

## MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

Marching Band Sign Ups and Information Packets will be passed out by Mr. Rais in May

- No audition necessary for woodwind and brass players!
- Auditions for drumline are required, date to be announced (June).
- Watch for posters in your school advertising spring Color Guard Try-Outs. They are usually in May.
- String and double reed players: start a second instrument and join the marching band!
- We do not use marching guitar.

What's the summer schedule like? Woodwinds and Brass start at CHS at pre-band camp, August 16-19, 2011. Color Guard meets several days a week June-August. Drum Line meets for 9 full days over the summer, and meets in shorter sectionals usually twice a week. Drumline and Color Guard also attend preband camp and band camp.

When is band camp? All Marching Band students attend an overnight band camp August 22-28, 2010. It's the best part of the whole year!

What about when school starts? When school starts the marching band meets 2-3 days a week for 2 hour rehearsals after school. They perform at all home games and at two to three additional "away" performances. Your weekends are free of marching band duties.

How much does it cost? \$290 for woodwinds, and brass. \$330 for Color Guard, \$480 for drumline (made in two payments—one for drumline camp and one for marching band camp). The cost covers all summer camps and expenses for the entire season except uniform drycleaning. There is an additional LPS pay-to-play cost for \$50 for any sport.

Can I play sports and do marching band? Fall sports conflict with marching band, but you can participate in winter and spring sports.

Can I be in MSC or CAPA and do marching band? Yes! MSC does not conflict. CAPA students may also be in marching band but are not allowed to be in the cast for the fall musical. (You can still be in the pit or a running crew).

Can I be in marching band if I'm not in Band or Orchestra? No. The director reserves only 5 spots for non-band members and these are given to juniors/seniors in career center or with an internship conflict.

Can I be in Band and Orchestra and not in Marching Band? Yes.

Can I earn a Letter in Marching Band? Yes, after two years.

I'm a freshman and don't know anyone and don't think I'll have friends at camp and I'll be really lonely and scared, what should I do? Join Marching Band! This is the BEST way to make friends BEFORE school starts! You will be with friendly people that enjoy music and will help you adjust to high school. It will be nice to start school and see familiar faces on the first day. ALL freshman are nervous about marching band, so you won't be alone. You will be glad you joined.