



RHS Bomber Marching Band



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Pre- Camp - August 7 & 8

- Leadership Team, 9am-noon
- Percussion, Guard and New Marcher Camp 1pm-4pm

Marching Band Camp - August 11-15

- Marching Band Camp (Full Band), 8am-4pm

What - Marching band camp is an opportunity for us to propel ourselves into the school year with 40 hours of rehearsal time before school even begins! With so much to learn and a performance schedule that begins in early September, camp helps us get started on the 'left' foot. Camp is a significant portion of our rehearsal season and we learn so much, it is crucial that students attend all week.

*New Marcher 'rookie' camp is an opportunity for all students new to marching band (regardless of grade) to get a head start on learning marching band techniques. This is required for new students and will be a great introduction to the activity before we start full camp the following week.

Where - Camp will always start at 8am in the RHS auditorium. Music rehearsals will take place in the various rooms of the performing arts building. Outdoor rehearsals will take place at Fran Rish Stadium, varsity baseball field or other surrounding outdoor spaces on our campus

Why – Camp is a significant portion of the rehearsal hours of our season all clumped together in a focused atmosphere where we will begin learning the music and drill for our field show called, "The Haunted Night." We'll teach the students music warm-ups, exercises and chorales as well as the marching / visual technique required to perform our drill. In addition, the band will prepare music to be played in the stands at games and other events.

What should students bring?

- Instrument, and equipment needed to play your instrument
- Athletic shoes and clothing for outside activity that follows the school dress code.
- Sunscreen and a hat.
- Water bottle filled with cold water – we will have water jugs down on the field for refills.
- Lunch will be from 11:45 to 12:30 each day of camp. Students are free to leave and come back, but I recommend bringing a lunch and staying on campus.
- A great attitude!

Registration & Updated Physical

- All students must register on <https://richland-wa.finalforms.com/> and have a current physical form on file with our athletics office. Search for 'RHS All Year Band.'
- Students must be cleared on Family Forms with physical form submitted before participating.
Please have this done before camp.

Fees

Marching band is 100% funded by student fees. Each year we must purchase new music, drill and choreography for the show. This is in addition to any equipment upgrades, uniform upgrades & maintenance, travel and equipment truck expenses, additional sheet music, equipment and instrument maintenance, food and additional staff.

- \$30 ASB card for 2025-26 school year required to participate in athletics / activities.
- \$150 marching band fee for season. 1st half of fee (\$75) is due August 13th, 2nd half October 1st. Students must have half of the fee paid in order to be eligible to perform in halftime or festival performances.

Payments can be made online beginning August 1st. [Link for instructions to make online payment](#)

RHS Bookkeeper's office will be open for in-person payments during marching band camp.

Fundraisers

Gold Cards – We're adding this new fundraiser at the very beginning of the school year. These are discount/ coupon cards that have been very successful for football in the past. Students can apply earnings beyond the minimum required sales towards the first half of the marching band fee. Families interested in using fundraiser funds should hold off on paying the first half of the fee until after our fundraiser as we cannot refund payments to ASB.

Apple Sales - We will have our annual Apple Fundraiser in October. Students can apply earnings beyond the minimum required sales towards their marching band fee. Families interested in using fundraiser funds should hold off on paying the second half of the fee until after our fundraiser as we cannot refund payments to ASB. More information will be distributed in the fall.

Parent Help Needed!

There are several ways for parents to get involved with the Bomber Marching Band and help throughout the season. Please be on the lookout for a link to our Sign Up Genius to see where we can use your help.

Calendar

- After camp ends, rehearsals are Tuesdays 5:30 – 8:00pm and Thursdays 3:00 to 5:00pm
- The calendar for the season is attached to this email. A paper copy of this calendar will be given to students at camp. The bottom portion needs to be returned signed by student and parent by the end of camp and will serve as a contract of commitment to the Bomber Marching Band throughout the fall season.
- The most current calendar for all Richland Band events can be viewed here:
<https://richland.rsd.edu/activities/band>
- A detailed itinerary will be sent home with students for each new performance in advance. Paper copies will be passed out and I'll send them out in Remind as well.

Marching Band Shoes

All marching band students are responsible for getting their own pair of marching band shoes. Returning students may already have a pair which is great. Order your shoes (links below) or alternative website so students can wear them at our **September 9th rehearsal**. Students without the correct shoes and socks will NOT perform. Talk to Mr. Larsen privately ASAP for assistance.

Band Members need the **BLACK DSI MTX MARCHING BAND SHOE**

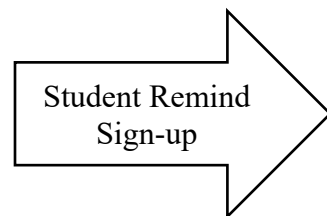
<https://www.bandshoppe.com/product/dsi-mtx-marching-band-shoe/>

Colorguard members need the **Tan DSI STARLITE 2 GUARD SHOE**

<https://www.bandshoppe.com/product/dsi-starlite-2-guard-shoe/>

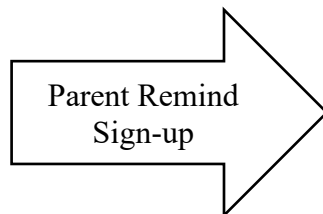
Communication

- All communication from Mr. Larsen will come from RSD email and / or the remind text alerts.
- Students need to set up remind text alerts and parents are encouraged to as well. We use this to send out rehearsal and trip itineraries and send reminders throughout the season.



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