

# 2020 RHS Marching Band Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in joining the 2020 RHS Marching Band on the field! Please read through this packet carefully as it will provide you with a variety of information about the marching band program/season along with important dates from now until the end of the season. Please let Mr. Luckenbill know if you have any questions and we look forward to you joining the RHSMB family!

\*\*\*\*\***ONLINE REGISTRATION:** ALL Members must **FIRST** complete the online registration form. Go to the *Marching Band* page on [rhsbands.org](http://rhsbands.org) (also linked on home page) and complete the form ONLINE. Link was also sent via email.  
**DEADLINE for the Online Registration Form is: Friday, May 15**\*\*\*\*\*

## REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Online Registration Form by **May 15** (box above) – THAT'S IT FOR NOW!!!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Marching Band FEE is typically \$695** and is typically divided into 2 payments. **NO PAYMENTS ARE DUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** See **below** for a breakdown of each of the payments.

**No student has ever been denied participation in the RHS Marching Band due to financial circumstances.**

If your child requires alternate payment arrangements or financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Luckenbill. We're happy to work with you individually to help set-up a comfortable payment option. Requests in prior years have included: monthly payments, bi-weekly payments, and varied scholarships considered on a case-by-case basis. Please make requests ASAP – all requests will remain confidential.

- **Payment / Refund / Cancellation Information:** Since music, materials, props, costumes, flags, drill, and accommodations are custom designed, written, built, sewn, and purchased prior to **TBD**, **NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THAT DATE.** If a student chooses not to participate after this packet has been returned, the Band Director must be notified IMMEDIATELY.
- Marching Band Registration Questions should be addressed to:  
Mrs. Mari Tagliabue at (201) 693-1632 (cell) or mari3@me.com
- Specific questions about the RHS Marching Band should be addressed to:  
Mr. Luckenbill at (201) 670-2800 ext. 20744 or jluckenbill@ridgewood.k12.nj.us

### **Payment #1 (\$345) Includes:**

(Due **TBD**)

Timber Lake Camp - Band Camp Fee

### **Payment #2 (\$350) helps supplement:**

(Due **TBD**)

Provided Meals and Snacks for Season

Band Camp Staff & Nurse

Drill Writing

Music Arranging (Winds & Percussion)

Color Guard Choreography

Show T-Shirt

Show Props & Supplies

Cakes/Decorations/Supplies/Etc.

End-of-the-Year Dinner Banquet (Tides Restaurant)

**Musicians:** Uniform Dry Cleaning

**Color Guard:** \$50 towards Costume Fee - Total Fee TBD



# **ATTENDANCE / BEHAVIOR POLICY**

## **RHS Marching Band 2020 Season**

✱Attendance AGREEMENT is part of the Online Registration Process. Please read THIS POLICY before checking the box on the online registration form. ✱

The success of the Ridgewood High School Marching Band is dependent upon the dedication, attendance, and appropriate behavior of all members of the group. Absences and tardiness from rehearsals have a significant effect on the band's ability to move ahead, as do negative or inappropriate behaviors. This policy is aimed at providing a positive working and learning environment for all students in order to attain the highest level of achievement and performance. All rehearsals, performances, and activities listed in the calendar are **MANDATORY**, unless otherwise noted, and the following guidelines apply:

### **Expectations**

- All students are required to attend **ALL** practices, sectionals, games, competitions, events and activities as listed on the Marching Band Calendar. When joining the Marching Band, you accept the rehearsal/performance calendar as your personal responsibility. Realize that successful performances can only be achieved through effective rehearsals. Absences from rehearsals have a significant effect on the band's ability to move ahead. Since we must perform as a complete group, it is therefore imperative that we rehearse as one.
- After school rehearsals are held from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM, **unless otherwise specified**. Please consult the calendar for exact times and locations of each rehearsal.
- Saturday rehearsal locations and times are specified in the Marching Band Calendar. Times may change depending on the performance time of our competition each week. Notification will come as soon as the director is aware of the change of rehearsal time.
- Percussion sectionals are included in the Marching Band Calendar due to field reservation considerations. All other sections will arrange their sectional for a time agreeable to all members of that section. Color guard sectionals will be announced by the staff as needed.
- It is expected that students will behave in a manner which is respectful to other students, staff, and chaperones. All school rules and expectations remain in place during all rehearsals, performances, and events.

### **Preparation**

- You are required to be prepared for each rehearsal so that rehearsals may begin on time. That means that you are at the field with your instrument, music, pencil, coordinate sheets, drill binder, and other necessary materials **ready to start** at the specified time.
- You are required to wear the proper attire for all rehearsals. This includes athletic shoes/sneakers, socks and comfortable clothing that allow you to march. No sandals/flip-flops or excessively baggy clothing.

### **Absences**

- You have regularly scheduled rehearsals and performances which have been given to you long in advance. Do not schedule college visits, medical or dental appointments, academic tutoring, private music instruction, or any other activity during these specified times.
- **If you miss a rehearsal for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, the staff reserves the right to prohibit you from marching in the next performance, if they feel that you are not adequately prepared.**
  - Several missed rehearsals may result in your expulsion from the group.
- Excused absences from rehearsal are limited to the following:
  - Personal illness which confines you at home (excused absence from school).
  - Personal illness which causes you to be sent home by the school nurse.
  - Death in the family.
  - Religious holiday (please notify the Band Director in advance).
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis with at least two weeks advance notice.

- Unexcused absences include reasons not listed above. If you are present for a full day of school and you do not attend rehearsal or if you leave school without clearance from the school nurse, your absence will be considered unexcused. Absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the validity of the absence.
- **Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action:**
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> offense: Student conference with Band Director.
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> offense: Parents are contacted.
  - 3<sup>RD</sup> offense: Suspension from one performance.
  - 4<sup>TH</sup> offense: Expulsion from the group.

### **Tardiness**

- Unexcused and excessive tardiness to rehearsal will not be tolerated.
- If you have a ninth period assignment, you must bring your instrument/equipment to ninth period, then come quickly to rehearsal **with a pass from the supervising teacher**.
- If you are serving a 3:15 detention, you must also report to rehearsal immediately afterwards with a pass from the supervising teacher. Since these detentions end at 4:05, your tardiness will be considered unexcused.
- Unexcused tardiness will result in disciplinary action.
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> offense: Student conference with Band Director
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> offense: Phone call to parent
  - 3<sup>RD</sup> offense: Suspension from one performance
- Subsequent offenses may lead to expulsion from the group.

### **Appeals**

- Students wishing to appeal decisions regarding attendance must contact the Director to arrange for a conference to include the Director, student, parent, and additional staff as necessary.

### **Flexibility**

- If you believe that a conflict which may cause you to either miss or be late to a rehearsal is unavoidable, see the Director as far in advance as possible. Options can often be worked out with other teachers, coaches, etc. that will make it unnecessary to miss marching band rehearsal. (e.g. Driver Ed meetings...with advance notice are always flexible for athletes and band members.)

### **Communication**

- Communication of absences must be done directly through the Band Director! For example, you cannot tell someone else to tell the Director that you will be absent. Even if the reason is legitimate, this will be considered an unexcused absence. The communication must be made **in person** from student to Director.
- All absence requests due to extenuating circumstances must be provided in writing (email) from a parent, with at least one-week advance notice.
- If you are sick at home, you or your parent must call or email the Director that you will not be present at rehearsal. All calls/emails must be made at least two hours prior to the scheduled rehearsal time.
- In the event that you are sent home prior to the end of the school day by the school nurse, you must call or email Mr. Luckenbill immediately.
- Remember that absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the validity of the absence.

**Mr. Luckenbill: (201) 670-2800 ext. 20744 or [jluckenbill@ridgewood.k12.nj.us](mailto:jluckenbill@ridgewood.k12.nj.us)**

### **Field Trips (Games and Competitions)**

- All band members are required to travel to and from all events on buses, under the supervision of the RHS Marching Band Staff, since the school is responsible for the safety and well-being of the students. While at events, the students must also remain under the direct supervision of the staff.
- Any special requests for late arrival to an event or early departure from an event must be done in writing **at least one week in advance**, accompanied by the appropriate paperwork. (*Contact Mr. Luckenbill to obtain the correct forms.*)

# 2020 RHS Marching Band Spring/Summer TENTATIVE Calendar

Spring and summer rehearsals/performances are listed below. Any additional percussion and color guard rehearsals will be communicated to students in those sections. All rehearsals will take place at the RHS Band Room unless otherwise noted (virtually).

**Please note: EVERYONE is expected to attend the dates listed below (including rookie members).**

## April

Wednesday, April 29      6:00-7:00 PM      Color Guard Interest Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 29      7:00-8:00 PM      Percussion Interest Meeting (Virtual)

## May

Wednesday, May 6      7:00-8:00 PM      **Open House for All Prospective Members** (Virtual)  
(Presentation by Mr. Luckenbill - Find out more info about the RHSMB, get your questions answered and meet some staff/students involved with the RHSMB)

Friday, May 15 - - - - - **REGISTRATION DUE (Online Form)**

Wednesday, May 20      7:00-8:00 PM      **2020 Kick-Off & Organizational Meeting**  
**\*MANDATORY for student and a parent (VIRTUALLY)\***

Wednesday, May 27      7:00-8:30 PM      Full Band Spring Rehearsal #1 (Virtual)

## June

Wednesday, June 3      7:00-8:30 PM      Full Band Spring Rehearsal #2 (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 10      7:00-8:30 PM      Full Band Spring Rehearsal #3 (Virtual)

Wednesday, June 17      7:00-8:30 PM      Full Band Spring Rehearsal #4 (Virtual)

Tuesday, June 30      6:00-8:00 PM      July 4 Parade Rehearsal (Tentative)

## July

Thursday, July 2      6:00-8:00 PM      July 4 Parade Rehearsal (Tentative)

Saturday, July 4      9:00-11:00 AM      July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade (Tentative)  
*Our portion of the parade ends by 11AM!*  
**Family BBQ to follow Parade – Tentative**

## Band Camp TENTATIVE Schedule

### **Band Camp @ RHS**

**Monday, August 17**

LEADERSHIP TEAM ONLY

**Tuesday, August 18 – Friday, August 21**

ALL Members

\*\*\*\*Exact Schedule Released Over the Summer\*\*\*\*

### **Band Camp @ TLC (Timber Lake Camp)**

**Sunday, August 23 – Friday, August 28**

Depart from RHS Parking Lot at 10:30 AM (Aug. 23) / Return to RHS Parking Lot by 3PM (Aug. 28)

# 2020 RHS Marching Band FALL TENTATIVE Calendar

This page contains the **TENTATIVE** Marching Band Calendar for the 2020 Fall Season. Students are required to attend ALL rehearsals, performances and activities. Any conflicts for the season should be communicated ASAP to Mr. Luckenbill in order to plan accordingly.

**\* An EXACT calendar will be distributed at the Organizational Meeting or as soon as it's available \***

## Weekly Rehearsal Schedule

Monday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:30-6:00 PM (**Percussion Only Sectional**)

Wednesday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Friday: 3:30-6:00 PM

Saturday: Rehearsal Time depends on Competition Performance Time (9am-4pm, if no competition)

**\* Saturdays** are an important day for the RHSMB, between rehearsals and competitions. **Please block out the ENTIRE day, every Saturday during the marching band season, as we don't know the times of our competitions until a few weeks before.** More information will be communicated at the May 13 meeting. **\***

Rehearsals take place at two locations: (1) Kenilworth Field is located across from Somerville School on South Pleasant Ave (2) The RHS Main Football field is the main turf field at RHS.

In the event of inclement weather, rehearsal will be held in an indoor facility (band room/campus center), which will be announced that day by email, Google Classroom and KOHORT message. **We will ALWAYS have rehearsal!**

## 2020 RHSMB Performance Schedule

Friday, September 11: Home Football Game vs PCTI HS

Saturday, September 12: Band Association Family Picnic (4:30-7:30 PM)

Friday, September 25: AWAY Football Game vs. Ramapo HS

Saturday, September 26: Competition @ Northern Valley Old Tappan HS

Friday, October 2: Home Football Game vs. Wayne Hills HS (7/8 Grade Band Day)

Saturday, October 3: Competition @ MetLife Stadium (Yamaha Cup)

Friday, October 9: Home Football Game vs. JFK HS

Saturday, October 10: Competition @ West Orange HS

Saturday, October 24: Competition @ Ridge HS

Friday, October 30: Home Football Game vs East Side HS (Senior Night)

Saturday, October 31: Competition @ **TBD** (State Championships)

Saturday, November 7: Competition @ J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, PA (National Championships)

**\* Please note that National Championship (Nov. 7) IS over Teacher's Convention Weekend \***

**IMPORTANT – REGARDING FOOTBALL GAMES:** The RHS Marching Band performs at all home football games during the regular season **and playoffs**. Tentative playoff games will be noted on the full calendar distributed at the Organizational Meeting.

**\* ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE MADE WITH AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE!!! \***

**\* PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY APPOINTMENTS OR COLLEGE VISITS, ETC. THAT WILL CONFLICT WITH REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES!!! YOU HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE RHS MARCHING BAND, AND HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO ADHERE TO THIS CALENDAR. \***

