



## **MARCHING BAND GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Does the AG Band rehearse during the summer?**

YES! The band holds periodic sectionals throughout June and July, as well as band camp held at the end of July/beginning of August.

### **Where is band camp held?**

Band camp is held on campus at the high school typically during late July and/or early August. Ensemble rehearsals take place in the band room, and marching rehearsals take place on the field and/or parking lots.

### **Am I required to attend camp?**

YES! Band camp is mandatory. Because we do so much of the critical preparation for the season during these weeks, failure to be at any part of camp not only makes it harder for you to be successful, it also makes it very difficult for the rest of the ensemble.

### **What should I do if I have a scheduling conflict?**

We understand that things come up, and that certain conflicts are unavoidable. If for some reason, you are unable to make it to any scheduled rehearsal or performance, the first thing you should do is contact Mr. Durso. We try our best to be understanding, and to work alongside students and parents in everything that we do. However, we do ask that families try to schedule vacations and other events around the summer schedule.

### **Where can I find a schedule?**

Schedules for the summer will be given to students in April each year. Students will each receive a hard copy of the schedule for each month, and if they misplace it, there will be plenty of extras! Also, there is a detailed calendar on the band website that includes all rehearsals and performance, and is regularly updated to include changes. We recommend that parents and students BOTH check the calendar regularly.

### **At what events does the band perform?**

The band performs for all home football games as well as away games each season. Other performances include the Carmichaels Coal Parade, the LH Band Festival, The Albert Gallatin Homecoming Parade, The Uniontown Halloween Parade, WPXI Holiday Parade, the annual Veteran's Day Parade, and Memorial Day Parades. Over the past fifteen years, the band has performed in several major cities and historic locations throughout the U.S. including Pittsburgh, PA; Toronto, Canada; Nashville, TN; Washington D.C.; Baltimore, MD; and Williamsburg, VA



### **Is there a booster organization?**

Yes! The booster organization meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and all parents/guardians are invited to attend. Each meeting will cover important information for both parents and students, as well as helping to organize important events such as senior night or the band banquet. Our booster officers work very hard to ensure that we provide the very best opportunity for each student.

### **Can I be a chaperone?**

Yes! We are always looking for more help from parents. If you wish to be a chaperone, you must begin by obtaining all necessary clearances. Next, you should come to a meeting and speak directly to our booster officers who handle the scheduling of volunteers.

*\*If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Durso: [cdutrso@gmail.com](mailto:cdutrso@gmail.com)\**