

MYTH BUSTERS & FREE EXTRAS

I can't be in Marching Band because....

MARCHING BAND IS EXPENSIVE. Band doesn't have to cost you a nickel. All make a "fair share" contribution, but many earn all of that through our fundraising projects.

I AM IN SPORTS. We can work with most sports schedules. We rehearse during school, after school two days and one evening. We can be flexible with the after school sports.

I HAVE SPORTS EVENTS ON SATURDAY. We normally compete in late afternoon or evening and most of our Saturday morning parades are prior to sports events starting.

I HAVE / NEED A JOB. Employers highly value band students and will work around our schedule when you give them notice. Many band members have jobs.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MARCH. Good, because we want to teach you our way. There are very, very few people who CAN'T march. And in that case, there is our sideline ensemble.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MEMORIZE MUSIC. Yes you do. You sing along with music all the time. We will TEACH you how - and it is a valuable skill you'll utilize in other areas.

I AM IN VARSITY SINGERS. Most in VS Brass are in MB. We also have singers and stage crew members in marching band. You're busy, but both sides work to eliminate conflicts.

ADDITIONAL BAND FACTS:

- Employers, Scholarship Committees and Admissions counselors highly value students in Marching band because they know those

students have made extra commitments, know how to manage time and have learned valuable life-skills and lessons.

- Get in free to Basketball and Football games.
- We offer: Freshman Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band, Music Theory, Music Appreciation and more... Join us!
- Science has proven that music makes you smarter - and the proof is in the band.
- Your directors write amazing' reference letters for MB seniors to use as they search for jobs, scholarships and college admission.
- We allow 8th graders in our marching band.
- Band Freshmen already have 100 friends on the first day of school....and our upperclass members, including SENIORS, take care of our "newbies". No where else in the school will you get to interact and befriend Juniors and Seniors the way you will in MB. Nowhere.

YOU ALSO LEARN, GAIN & GET TO.....

- Time Management. MB requires you to be efficient ... a valuable skill to learn.
- Chain of Command. MB isn't military, but we do have section leaders, drum majors, and other areas of authority and accountability, and learning to work in that environment prepares you for after high school better than almost any other high school activity.
- Leadership. We offer lots of opportunities to develop leadership and people skills.
- Trips. In addition to bus trips around the state, we take a major trip every 3 years. As incoming Freshmen, you will get to make that trip 2x during your h/s career.
- **In 2011 WE WILL CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING (4 DAYS) AT DISNEY IN FLORIDA and march down Main Street USA.**

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