



Dear McNary High School Band Students and Parents,

The 2014-2015 year was a success! Congratulations to all students in band. You performed beautifully this year. I was impressed with all levels and I am very excited to have each and every one of you in my program next year. There are a few items that you need to complete and then a few activities to get ready for the fall. Each student and parent needs to take at least one shift at our annual fireworks booth. Please call Lynnea at 503-508-3392 to get signed up if you have not already done so.

Percussion is currently scheduled for a specialized camp from Monday August 10th through Friday August 14th. Please be prepared to attend. All percussion must be present for this week. Marching Band Camp is Monday August 17th through Friday August 28th at McNary. Marching Band Camp is required for **all** students who are performing on the field. August 17th is only for Freshman and leadership students. The full camp begins on August 18th. Hours for camp will be from 9:00am -5:00pm.

We will have our first performance on Friday August 28th at McNary from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be a BBQ provided by the boosters for immediate families and our performance starts at 6:45. The band will also perform at the annual Blue Day, Saturday August 29th (times to be determined.) All of our rehearsals and performances are required. If you have a conflict please speak with me as soon as you know. August 17th and 18th are very full days so please make sure you are already registered and bring **all** payments and paperwork in at 8:00 am.

Please sign up for my Remind 101 account for band: text @mcband2015 to 81010

Registration for Band Camp

Percussion and Guard: Monday August 10th from 8:00 am -9:00 am

Band Student Registration: Thursday and Friday August 13th and 14th from 8:00 am – 10:00 am and Friday August 14th from 5:00pm-6:00pm

Uniform fitting for all returning members: Friday August 14th from 8:00am -4:00 pm

Drum Camp- August 10th -14th 9:00am-12:00pm (drum line) 1:00 pm -4:00 pm (front ensemble)
Everyone arrive at 8:00am for registration and schedule of rehearsals for the week.

Leadership Day – August 10th and 14th (if needed) from 9:00am till finished

Freshman, Percussion, Guard, and Leadership Only-Monday August 17th from 9:00am-5:00pm

All Band/Guard/Percussion Marching Band Camp-August 18th-28th from 9:00am-5:00pm

Additional Rehearsals:

Tuesday September 1st and Thursday September 3rd from 9:00am-12:00pm

Thursday September 10th from 2:30-5:00pm

Regular rehearsals are Monday from 5:30pm-8:30 pm and Wednesday from 3:00pm-5:00pm and on Game Weeks Thursday from 2:30-4:00 (Including all pep band musicians)



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Taking Care of Business Day: Hours your student can participate are: 8:00am-9:00 am and 5:00pm-7:30pm on Thursday August 20th.

Band Day: This event is on Saturday September 12th. This is the biggest money raising project we have. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 or more on this day. **EVERY MEMBER OF THE BAND IS REQUIRED AND NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE!!!!!!** The day usually goes from 8:00am to 6:00pm. I ask that Band parents make themselves available to help drive, count donations, provide your home for students to come by for a snack, or any other needs the band has that day. If you are only able to help on one day this year, please make this your priority.

Sectionals: Each section of the band will have a sectional after school at least once per week. The times will be decided by the section leaders. Please come prepared to band camp ready to give input as to what days work best.

Game Days: September 18th, October 2nd, October 16th, October 30th Senior Night. On game day you will need to be in the band room at 5:00 p.m. We will stay until the end of the game. **Play-in games are in the month of November if the team makes it into the playoffs.** There is a Thursday music practice the day before the game from 2:30-4:00. This will include all band members in the program that are not on the Varsity football field.

Outline of fees:

Band fees: \$225.00

Marching shoes: \$35.00 (new shoes)

Apparel fee: \$50.00

Fair Share Fees: Band fees for the year will be \$225.00. This pays for the whole year, as we provide some meals, pay for buses, and pay for some of the equipment the band needs during the year. Please pay this during camp, or make arrangements with the booster group to do a monthly payment. Check with me if you need financial help, and I will guide you to the scholarship form. We can also make payment arrangements. Do not let the fees keep you out of band!

Apparel: \$50.00 due at registration. You will get a McNary Athletic Band Jacket and 1 band shirt. Additional shirts are available to purchase. Your band shirt is part of your uniform. You will wear it under your uniform, at pep assemblies, and other events. If you are a freshman you will need marching shoes, we will order them for you, and there is a 35.00 fee for these shoes due at Registration.

Concert Dress: Ladies will wear a black dress that is provided by the school. They will need to have black flat dress shoes AND will need to have a hemming party in order to get all the dresses hemmed in time for performance. Men—you will wear a black tux for concerts. You will need a white tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black dress shoes and black socks.

Instrument Rental: Marching band instrument only fee: \$20.00. Full year instrument use: \$50.00. Instrument use for any other ensemble is \$25.00 per semester. These fees will be used to repair and maintain the instrument your child uses. This fee is required at time of check out. The check must be written to Salem Keizer School District with your child's student number on the bottom. Fees: Due at check out of instrument.



Band Boosters: This group exists to support the Director, the students, and the program. Right now the band gets little financial support from the school district. The only way for the program to meet its financial goals is for the Booster organization to support your sons and daughters. **I want to encourage all of the band parents to become involved in this group.** This is not a Marching Band only support group. The Boosters are more visible at this time of year, but they will be supporting all of our performing groups. If you have a specific interest in one of the groups, or have questions about the group, please ask me! **The Band Boosters meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Band Room.**

Thank you for your support to the band program and to your students. Music can be one of the most fulfilling pieces of our children's education. Being in music groups does wonderful things for our brains, provides a great release for the day, and is great job-training for our children. Remember we will need all parents to support their students throughout the year. Encourage your student to practice. **Your student will need to practice throughout the year and will need your support to make sure they are the best they can be.**

Marching Band Checklist

- Attire:
 - Weather Appropriate Shirt & Shorts/Pants –Marching band Rehearsal shirt!
 - Athletic Shoes
 - Good Socks
 - Keep in accordance with school dress code
 - **Not Allowed: Jeans, Sandals, Skater Shoes**
- Sunscreen
- Waterbottle or camel back system filled with water at the start of each day.
- Sunglasses & Baseball Cap –**YOU WILL NEED THESE REQUIRED**
- Instrument & Equipment
- 1" White Binder with 30 plastic protective sheets
- Mechanical Pencils
- Dot Book ..purchased at day one of band camp (\$ 7.00)
- Lunch for each day of camp

Good Ideas:

- Get plenty of rest.
 - Go home and practice, study, prepare.
 - Stay off facebook.
 - Go to bed early ☺
- Hydrate 24/7—Hydration works better as a proactive solution and is not as effective when used as a reactive.
- Eat healthy! Your body needs premium fuel.
- Stretch before, during, and after rehearsal.
- Unwind during breaks.