

Band Calendar and Policies 2025-2026

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Aug. 1 (9 a.m.-2 p.m.) & Aug. 3 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.)		Drum Line Auditions (SC Band Room)
Aug. 4	4:00 p.m.	Marching Band Leadership Meeting (SC Band Room)
Aug. 4-8	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal (Bennett Field)
Aug. 11-14	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal (Bennett Field)
Friday, Aug. 15	7:00-7:45 a.m.	Drumline Performance at Freshman Experience Day
Thursday, Aug. 21	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Aug. 27	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 3	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 5	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Home Football Game
Wednesday, Sept. 10	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 17	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 19	6:00 p.m.	Homecoming Pep Rally
Saturday, Sept. 20	10:00 a.m.	Homecoming Parade
Saturday, Sept. 20	1:30 p.m.	Homecoming Football Game
Wednesday, Sept. 24	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Oct. 1	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Oct. 8	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Thursday, October 9	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble Concert (Reber)
Wednesday, Oct. 15	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 17	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Home Football Game, Junior High Band Night
Wednesday, Oct. 22	NO MARCHING BAND REHEARSAL	
Friday, Oct. 24	3:00-4:00 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 24	5:30-9:30 p.m.	Home Football Game, Senior Night
Possible Football Play-off Games: 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21		
Thursday, Nov. 6	7:30 p.m.	Fall Band Concert (Reber)
Saturday, Nov. 8	all day	ILMEA Band Festival (Select students)
Tuesday, Nov. 11	All day	8th Grade Band Day and Concert (Wind Ens. Only)
Saturday, Nov. 15	all day	ILMEA Jazz Festival (Select students)
Tuesday, Dec. 9	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Concert (Reber)
Thursday, Dec. 11	daytime	Jr. High Tour (Wind Ens., Jazz Ens. & Drumline)
Sunday, Dec. 14	6:30 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble performance at Fitzgerald's
Saturday, Jan. 24	daytime	Jazz Ensemble Recording Session
Jan. 28 - 31		ILMEA State Festival (select students)
Thursday, Feb. 5	7:30 p.m.	Winter Band Concert (Reber)
Saturday, Feb. 14	all day	Evanston Jazz Festival (All jazz students)
Wed., March 4	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Band Concert (and Jr. High Jazz Day)
March 9 & 10	TBA	Wind Ensemble Auditions for 2026-27
March 12	TBA	Jazz Ensemble Auditions for 2026-27
Monday, March 23	3-8 p.m.	Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest (required for all students)
Thursday, April 16	7:30 p.m.	Spring Band Concert (Reber)
Friday, April 17	daytime	LT Wind Ensemble Festival (Wind Ens. Only)
Thursday, April 23	7:30 p.m.	Orchestra Concert (Wind Ensemble only)
Friday, May 8	All day	Superstate (Wind Ensemble Only)
Wednesday, May 13	7:30 p.m.	Jazz Concert (Reber)
Tuesday, May 19	7:30 p.m.	Spring Festival (SC Fieldhouse)
Monday, May 25	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Parade (Western Springs)
Saturday, May 30	9:30 a.m.	Pet Parade (LaGrange)
Saturday, May 30	11:00 a.m.	Uniform Turn-in (SC)

***Drumline:** In addition to the regular rehearsals, drumline rehearses Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and 30 minutes prior to each full band rehearsal throughout the season.

Band Attendance Policy:

Due to the interdependent nature of music, attendance at all performances and rehearsals is required. Dates have been provided well in advance, and students are expected to plan ahead to solve any conflicts. Directors will be glad to assist students in working out conflicts; however, this is the responsibility of the student and should be addressed well in advance of any conflict. Work schedule conflicts are never excused absences.

Athletic Conflicts:

While the majority of athletic conflicts are excused; pasta parties and other such activities are not legitimate excuses to miss rehearsals or performances.

Penalties:

All unexcused absences will negatively affect the students grade in band. Students who are consistently absent or tardy may (at the discretion of the director) forfeit their position in the drill.

Tardy Policy:

Attendance at rehearsals and performances will be taken immediately at call time. Any student not in attendance will be marked absent. Any student whose late arrival was not excused in advance will be marked tardy. Students who are tardy will receive half of the participation points for that event.

Mandatory Marching Uniform and Equipment Requirements:

Mechanical Pencil

Lyre (not required for drumline)

Flip Folder (not required for drumline)

Velocity Marching shoes (black) – an order will be taken at the beginning of the season

Black Gloves (will be sold during rehearsals)

Black socks (must cover the calf)

LT Marching Band Uniform (Coat, Pants, Gauntlets, Hat and Plume – provided by school)

No deviations from this policy will be permitted. Students not dressed in full uniform will not be permitted to perform and will lose one third of their participation points for that event.

Marching Shoes/Black Gloves:

All students will be provided with a shoe order form on the first day of marching band camp. We will place one shoe order through the school, any student not participating in that order will be expected to find and purchase shoes on their own. Black gloves will be available for purchase through the school during marching band camp.

Lyres and Flip folders can be purchased through:

Quinlan and Fabish

PM Music

Burr Ridge, IL

Aurora, IL

630/654-4111

630/978-9927