

**Mattawan High School Band**  
**Frequently Asked Questions and Basic Information**

**Which grades are included in the marching band?**

All 9th-12th grade band students are part of the marching band and hold a position in either the woodwind, brass, drumline, front ensemble, guard, or drum major roles.

**Do I have to be in marching band as part of high school band?**

Yes, marching band is part of the full year curriculum. It only takes place during the first six weeks of the school year as well as one parade performance in May.

**Can I play fall sports and be in band?**

Yes. We currently have a number of students who do participate in fall sports and marching band. We work with coaches and parents to iron out details when there are overlapping events.

**Do I already have to know how to march and play prior to starting band camp in the summer?**

No prior experience is necessary, but it is helpful if new students attend as many of the summer Tuesday evening rehearsals as possible to give them a good start on those skills.

**What costs are involved for marching season:**

Families are asked to pay the \$150 band donation which is used toward the cost of additional instructors, uniform purchases and repairs, the band show shirt, feeding the band dinner at each competition and game, and other items as needed. Students are also asked to pay for their own shoes at a cost of approximately \$36 and color guard students are asked to pay for personal-wear items (leotards, etc) at a cost of approximately \$35. All students have the option of purchasing a band jacket that they will wear for the four years they are in HS band and beyond, at a cost of \$85.

## **Do I have to attend every summer rehearsal and every day of band camp?**

We strongly recommend that you set aside the dates for evening rehearsals in the summer as well as the main focused weeks during August, but we also support the idea of all of you having time for summer travel with your families! These rehearsals are where we literally learn the music, drill routines, choreography, and how to assemble it together as a group of almost 200 performers. Additionally, we have a lot of additional instructors on hand for this part of the experience to give our students a lot of resources for their learning and to build their confidence for the entire season.

### **Summer Rehearsals** for all 9th-12th grade students in July

Tuesday 9th - HS Band Rehearsal 6-9pm  
Tuesday 16th - HS Band Rehearsal 6-9pm  
Tuesday 23rd - HS Band Rehearsal 6-9pm  
Tuesday 30th - HS Band Rehearsal 6-9pm  
Tuesday, August 7th - No Rehearsal

### **Band Camp** for ALL 9th-12th grade students is held in August

Monday 12th - Friday 16th - Week 1 8am - 5pm  
Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd - Week 2 8am - 5pm  
**Thursday 22nd - Family Potluck at 5:30,  
Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting 7pm,  
Band Dance 7:30-9pm**

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 28th - HS Band Rehearsal 6pm Performance for Parents 7pm  
Thursday 29th - Home Game Performance 5pm - 9pm

### **Concert Season:**

Main Performances :

Holiday Concert: Late November/Early December  
Winter Concert: Late February  
MSBOA Festival: Early March  
Spring Concert: Late April/Early May  
Spring Parade: Mid-May

### **What do I bring to Band Camp:**

½ gallon-sized water jug, sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses, a hat, tennis shoes and socks, athletic shorts and a t-shirt, deodorant, a lanyard for drill, a 3-ring binder with 10-15 clear pages for music, and a SACK LUNCH. **PLEASE NOTE:** Lunches are closed-campus for the sake of safety and for team-building activities. Students should stay at the school for lunch. Snacks will be provided at

mid-morning and mid-afternoon, and snack donations are greatly appreciated!

**Booster Information:**

Every BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN is a Band Booster! The Mattawan Band Boosters provide volunteer support to the student band members and directors and financial assistance to the instrumental program and all of its activities.

**VOLUNTEER:** Becoming involved in the band parent team is a WONDERFUL way to support your own student and every student. IT TAKES A VILLAGE to build the show and move them down the road to competitions. It is also very rewarding as an adult to get a look at some of what is happening behind the scenes!

**Ways to volunteer as a HS parent**

- Home Game Concession Stand (Fall Sports...Freshman, JV, and Varsity Football, Boys JV and Varsity Soccer, Girls Freshman, JV, and Varsity Volleyball)
- Feed the band at competitions and home games
- Secure bottles of water for the band at each competition and game
- Repairs and upgrades on various equipment
- Fittings and alterations for uniforms
- Apparel Sales
- Drive school vehicles that pull the large band trailers to competitions
- Chaperone at events such as the band camp dance and band banquet dance
- Serve on the band banquet food or decorations committee

**Booster Meetings:** Are held the second Wednesday every other month. The next one is on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Band Room.

**Please contact us if you have questions:**

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# 2019 Summer and Fall HS Band Calendar

*For all Incoming 9th-12th Grade Band Students*

(For more information please see the calendar on our band website [Mattawanbands.org](http://Mattawanbands.org))

## July

Tuesday 2nd - No Rehearsal, Enjoy the 4th of July Holiday week!  
Tuesday 9th - HS Band Rehearsal Leadership 2:30 pm All other incoming 6-9pm  
Tuesday 16th - HS Band Rehearsal Leadership 4:00 pm All other incoming 6-9pm  
Tuesday 23rd - HS Band Rehearsal Leadership 4:00 pm All other incoming 6-9pm  
Tuesday 30th - HS Band Rehearsal Leadership 4:00 pm All other incoming 6-9pm

## August

Tuesday 6th - No Rehearsal  
Monday 12th - Friday 16th - HS Band Camp Week 1- 8am - 5pm (Monday thru Friday)  
Monday 19th - Thursday 22nd - HS Band Camp Week 2- 8am - 5pm (Monday thru Thursday)  
**Thursday 22nd - Family Potluck at 5:30, Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting 7pm,  
Band Dance 7:30-9pm**  
Monday 26th HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
Tuesday 27th HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Wednesday 28th -Rehearsal 5pm - 7pm in the Stadium  
Parent/Community Performance 7pm in the Stadium**  
**Thursday 29th - Home Game Performance 5pm - 9:30pm**

## September

Tuesday 3rd - School Starts/Evening Rehearsal - 6pm - 9pm  
Saturday 7th - HS Band Rehearsal 10am - 5pm  
Monday 9th - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Friday 13th - Home Game Performance 5pm - 9:30pm**  
Monday 16th - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Saturday 21st - Rockford Competition**  
Monday 23rd - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Saturday 28th - Otsego Competition**  
Monday 30th - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
(8th grade band parents and students included from 7pm - 8:30pm)

## October

**Friday 4th - 8th Grade and HS Band  
Homecoming Parade and Home Game Performance 4:30pm - 9:30 pm**  
**Saturday 5th - Hastings Competition**  
Monday 7th - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Wednesday 9th - MSBOA Marching Festival - Location TBD**  
**Saturday 12th - Wednesday, 16th DISNEY 2019!!**  
Monday 21st - HS Band Rehearsal 5pm - 9pm  
**Friday 25th- Home Game Performance 5pm - 9:30pm**

**Band Banquet will be held at the end of the season in Late October or Early November.**

**Mattawan Marching Band Jacket Order Form**

**Item Description:**

Navy Blue with a Mattawan “Block M” and section in yellow on the left chest. Back has “Mattawan Wildcats Marching Band” embroidered in yellow stitching. Jackets are available in both Mens and Women’s sizes.

**Cost:**

Jackets cost \$85 including the embroidery

**Size Options: (Please Circle One)**

Jackets are offered in sizes:

Men’s:        S        M        L        XL        XXL        XXXL

Women’s:    S        M        L        XL        XXL        XXXL

**Embroidery Options: (Please Circle One)**

Front Left Section Options:        Woodwind                    Brass                    Percussion                    Guard

Front Left – Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY AUGUST 16TH***

# Mattawan Band Marching Shoes



Men's Drill Shoe	Men's <b>WIDE</b> Drill Shoe	Women's Drill Shoe	Woman's <b>WIDE</b> Drill Shoe
2.5	6.5	4.5	8.5
3	7	5	9
3.5	7.5	5.5	9.5
4	8	6	10
4.5	8.5	6.5	10.5
5	9	7	11
5.5	9.5	7.5	11.5
6	10	8	12
6.5	10.5	8.5	12.5
7	11	9	13
7.5	11.5	9.5	13.5
8	12	10	14
8.5	12.5	10.5	14.5
9	13	11	15
9.5		11.5	
10		12	
10.5		12.5	
11		13	
11.5		13.5	
12		14	
12.5		14.5	
13		15	
14		16	
15		17	
16		18	
17		19	
18		20	

<u>Order Form</u>	
Child's Name:	
Child's Grade Fall 2019:	
Shoe Size Ordering:	
Payment Received:	Cash:
	Check #:
Notes:	

## Important Shoe Information

- ❖ Both Men and Woman and all sizes – even WIDE – are \$36.
- ❖ Shoes can be ordered three ways:
  - Online at [www.mattawanbands.org](http://www.mattawanbands.org) go to the Store and find Marching Band Shoes **MAKE SURE YOU INDICATE CHILD'S FULL NAME, GRADE THIS FALL, AND SHOE SIZE IN THE COMMENTS**
  - By mailing the order form to: Mattawan Band Boosters, PO Box 27, Mattawan, MI 49071 **before AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>** or Susan VanLoo will be collecting orders the first couple weeks of band camp. You will need to send your child with the order form and payment.
  - By bringing the form to a **Tuesday Night Rehearsal** in July
- ❖ **All orders will need to be placed by Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** Orders after this date will be subject to additional shipping charges (we get a break when we order together).
- ❖ If you have any questions feel free to contact Susan VanLoo via phone at (269) 207 3925 or via email at [sdvanloo@hotmail.com](mailto:sdvanloo@hotmail.com)
- ❖ Your child's shoes will be delivered to the school and distributed within the first few weeks of school.