Band Calendar and Policies 2026-2027

Date:	Time:	Event:
July 31 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) & Aug. 1 (1 p.m.-6 p.m.)		Drum Line Auditions (SC Band Room)
Aug. 3	4:00 p.m.	Marching Band Leadership Meeting (SC Band Room)
Aug. 3-7	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal (Bennett Field)
Aug. 10-13	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal (Bennett Field)
Friday, Aug. 14	7:00-7:45 a.m.	Drumline Performance at Freshman Experience Day
Thursday, Aug. 20	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Aug. 21	**5:30-9:30 p.m.**	**Home Football Game**
Wednesday, Aug. 26	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 2	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 4	**5:30-9:30 p.m.**	**Home Football Game**
Wednesday, Sept. 9	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 16	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 18	**5:30-9:30 p.m.**	**Home Football Game, Junior High Band Night**
Wednesday, Sept. 23	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 25	**5:00 p.m.**	**Homecoming Pep Rally**
Saturday, Sept. 26	**10:00 a.m.**	**Homecoming Parade**
Saturday, Sept. 26	**12:30 p.m.**	**Homecoming Football Game**
Wednesday, Sept. 30	6:30-9:00 p.m.	MB Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 2	**5:30-9:30 p.m.**	**Home Football Game, Senior Night**
Thursday, October 8	*7:30 p.m.*	*Jazz Ensemble Concert (Reber)*
Possible Football Play-off Games: 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13		
Saturday, Nov. 7	*all day*	*ILMEA Band Festival (Select students)*
Thursday, Nov. 12	**7:30 p.m.**	**Fall Band Concert (Reber)**
Saturday, Nov. 14	*all day*	*ILMEA Jazz Festival (Select students)*
Tuesday, Nov. 17	***All day***	***8th Grade Band Day and Concert (Wind Ens. Only)***
Tuesday, Dec. 8	*7:30 p.m.*	*Jazz Concert (Reber)*
Thursday, Dec. 10	daytime	Jr. High Tour (Wind Ens., Jazz Ens. & Drumline)
Wednesday, Dec. 16	*daytime*	*Jazz Ensemble Recording Session*
Jan. 27 - 30		*ILMEA State Festival (select students)*
Thursday, Feb. 4	**7:30 p.m.**	**Winter Band Concert (Reber)**
Saturday, Feb. 13	*all day*	*Evanston Jazz Festival (All jazz students)*
Tuesday, March 2	*7:30 p.m.*	*Jazz Band Concert (and Jr. High Jazz Day)*
March 8 & 9	*TBA*	*Wind Ensemble Auditions for 2027-28*
March 10	*TBA*	*Jazz Ensemble Auditions for 2027-28*
Monday, March 15	3-8 p.m.	Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest (required for all students)
March 18-21		Marching Band Trip to Disney!!
Thursday, April 15	**7:30 p.m.**	**Spring Band Concert (Reber)**
Friday, April 16	**daytime**	**LT Wind Ensemble Festival (Wind Ens. Only)**
Thursday, April 22	7:30 p.m.	Orchestra Concert (Wind Ensemble only)
Saturday, May 8	All day	Superstate (Wind Ensemble Only)
Wednesday, May 12	*7:30 p.m.*	*Jazz Concert (Reber)*
Tuesday, May 18	**7:30 p.m.**	**Spring Festival (SC Fieldhouse)**
Monday, May 31	**10:00 a.m.**	**Memorial Day Parade (Western Springs)**
Saturday, June 5	**9:30 a.m.**	**Pet Parade (LaGrange)**
Saturday, June 5	**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