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Welcome to the 2015 Season of the Marching Rams!

Welcome to the 2015-2016 Marching Rams. Whether you are a new or returning musician or family, please read and familiarize yourself with the information in this packet. This packet includes Band Camp guidelines, a Band Camp order form, a detailed camp schedule, and a season schedule. As always, please visit gemusic.org for the most up to date information. And so it begins...

Keys to a successful season:

Marching Band days can long and sweaty, but in the end you be in awe of what we have accomplished together! In a few short months you will make new friends, get reacquainted with old ones, learn a pile of new music, refresh some old music, get the traditional band tan, eat some delicious food, hear some terrible jokes, have some sore muscles, support our football team, embody school spirit, and entertain our families and community. Just ask the seniors... they will tell you that the days are long, but the years fly by. In order to make the most of our time together, we would ask that you do a few things:

Be in attendance and on time.

It doesn't matter what you play or how amazing you are.
Marching band is the ultimate group activity. We can't move forward without you.

Make good choices.

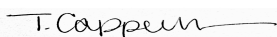
Choose your words and actions carefully.

Keep things in perspective.

What may seem like a big deal after a long day,
may not after some rest and food. Keep your eye on the prize!

Remember that you are important.

It doesn't matter what you play or how many years you've been in band, your directors believe that you are important, and want you to have a great experience. Do what we ask and give it your best!



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2015 Band Camp Information:

Attendance:

Band Camp will run from Monday, August 10th through Friday August 14th. Daily attendance at camp is a mandatory requirement of the course. Each and every absence affects the group. We understand that “life happens” and that there will occasionally be unavoidable conflicts, but we ask that families please avoid scheduling doctors’ appointments or other flexible things during camp/rehearsal hours. Please contact a director and fill out the absence form at gemusic.org as soon as possible if a student must miss an event. All camp rehearsals will take place at Glenbard East and will occur regardless of weather conditions.

What to Wear:

To ensure comfort and safety, it is important that students are dressed appropriately. We highly recommend the following:

- Comfortable, loose-fitting, light-colored, school-appropriate clothing.
- Hat / Sunglasses to protect eyes from the sun
- Sunscreen... Sunburns are painful.
- Athletic footwear. Flip Flops may not be worn during band camp. Students that do not have appropriate foot wear will be asked to wear their marching shoes for their own safety.

Please make note of the “themes” on the daily schedule. These themes were chosen by your leadership team. There will be rewards for the most spirited sections!

What to bring:

- Water & snacks. There will be break times scheduled throughout the day.
- Instrument in working condition.
- Pencils. You’ll need them outside so have a pocket or a plan.
- Lyre. All students are required to have a lyre and flip folder. Students may not hold their music while they march. We have a limited supply that can be sold to students, but because there are many different styles and colors, we recommend purchasing a lyre on your own. Students are free to choose the style they find most comfortable. They can be purchased at any music store or online (even Amazon has them). Please have this item by the start of camp.

Meal Plan:

Students should be sure to eat lunch and hydrate before camp. We know that good food goes a long way. We have arranged delicious dinners to be served during camp. Students may purchase the week of dinners for \$26, or may choose to bring their own food. Meals cannot be purchased a la carte.

- Tuesday: pasta (vegetarian), chicken, salad, dessert & beverage
- Wednesday: Taco Bar (chicken/beef), Spanish rice, beans, chips & salsa, dessert & beverage. Vegetarian options can be arranged.
- Thursday: Pizza (vegetarian options available), salad, dessert & beverage
- Friday: Hotdogs, burgers, veggie burgers, chips, fruit, dessert & beverage

Uniforms:

Students will be fitted for a marching band uniform during camp. Uniforms will be kept at school. Other than normal wear and tear, students will be responsible for any excessive damage to their uniform. Our volunteer parents spend hours maintaining our uniforms so please treat these items with care. New students will need to purchase marching shoes. The cost for new marching shoes is \$30. Students may also purchase gently used shoes for \$10 if their size is available.

School Instruments:

Students that need a school instrument should come in during the instrument check out on Monday 8/10. School instruments are regularly maintained and will be distributed in working condition. Please treat these items with care, as students are responsible for damage to the instruments.

Thursday 8/13 field trip

We have planned an outing for Thursday 8/13. We will be taking our students to see Mr. Packer perform with the Wheaton Municipal Band. This is a picnic and performance by one of the best concert bands in the area. This field trip is completely optional but students will need to sign up in advance so buses can be arranged. Students are free to bring a picnic!

Family Preview Performance

We will host an informal performance of what we learned during our camp week on Friday 8/14. Please plan to come by the stadium, eat a hotdog, and see what we have accomplished in just a few days. This event is free of charge!

2015 Marching Rams Order form

Please fill out this form and bring it with you on the first day of camp. Please include a check or cash with your form. Checks can be made payable to Glenbard East High School. As always, financial assistance is available and can be arranged through a director.

Name: _____

Required items:

Marching Rams T-Shirt @\$12.00 \$12.00

Gloves @\$2.00 \$2.00

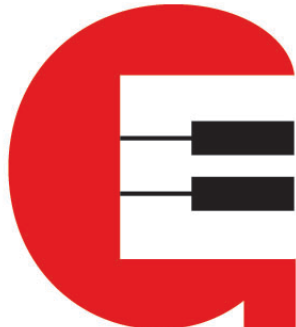
Optional Items:

Band Camp Meal Plan @\$26.00 _____

New Marching Shoes @\$30.00 _____

Gently Used Marching Shoes @\$10.00 _____
(If size is available)

Total: _____



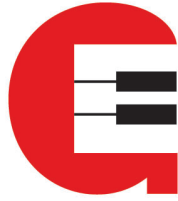
2015 Band Camp Daily Schedule

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Theme: Hawaiian</i>
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Leadership Training
1:00-2:00 PM	Leader Lunch (Provided)
2:00-4:00 PM	Newbie & Leader Meet & Greet
4:00-5:00 PM	Instrument Check Out (any student needing an instrument)
4:00-5:00 PM	Newbie/Leader Dinner (Provided)
5:00-8:00 PM	Full Band Rehearsal-All Members
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Theme: Wacky Tacky Day</i>
12:00-12:15	Attendance & Announcements
12:15-2:30	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
2:30-3:00	Team Building Activity
3:00-4:15	Full Music Rehearsal Indoors
4:15-5:00	Dinner
5:00-5:45	Large Group Sectionals (WW/BR/DL)
5:45-7:50	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
7:50-8:00	Evening awards & review
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Theme: "Wednesdays We Wear Pink"</i>
12:00-12:15 PM	Attendance & Announcements
12:15-2:30 PM	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
2:30-3:00 PM	Team Building Activity
3:00-4:15 PM	Full Music Rehearsal Indoors
4:15-5:00 PM	Dinner
5:00-5:45 PM	Large Group Sectionals (WW/BR/DL)
5:45-8:00 PM	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
7:50-8:00 PM	Evening awards & review

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Theme: Secret Section Themes</i>
12:00-12:15 PM	Attendance & Announcements
12:15-2:30 PM	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
2:30-2:45 PM	Team Building Activity
2:45-4:00 PM	Full Music Rehearsal Indoors
4:00-4:45 PM	Dinner
4:45-5:15 PM	Small Group Sectionals
5:15-7:15 PM	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
7:15-7:20 PM	Evening Awards & Review
7:30 PM	<i>Load Bus for Wheaton Band Concert (optional event)</i>
10:00 PM	<i>Arrive at East</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Theme: Disney Day</i>
12:00-12:15 PM	Attendance & Announcements
12:15-2:30 PM	Outdoor Marching Rehearsal
2:30-3:00 PM	Small Group Sectionals
3:00-3:30 PM	Team Building
3:30-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00-6:00 PM	Preview Performance Dress Rehearsal
6:00-7:00 PM	Marching Band BBQ
7:00-8:00 PM	Parent Preview Performance & Evening Awards

What Happens Once School Begins?

1. ***Sectionals:*** Each section will have a weekly sectional from 2:40-3:40 PM. Sectional days will be determined during camp and will continue throughout the school year. Sectional rehearsals are a required part of the course and are not optional/extra-curricular. Students with regular unexcused absences will not be eligible for Symphonic Band or leadership positions. Special arrangements for students in clubs/athletics or with an unavoidable conflict will be explained during class.
2. ***Gameday Rehearsal:*** All marching band students are required to attend the Gameday Rehearsal from 2:40-4:00 PM on any performance Friday (see season schedule). Students involved in away athletic events should communicate any absences in advance. Students that are unexcused from Gameday Rehearsals may be asked not to perform.



2015-2016 Marching Rams Schedule

Date:	Call Time:	Event:
8/10-14	12PM-8 PM	Band Camp
8/28	6:00 PM	Home Football Game vs. Willowbrook
9/4	6:00 PM	Home Football Game vs. Glenbard South
9/9	5:45 PM	Open House Performance in Biester
9/11	6:00 PM	Home Football Game vs. East Aurora
9/12	12:00-2 PM	Performance @ Floor & Decor, 1000 Rohlwing Rd., Lombard
10/2	6:00 PM	Homecoming Football Game vs. South Elgin
10/9	6:00 PM	Home Football Game vs. Geneva
10/18	TBD	Lombard Crop Walk Performance (Select Students/Leadership Team)
10/23	6:00 PM	Home Football Game vs. Bartlett
10/30	TBD	Instant Replay dress rehearsal
10/30	TBD	Instant Replay Concert

Stay In Touch:

Any changes will be communicated through *Charms* and *Remind*.

To join the Marching Band *Remind*, text @1516Mar to 81010
(students & parents are encouraged to use this service)

For information on updating e-mail addresses in *Charms* visit gemusic.org/charms.

Familiarize yourself with our website: gemusic.org