

# **Mattawan Marching Band**

## **August 2020 Rehearsal Plans and Guidelines**

Welcome to August 2020! We are really proud of our students and instructional staff and what they have started to build during our July rehearsals. We hope that with the right kind of communication, safety considerations, and conscientious planning, we can offer our students the opportunity to continue building a great experience!

### **UPDATED Pre-Camp for ALL 9th-12th grade students**

**Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: August 11th, 12th, and 13th**

**4pm - 6pm Full Brass**

**6pm - 9pm Full Guard**

**7pm - 9pm Full Woodwinds and Percussion**

### **UPDATED Band Camp for ALL 9th-12th grade students**

**Monday through Friday: August 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st**

We will have exact times for each section of the band once we receive our finalized updated guidelines from the administration.

Please note: we have now added Friday, August 21st to our dates

Our remaining August dates and times will be updated as we receive more information on guidelines from the administration. We know the above schedule adaptations may cause some unique situations for families with regard to transportation and for those with more than one student, but we are working to adhere to a “no more than 100 students at rehearsal at a time” policy.

All August rehearsals will be held outside at Mattawan High School. We will be following all safety protocols as established by the State of Michigan, MHSAA, and the Mattawan School District. Communication on all of these details will be sent to parents and students via email, the band website ([mattawanbands.org](http://mattawanbands.org)) and the Mattawan Bands facebook page.

Please note: rehearsals contained in this plan are completely voluntary. No student will suffer penalty of any kind surrounding absences from these rehearsals due to health safety decisions. These rehearsals are being offered as an opportunity to train and learn skill sets required for the 2020 fall season. Please let both directors know if you are unable or prefer not to attend so we can still share materials and resources with you remotely. You may do that via email: [bboswell@mattawanschools.org](mailto:bboswell@mattawanschools.org) and [bjonker@mattawanschools.org](mailto:bjonker@mattawanschools.org)

**Safety Protocol Changes and Updates:** We will let you know if there are any policy changes, schedule changes, or cancellations as soon as possible. This might be especially true as we adjust to the remaining August dates.

**Weather Concerns:** If there is any sign of rain or other significant weather during any portion of the rehearsal timeframe, we will potentially cancel rehearsals. We will post these updates on our website, facebook page, email, and through use of student communication using the BAND APP.

#### **What to Bring to Rehearsal:**

- **Please wear:** Tshirt, athletic shorts, socks, tennis shoes, extra deodorant, and a **cloth or medical mask** that can be worn to cover your nose and mouth
- A ½ gallon sized water jug - **already filled**. (We will not have access to refill) - a store-bought water bottle will NOT be enough water later in the season so please invest in the ½ gallon size
- A 3-ring binder with 15-20 clear page protectors and a pencil
- Copies of your brass, woodwind, or percussion packet - shared in google drive
- Copies of the show music - shared in google drive
- A lanyard - this will be used for your required mask and your dot card
- A folding music stand (optional: we will not be allowed to use school stands)
- Sunscreen/Bug spray
- Sunglasses
- A hat
- Meds/inhaler
- Guard - please bring a beach towel to use to designate your rehearsal space

## Arrival On Campus

- Please arrive NO SOONER THAN 15 minutes prior to your designated rehearsal time.
- All students who are being dropped off will need to be wearing their mask as they step out of the car, and immediately check-in near the band practice field front sideline tower.
- All students who are driving themselves will be asked to park near the east tennis court side of the student parking lot, leaving an empty parking space between each vehicle, wear a mask as they exit the car, and practice social distancing as they immediately report to check-in at the tents located near the band practice field front sideline tower. *Please note: students and volunteers should NOT park in the spaces along the road near the front sideline of the field so those can be reserved for the health check-in area.*
- All students will be asked to complete the required health questionnaire EACH DAY prior to arrival and will have their temperature checked on-site using the district infrared thermometer at the check-in station upon arrival. If for some reason you do not have access to complete the questionnaire prior to arrival, you will be asked the questions in person. If you have a temperature, you will be asked to go home prior to rehearsal. (See the additional attached District Athletic and Activities Health Screening outline)
- All of the instructional staff and any volunteers will also complete the health questionnaire and take a temperature check prior to working with students.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at the check-in area for any student that would like access to it.
- Access to restrooms will not be allowed per the current school district athletic and activity use policy, except for emergencies. Since each student will only be on site for 2-3 hours in total, we hope they will be able to use the restroom prior to attending. We will work with any student who has an individual or emergency bathroom concern. We will have first-aid kit supplies available at the check-in station.
- Students will not be allowed to share water bottles, bug spray, sunscreen, music, music supplies, music stands, instrument supplies, guard equipment, or any other item. We will have extra reeds, oil, mallets and other supplies on site that we can provide to the students that will be safe to use and keep going forward.
- Sections will not be allowed to intermingle or socialize before or after rehearsal, or during breaks, for health safety reasons.

- Once students have been approved at check-in, they will report to their assigned sectional location, stand in their specific designated spot, and wait for instructions from their instructor. Please note: *In most cases, rehearsals will be held while standing. In the event that a student needs to utilize a chair for medical reasons, please bring a secure lawn chair or folding chair from home or contact a director in advance and we will sanitize a chair for you.*
- All rehearsal spaces will be OUTDOORS in groups of like-instruments utilizing 6ft social distancing. All visual (marching) rehearsals will be set in a standard block setting observing 4 marching steps / 90 inches / 7' 6" on every side.

## Music

- All music is currently available in google drive and has been shared for students to access. This includes all of the information they need for music, specific instrument packets, and the season schedule.
- The link for this is:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1C1aCO0ya60MyIZcyCU6b8ppAcCOrOHQb?usp=sharing>
- In the case that a student does not have access to a printer at home, we will have a limited amount of printed music available for the students to pick up at rehearsals from the staff. **Please remember you will not be standing close enough to other section members to share music binders or stands if you decide to bring your own folding stand.**

## Breakdown/Cleanup/Exiting Campus

- Students should plan to take home every personal item, instrument, and accessory that they have been using.
- Students who are waiting to be picked up will be asked to remain in a designated pick-up area near the portable building by the band room entrances, with proper social distancing until their ride arrives. Please try to pick up your students in a very timely manner as we have only allowed an extra 15 minutes before and after each segment for this. Sections will be released from rehearsals on a staggered schedule similar to arrivals.