Band

Band Parents,

All incoming freshman band students will need to purchase flip folders and lyres for the upcoming marching season. The total cost should be around \$10. Here are some places that carry these items:

Quinlan and Fabish Music

6827 High Grove Blvd.
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Treble Clef Inc.

9722 S Roberts Rd Palos Hills, IL 60465

Rossi Music

4901 W 95th St
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Midlothian Music

15645 S. 94th Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462

Flip Folders can also be purchased through Amazon

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00065LM2E/ref=sxsts_k2p-hero-vn_bs_1?pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_p=3338417525430323799&pd_rd_wg=0G3Cv&pf_rd_r=ERPDW7K4AX83G8QA9W65&pf_rd_s=desktop-sx-top-slot&pf_rd_t=301&pd_rd_i=B00065LM2E&pd_rd_w=hxelb&pf_rd_i=flip+folder+marching+band&pd_rd_r=f20cf7ca-ee3a-4ea5-a63a-

[e5aa74a3e9ca&ie=UTF8&qid=1528981690&sr=1](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00065LM2E/ref=sxsts_k2p-hero-vn_bs_1?pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_p=3338417525430323799&pd_rd_wg=0G3Cv&pf_rd_r=ERPDW7K4AX83G8QA9W65&pf_rd_s=desktop-sx-top-slot&pf_rd_t=301&pd_rd_i=B00065LM2E&pd_rd_w=hxelb&pf_rd_i=flip+folder+marching+band&pd_rd_r=f20cf7ca-ee3a-4ea5-a63a-e5aa74a3e9ca&ie=UTF8&qid=1528981690&sr=1)). **Please note: please make sure to order a lyre too if needed (see below).**

*****Students will need about 20 pages*****

The following instruments need flip folders and lyres:

Flute Only)	Trumpet	Tuba (Flip Folder
Clarinet (Flip Folder Only)	Mellophone (Marching French Horn)	Percussion
Alto Saxophone	Trombone	
Tenor Saxophone	Baritone (Flip Folder Only)	

At the store, ask the salesman for a lyre for your particular instruments (ex. trumpets will need to ask for a trumpet lyre). These items need to be purchased ASAP.