



Park Ridge Marching Band Information 2025-2026

Dear Band Member and Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on enrolling in the Park Ridge Marching Band. Our band strives for excellence and outstanding achievement in both musicianship, as well as character, while playing a challenging and fun variety of music. Each member is expected to develop the characteristics of diligence, dedication, self-discipline and pride, understanding that as a member of this band, you are not only representing yourself, but the entire school and community.

Included in this package is essential information, including expectations, schedules, and other participation requirements. Please return the signed contract to me for record keeping purposes. All other pages of information should be kept for personal reference. Please click here to fill out the [online registration form](#).

Any potential conflicts **MUST** be discussed with me prior to the start of the marching band season. There are no excused absences from a performance, except an extreme family emergency, illness with a doctor's note, extreme unforeseeable circumstance, or the school's fall play in November. Click here to fill out the [online conflict form](#).

Please review the enclosed information. Most of it can be found on the school marching band website if you are in need of reference. Please remember that the student leadership will be in contact with you during the spring and summer for help with your music and any other issues which might arise. As always, communication is key, so please reach out to myself or your student leaders with any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Registration 2025-2026



Conflict Sheet 2025-2026

Park Ridge Marching Band

Expectations and Information

Attendance: The success and quality of the marching band is directly impacted by members attending every rehearsal and performance possible. It is understood that many members participate in athletic and academic activities outside of marching band, and accommodations can and will be made on an individual basis.

All performances are mandatory and it is your responsibility to make those accommodations in other activities. Excused absences include serious illness, family emergencies, or religious obligations. If you are working or participating in out of school activities (such as town sports, scouts, karate or dance classes etc.) you must inform your employers, instructors, and coaches of your marching band commitments.

Please be sure that you have filled out the conflict form to notify your band director of known scheduling conflicts and sports participation as far in advance as possible. If any new conflicts arise, it is YOUR responsibility, as the marching band member, to email your band director as soon as possible. Any delay in notice may negatively impact your fellow bandmates.

Mindset: The marching band is a team demanding dedication, unity, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. We strive to operate as a single unit, both in practice and performance, building upon the legacy of those who came before us. Success hinges on every member's commitment, requiring not just physical presence, but unwavering mental focus and a dedication to the collective goal.

This commitment fosters both team achievement and individual growth. Band cultivates essential life skills: focus, discipline, teamwork, responsibility, and leadership. It forges lasting friendships, builds resilience, and instills a drive for excellence. Beyond these intrinsic rewards, band offers unique opportunities, such as special events and trips, as well as being able to meet band students from other schools/teams. Additionally, member's effort and commitment are celebrated with special recognition throughout a member's time in band. After two years of participation, members earn a pin; four years a varsity jacket patch; and six years, or senior status, a varsity letter. The PRHS Marching Band Boosters also award scholarships to deserving seniors.

Consistent attendance is crucial. Excessive absences from rehearsals or performances can hinder progress in earning these awards and impact scholarship eligibility, as attendance is a key criterion.

Performance Participation Requirements: In order for a Park Ridge MS/HS student to participate in Marching Band performances and activities he/she/they must be in attendance for a minimum of 4 hours on the day of the event or last school day prior to the event. This is in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative code.

Uniforms : Each Band member is responsible for their uniform and instrument. Please make sure your uniforms look presentable, shoes are shined for all performances, and hats are well maintained. Black socks that cover the ankle **MUST** be worn for all performances- there are no exceptions.

Band members should purchase either thermals/insulating base layers to wear under their uniforms, as well as thick socks during cold weather events.

Students are required to make sure they are wearing appropriate footwear to all rehearsals (athletic sneakers are the only acceptable footwear. **Crocs, flip-flops/sandals, Converse, dress shoes/loafers are all not allowed.**)

Uniform care is essential to maintaining the uniforms, but also to make sure we continually look our best. It will also make sure our uniforms have a long life-cycle. Uniforms, including shako wraps, are machine washable on COLD and can be LAIDFLAT to dry. Color guard uniforms require more delicate hand washing because of decorations/sequins and hand stitching. It is recommended that uniforms are washed at least twice a month, paying close attention to the arm-pit area. Students are responsible for their uniforms and any damage will require replacement.

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones and backpacks are not allowed at performances. If any Band member needs to make a phone call during a performance, they are to ask a staff member or band parent for phone access. If a parent needs to contact their child during a performance they can call a staff member or band parent. For access to the staff and band parent cell phone numbers, you must contact the Band Director's office at school 201-573-6000 x5931 or by email well in advance of any performance. The staff and band parent cell phone numbers will ONLY be given to adult parents or guardians.

Home Games All cell phones will be collected before the band leaves the band room. The cell phones will be secured in the Band Director's locked office. Backpacks and bags will be left in the locked band room during the performance

Away Performances All cell phones, bags, and backpacks will be left on the locked bus with the driver. The driver will remain with the bus for security purposes.

Medical Needs: Band members needing medications, whether it be Inhalers, Epi Pens or Pills, will give the medications to a staff member. All medications will remain in the band's first-aid kit at both home and away performances. The first-aid kit will be readily available if needed in the event of an emergency.

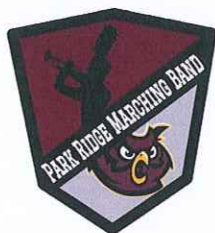
Band Camp: Band Camp is MANDATORY for all marching band members. Camp will include all elements of learning the fall show including the show music, choreography, and drill, as well as pre-game and music to play in the stands. This year's band camp will run from Monday, August 4th through Thursday, August 7th (8am-5pm) and Friday, August 8th (8am-12pm). All band members need to be available for the entirety of each day. Band Camp will be at the high school on the practice field Monday through Wednesday and on the lower football field on Thursday and Friday.

Rehearsals: Weekly priority rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 am -12:00 pm. They will begin on August 12 and run through the end of the football season. There will also be scheduled rehearsals in the spring to prepare for parades. Conflicts must be submitted on the conflict sheet (scan QR code above). Saturday rehearsals are required for all students. Students are required to make sure they

are wearing appropriate footwear to all rehearsals (sneakers are the only acceptable footwear. Crocs, flip-flops/sandals, dress shoes/ loafers are all not allowed.) Attendance at rehearsals is required for the safety and efficiency of our team. When members are missing, formations are disrupted and this could lead to situations where students could be injured or cause injury due to not knowing drill, paths, and formations.

Performances: Football games will take place on Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons from September through November. A detailed schedule will be provided once finalized. Other performances include festivals, competitions, and parades throughout the entirety of the school year. Attendance at all performances is **MANDATORY**.

**** An updated schedule can be found on the website. Please note that all schedules are subject to additions, deletions, and revisions as the season progresses. ****



Marching Band Performance Schedule 2025-2026

An up-to-date schedule can be found on the [marching band Google calendar](#). The schedule is subject to additions, deletions, and revisions.

FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE (ALL DATES TENTATIVE)				
Date	Time	Opponent	Location	Report Time
9/5/25	7PM	Garfield	Home	5:30PM
9/ 12/ 25	7PM	Weehawken	Home	5:30PM
9/ 19/2 5	7PM	Wallington	Away	5:00PM
9/ 26/ 25	7PM	Bogota	Away	5:00PM
10/ 3/2 5	7PM	Wood Ridge	Home	5:30PM
10/11/25	1PM	St. Mary's	Away	8AM
10/17or 10/18	TBD	Crossover @ TBD	Away	TBD
10/24/2 4	7PM	Crossover Game TBD	Home	5:30PM
10/31/2 4	TBD	NJSIAA Game	TBD	TBD
11/7 or 11/8	TBD	NJSIAA Game	TBD	TBD
11/14 or 11/15	TBD	NJSIAA Game	TBD	TBD
11/21 or 11/22	TBD	NJSIAA Game	TBD	TBD
11/28 or 11/29	TBD	NJSIAA Game	TBD	TBD

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES (ALL DATES TENTATIVE)			
Date	Event	Location	Report Time
Saturday, 9/ 13	Passaic Valley High School Competition	Little Falls, NJ	TBD
Saturday, 9/ 20	NVOT "Saturday Knight Lights"	Old Tappan, NJ	TBD
Saturday, 9/ 27	Ramsey "Colors in Motion"	Ramsey, NJ	TBD
Saturday, 10/4	Pequannock Township Competition	Pompton Plains, NJ	TBD
Sunday, 10/12	Bergen County Invitational	Bergenfield, NJ	TBD
Saturday, 10/18	Ludwig Musser Classic @ MetLife Stadium	East Rutherford, NJ	TBD
Saturday 10/25	Northern Highlands Competition	Allendale, NJ	TBD
Sunday, 10/26	North Jersey Band Festival	Clifton, NJ	TBD
Saturday, 11/1	NJ State Finals	TBD	TBD
Sunday, 11/2	North Jersey Band Festival - Rain Date	Clifton, NJ	TBD

PARADES (ALL DATES TENTATIVE)			
Date	Event	Location	Report Time
10/27/202 5	Ragamuffin Parade	Park Ridge, NJ	TBD
11/29/202 5	Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Parade	Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	TBD
12/6/202 5	Westwood Holiday Parade	Westwood, NJ	5:00 pm
12/7/202 5	Park Ridge Tree Lighting	Park Ridge, NJ	TBD
3/17/202 6	St. Patrick's Day Parade	New York, NY	TBD
Sunday, TBD	Greek Independence Day Parade	New York, NY	TBD
5/ 25/202 6	Memorial Day Parade	Montvale, NJ	9:30 am

The parades are mandatory performances as the band earns approximately \$2000.00 each year from these events, which helps fund the Band Boosters which support our team and our band students.

Park Ridge Band Boosters Association 2025 -2026 Season

To: All Band Parents/Guardians

The Park Ridge Marching Band has a very active support organization known as the Park Ridge Band Boosters. Every parent/guardian of every band member is automatically a member of the boosters organization and is encouraged to be an active participant.

The Park Ridge Band Boosters meet on the first Tuesday evening of each month through June. Attendance is encouraged, but is not required. The Band Boosters support the marching band in numerous ways throughout the year, including, but not limited to the following:

- ★ Water During Band Camp
- ★ Pit Crew During Performances (all performances listed)
- ★ Meals/ Refreshments at Certain Performances and/or Festivals
- ★ Annual Band Breakfast
- ★ Annual Band Dinner
- ★ Scholarships to Graduating Seniors
- ★ Various Fundraisers Throughout the Year.
- ★ POSITIVE SUPPORT and TONS OF FUN with the Band!

A list of the possible activities will be provided to you so that you can volunteer your time to support the band. Each parent is asked to volunteer their time to at least one activity during the year, although many do much more. The organization can only run successfully if all parents/ guardians involved are willing to help. This is a chance to get involved in your child's high school life! If you have any questions about the Band Boosters, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask.

Sincerely,

The Band Boosters Executive Board

PARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

TRIP INFORMATION

Date(s) of Trip: See tentative schedule attached
Destination: See tentative schedule attached
Subject: Marching Band
Teacher in Charge: John Diomede/ Joshua Case/ Monique Nyonly
Approximate Cost: N/A

Departure Time from PRHS: See tentative schedule attached
Approximate Arrival Time at PRHS: See tentative schedule attached

TO PARK RIDGE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

My signature below indicates approval for my son/ daughter _____ (Student's Name)

to go on the field trip outlined above. I understand that no money will be refunded once paid, unless the trip is canceled. We understand that all regular school rules and regulations are in full effect, as well as any additional rules established by the teacher in charge; and, that infractions of rules will lead to disciplinary action, whether detention and/ or suspension. If it should be deemed necessary for a student to be sent home, it will be done so at the parent's expense.

I do assume all risk and hazards incidental to the activity and transportation, and do further hereby release, absolve and hold harmless the Park Ridge Board of Education, its agent and instructors, any or all of them.

I do further understand that the Park Ridge Board of Education does not provide accident insurance for this activity. I hereby fully consent to emergency medical care to be rendered by a competent medical physician in the event the above named child should require such attention during this activity.

Phone number where a parent/ guardian may be reached during the time of the trip:

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Teacher: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: This form must be completed and on file in the school office or the student shall not go on the trip. A completed form for each student going on the trip must be submitted to the school main office no later than forty-eight hours prior to departure time. Copies should be kept with the teacher/ staff member in charge at all times during the trip.

Park Ridge Marching Band Contract 2025 -2026

Name of Student: _____ Grade (as of 9/25): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Instrument(s)/Color Guard Section: _____

Park Ridge Marching Band Permission Slip/Contract *2025-2026 Season*

I give my child _____ permission to rehearse, perform, and travel with the Park Ridge Band during the 2025 -2026 school year. I understand and agree that my child shall be under the supervision of the marching band staff and that my child shall adhere to all rules and regulations imposed. In the event medical assistance is required, I give my consent for any treatment necessary by the teacher in charge. I understand and support the stated policies concerning the commitments to rehearsals and performances, and am aware that occasionally a rehearsal or performance might occur in some form of inclement weather. In addition, I understand that my child is responsible to notify, in advance, his/her/their band director that he/she/they may be missing their rehearsal or performance. My child must make up the missed band time plus satisfy all the school's homework, tests, and assignment requirements.

Parent's Signature

Date

I fully understand and will comply with the stated rules, expectations, and policies of the Park Ridge Marching Band. I have carefully read the enclosed contract and information sheets provided.

Student's Signature

Date

Park Ridge Summer Instrumental Music Program 2025

Dear Parents:

I am pleased to announce the Park Ridge Music Department will be able to offer its 38th Annual Summer Instrumental Music Program, under the sponsorship of the Park Ridge Board of Education. We are excited to continue this great tradition, and we invite you to send your child to this year's Summer Instrumental Music Program to experience fun, creativity, and musical growth this summer.

Sincerely,

John Diomede

Director of Bands

Park Ridge High School

201-573-6000 ext.5931

General Information

What: Instrumental Music Lessons for Park Ridge students, grades 3-12 as of September 2025 (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Lessons Available)

Instruments Taught: *flute/piccolo, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, drums, & melodic percussion*

When: – Monday, June 30, 2025 – Friday, July 25, 2025

– 30-60 minute lessons available Monday – Friday

– Time slots are available between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm

**** If a special request for a lesson time is needed, please make a note on the enrollment form.**

Where: Park Ridge High School

Tuition: Tuition can be paid online at the [Park Ridge Community Pass](#). The tuition is returnable if, for any reason, your child does not start the program. If a child cannot attend the entire program, he or she will be prorated at \$100.00 per week. There is a non-refundable \$10 administration fee included in the tuition.

	2 weeks (10 lessons)	3 weeks (15 lessons)	4 weeks (20 lessons)
30 minute lessons	\$210.00	\$310.00	\$410.00
60 minute lessons	\$410.00	\$610.00	\$810.00

Electronic registration preferred (scan QR code above). Forms/payment should be submitted to West Ridge, East Brook, or the High School main offices no later than Friday, May 30, 2025.

**** All students will be notified by email on or before Wednesday, June 18, 2025, as to their ** specific reporting time and room number.**

Questions? Call 201-573-6000 x5931

When dropping off students, please do not park in teacher or staff designated parking spots.
All students must be dropped off in front of the school at the main entrance.

ENROLLMENT FORM

Summer Instrumental Music Program 2025

**** PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD TO BE ENROLLED ****

Name of Student: _____ Grade (as of 9/25): _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Instrument: _____

Number of Years Playing Instrument: _____

Student Experience Level: Beginner Intermediate Advanced
(Circle One)

A minimum of TWO weeks of participation is recommended for each student to benefit from the lessons and experience maximum growth in skills, knowledge, and musicianship.

Session Length - Circle selection:	2 weeks (10 lessons)	3 weeks (15 lessons)	4 weeks (20 lessons)
30 minute lessons	\$210.00	\$310.00	\$410.00
60 minute lessons	\$410.00	\$610.00	\$810.00

Select your dates: 6/30-7/4 7/7-7/11 7/14-7/18 7/21-7/25
(Circle as needed)

Time Slot Request (if needed): _____

Tuition is being paid by check number _____ in the amount of _____.

Parent's Signature

Date