



# *Hand Book*

2021-2022

Dear Perryville Band Students and Band Boosters,

Welcome to the award-winning Perryville High School Marching Band Family and congratulations on your decision to be a part of one of the finest organizations in the country! There are few organizations of any kind so rich in tradition and success that also includes so many real opportunities to carry on this outstanding tradition of excellence. The Perryville Band provides musical activities that encompass a wide scope and allows everyone a chance to reach the highest possible level of success.

While the musical activities are the core of our program, the total band experience provides the student far more opportunities. During the year the student will be able to participate in leadership development programs, learn, apply planning and team building skills, as well as spend time with other students and adults who have direction and goals as an integral part of their lives.

The fall season emphasizes the excellence of our ten- time Maryland State Champion Marching Band. Our performances include home football games, several marching competitions and parades.

The cornerstone and legacy of the Perryville Band program is striving for excellence through dedication, learning, experience and a team effort from students, boosters and staff. The substantial recognition that the band receives is in no small way a result of the success acknowledged in the past at reaching for and obtaining excellence. The 2021-2022 year looks to be an exciting opportunity to build on that legacy. It is also important to note that one side benefit to the total band experience is the fun and lasting relationships and memories developed by both students and parents.

Hard working students, dedicated staff, involved and active parents, supportive administration and community all combine to make it possible for the Perryville Band Program to offer an outstanding array of musical opportunities. Our students are expected to set and reach high goals for themselves and their program and the rewards of meeting those expectations are immeasurable. Members of the Perryville Marching Band develop musically, emotionally, mentally and socially.

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, administrators, staff and directors as a convenient source of information regarding the varied aspects of the Perryville Band. We have tried to cover as thoroughly as possible every facet of the program. Students and parents should read this handbook carefully and **must sign and return the agreement on the last page** upon becoming a member of the Perryville Band each year. Members will be expected to understand and abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this book.

Sincerely,

*Jill Welsheimer*

Jill Welsheimer, Director

Perryville High School Marching Band

## **Perryville High School Marching Band**

The Perryville Marching Band has a history of excellence. Not only are we 10 time Maryland State Champions but 3 time Mid-Atlantic Champions, 2<sup>nd</sup> place National Champions and TOB Atlantic Coast Champions. We have also been invited on several occasions to march in the Governors Inaugural Parade and the Main Street Parade in Walt Disney World.

·To be a member of the Perryville High School Marching Band, the student must be a member of the yearlong concert band (if instrumental) either through class participation or weekly evening participation. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the marching band. The student must have passed at least five courses the previous semester or must have made up courses through summer school. Each student must comply with all rules and regulations for that particular organization.

· The Perryville Marching Band performs at all home football games, parades, competitions and other various performance opportunities in the area. All students at Perryville have the opportunity to participate in Marching Band. Membership in the Marching Band requires attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Members must also meet their budgetary obligations. If financial obligations cannot be met, please see a member of the band boosters so that arrangements can be made. No student should give up participation in marching band due to financial hardship.

### **Rehearsal**

·The rehearsal schedule is normally set well in advance allowing students to plan other activities and obligations around the established schedule. **Punctuality** is a trait that will serve you well in any endeavor. Plan to arrive well in advance of the beginning of rehearsal – do not try to sneak in at the last second. It is essential that we make efficient use of the rehearsal time we have. This can only happen when every band member is present and working to improve. The band member that misses rehearsal cannot improve and the other band members around them have a less effective rehearsal due to the absence. We all depend on each other to “carry our fair share of the load” in order for us to achieve the level of proficiency for which the Perryville Band has become noted. We will not usually rehearse outdoors in the rain unless it is just a drizzle or intermittent light rain. In the event of a steady rain, we will rehearse indoors and then go outdoors at the first opportunity. In the unlikely event rehearsal is canceled, it will be announced at the end of the school day.

·Students should dress for the weather. Not having the proper attire is not a satisfactory reason for having a poor rehearsal. Students should wear low-top tennis shoes and socks for rehearsals. This is important in that the style of the marching step we use requires that the foot and ankle be permitted to move freely. Hats and sun block are recommended for rehearsals in warmer weather and jackets or sweatshirts for evening rehearsals in the fall.

·Directors should be notified IN ADVANCE if a student is going to be absent from a rehearsal or performance. Absences from band rehearsals or performances are unexcused unless due to (a) personal illness (b) death in the family (c) and emergency or (d) special permission of the directors obtained in advance by the parent or guardian. Students must exhibit consistent responsibility in these areas. Excessive absences for any reason may result in the student being placed on alternate status.

### **Marching Band Member**

·The student agrees to attend summer rehearsals and is required to attend Band Camp. Exceptions must be approved by the directors in advance. Each member must meet all financial obligations and must attend all rehearsals and performances (competitions, parades and football games).

### **Alternate Status**

·These students must meet all requirements for band. The students will rehearse and occasionally perform with the group, possibly earning a permanent spot at any time when deemed so by the directors. Alternates will also perform in all pre-game show activities. Alternates are considered full-fledged members of the Marching Band. This means that the alternates are expected to attend all rehearsals as per the rehearsal policy. Alternates may be rotated in and out on a per performance basis in order to provide the opportunity for more students to perform. Alternates will travel on all trips with the Marching Band.



## General Rules

- Couples---remember this a band function...not a date!
- No gum in the band room or at rehearsals at any time.
- All parts of the uniform, except for gloves, are to be turned in after each performance. Equipment (instrument, flag, rifle) should be stored in the proper room or taken home for practice.
- Do not leave equipment out in the band room.
- Make sure your name is on all your equipment (shoes, instrument case, bag, etc.)
- Section leaders—Check each person in your section to make sure they have all parts to their equipment especially on competition days.
- You should remain in full uniform (except hat) at all times at performances. Instructions will be given as to changing at competitions. You will need your white band shirt at competitions.
- All band members are to remain until the band is dismissed.
- Following any performance you will hang your uniform on the proper hanger and rack. Hats should be put in the proper slot.
- Leave your valuables at home---jewelry etc.
- Always wear your uniform shirt.
- T-shirts, hats, or any type of clothing with alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other vice advertisements are not to be worn during any band or school activities.
- Visible, pierced jewelry is not acceptable with the exception of small stud earrings in ears only. Nose, lips, eyebrows, tongue, or any other visible part of your anatomy may not be worn.
- No painted hair will be accepted at any time.
- Do not ask any chaperone to carry your purse or hold money.
- Flip folders and music will be taken to football games.
- Do what the chaperones ask. They are here to help you. They are equipped with band-aids, pins, buttons, etc.
- Keep your language clean! You never know who is listening.
- NO SCREAMING!!!
- IF you must miss a rehearsal for a doctor's appointment, you must bring a note from your parent/guardian prior to the appointment or from the doctor following the appointment.
- Each section is responsible for keeping any area used (instrument storage room, section rehearsal area, band room) free from clutter. Each section will also have a designated clean-up day for the entire band room. A schedule will be posted at the beginning of fall.
- Remember to always cheer for other bands.
- The purchase, use, or possession of drugs or alcohol in any form is strictly prohibited, if a student is taking prescription drugs, the directors should be notified in advance.
- Remember, you are a CLASS act. Do not do anything that would have to be explained. Always conduct yourselves as ladies and gentlemen.



## Bus Rules

- DO NOT change buses.
- On school buses try to keep noise to a minimum, No loud screaming, radios, etc.
- DO NOT play instruments on the bus.
- DO NOT throw anything out the windows. Keep arms, head, etc. inside the windows.
- Answer all roll call for yourself. Keep the noise level down. Roll will be called by chaperones each time we load the bus,
- Couples: Remember this is a band function---not a date!
- Put trash in garbage bags. Take the trash off the bus when you leave.
- When we return, be sure to close the windows. This will help the drivers.
- At competitions, you must return with the band, unless YOUR parents or designated person picks you up in person. **The student must sign out with Mrs. Welsheimer.**
- Home games are over at approximately 9:30PM. We will give you a time that we expect to return to school on away trips, we will have the students call home 15 minutes prior to our arrival back at school. Please have your rides at the school. We want to go home too!
- Be courteous, do what chaperones ask, and thank the drivers and chaperones when we return.
- Do not ask a chaperone to carry your purse or money.
- Do not take large portable radios on any trip. If you want to listen to music, you must use headphones.
- There are many reasons for this---courtesy for others.
- Get your equipment off the truck when we return to the school. YOU must put YOUR instrument and equipment back in the band room. If you ride home with your parents, make sure you have someone take care of your equipment.

### Stands Procedures

- No food or drinks in the stands before halftime.
- Do not wear hats in the stands or with your uniform (except regular marching band hat). If it is cold, stocking caps, earmuffs or something for warmth is permissible.
- There is to be no random playing instruments at any time. Any section or solo cheers should be cleared with the directors prior to the game.
- At home games sit in your assigned section (competitions---seating will depend on the type of stands). Sit in you assigned section the entire game---even after the third quarter break.
- **No outsiders allowed in the band section. This includes alumni.**
- Your concession break will be during the third quarter. You must be back in the stands in time to play at the end of the third quarter. Don't be late; watch the clock carefully. You will lose your break the next week if you are late.
- NO SCREAMING!!! Yell for the team---not at each other.

### Band Uniform Guidelines

- Black shoes: Dinkles will be ordered at band camp. The cost is \$40.00.
- White gloves: Purchased on the order form for \$5.00. Each band member except percussion and guard are required to have at least one pair of gloves. Two pairs are recommended. Clarinets and other instruments with open keyholes will have to cut the ends of the fingers out of the gloves. Freshman, if you have a question how to do this so the gloves won't ravel, see a uniform mom or ask an upperclassman in your section.
- White band shirts: One shirt will be provided to each band member. Each band member is required to have at least one white band shirt. You may order extra shirts for \$10.00 each.
- We also encourage parents and other family members to purchase pit crew shirts.
- Section leaders will check with each person in their section to make sure each has his/her instruments and all parts of his/her uniform especially on competition days.
- **Make sure your shoes, instruments case, and all belongings have your name on them.**
- You should remain in uniform (minus hat) at all times at performances unless otherwise directed.
- After you are dismissed following any performances, you are to take off your uniform and hang it properly on the hanger in your bag, place your shoes in the outside pocket of your uniform bag. **Do not put the shoes inside the bag.**
- Place hat in the assigned area and place gloves inside your bag.
- Each student is responsible for keeping up with all parts of his/her uniform. (We don't have extras!)
- Leave all valuables at home. Remove all facial piercings, rings (anything showing). Small stud earrings are allowed to be worn in ears only. Don't wear bright or neon colored nail polish!
- Always wear your designated shirt under your uniform (white band shirts should always be available)
- T-shirts, hats, or any type of clothing with alcoholic beverages, drugs, or other vice advertisements are not to be worn during any band or school activities.
- **On performance days all band students should wear band shorts to make it easier when changing clothes.**

### Uniform and Band Fee Information

Band Fee: \$125.00 due at registration (Paid to Perryville Marching Band)

#### Band Member Uniform Costs\*\*

- Extra White Band Shirt.....\$10.00
- Gloves.....\$5.00/pair
- Dinkles.....\$40.00
- Shorts.....\$17.00
- Uniform Cleaning.....Included in Budget
- Band and guard must purchase sweat suits
  - Jacket.....\$75.00
  - Pants..... \$45.00

#### Student Supply

- Black Socks
- **Color Guard will need to purchase gloves and shoes-Prices and more information forth coming.**

#### Items Stored in the Band Room

- Uniform pants (bibs)

- Uniform jackets
- Hats and plumes

\*\*All prices are approximate and are subject to change with different shipments.

### Attitude

- Those students who have a positive mental attitude (PMA), regardless of their individual skills, will always have a place in the Perryville Marching Band.
- Regardless of your ability, if your attitude is not positive and you are not doing your personal best to make the group successful, you should not be a part of this organization. In fact, students who do not project an attitude that is positive and cooperative will be given the opportunity to change their personal perspective or else leave the organization. Those who have pride in themselves will generally project a positive mental attitude.
- Characteristics of a positive mental attitude include a generally cheerful outlook toward rehearsals and performances, cooperation in the preparation and maintenance of equipment and facilities and an eagerness to do what is necessary to be successful.
- In short, the total band member is someone who is always willing to give his/her best for the good of the organization.



### Instrument Care

Individual instruments must always be maintained in top playing condition. Always show the director your instrument before taking it in for repairs. Remember that horseplay can cause damage to instruments and equipment. Be careful with your own instrument, place it out of harm's way if it is necessary for you to put it down, and never play around with or play on anyone else's instrument.

### Recommended Brands of Instruments

<b><u>Piccolo</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Yamaha YPC 62 Germeinhardt 4W Armstrong 359	<b><u>Flute (Step-up)</u></b> Emerson 6B Armstrong 303B Germeinhardt 35-H Artley 50B	<b><u>Oboe</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Loree Marigaux Fox 400	<b><u>Saxophone</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Selmer Mark VI (used) Selmer Super Action 80 Yamaha 62 Selmer Omega	<b><u>Trumpet</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Bach Stradivarius ML Bore (new or used) Benge King 2000 Schilke	<b><u>Euphonium</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Boosey and Hawkes (sovereign) Yamaha 321-S
<b><u>Piccolo (Step-up)</u></b> Yamaha Resonite Bundy Resonite Germeinhardt Resonite	<b><u>Bb Clarinet</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Buffet R-13 (new or used) Leblanc L-300 Leblanc 1176 Selmer 10G or 10S Yamaha YR-70	<b><u>Oboe (Step-up)</u></b> Larilee 150W	<b><u>French Horn</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Holton Farkas H-179 Conn 8D King Eroica Yamaha YHR 664	<b><u>Bass Trombone</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Bach 50B2	<b><u>Tuba</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Miraphone S186 4U Meina Weston 25
<b><u>Flute</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Emerson 8 Armstrong "Heritage" Germeinhardt 35 Armstrong 80 Artley 108 Yamaha Jupiter 611 SR	<b><u>Bb Clarinet</u></b> <b><u>(Step-up)</u></b> Buffet C-12 Evette E-12 Selmer Signet	<b><u>Bassoon</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Schreiber S-54 Schreiber S-60 Fox Renard 222 Fox Renard 220 Fox Symphony 101 (used)	<b><u>French Horn</u></b> <b><u>(Step-up)</u></b> Conn 6D Reynolds Contempora	<b><u>Trombone</u></b> <b><u>(Professional)</u></b> Bach 42B King 5B Holton TRI 58 Conn 88H (used) Yamaha 6000 series	<b>** Recommended            Reeds for Woodwind            Instruments are            Vandoren</b>

### **Band Awards**

- Each student that participates in the band program at Perryville High School, including the marching and/or concert activities, will receive a band certificate or merit at the annual band picnic. After two years of participation students will receive a band letter. Each subsequent year they will receive an appropriate award signifying another year's service. Seniors will receive a beautiful plaque with a listing of all accomplishments from their respective four years in band. In addition, students may be eligible for several special awards, selected by the directors, staff, or by vote of the band.

### **Private Lessons**

- Private lessons are the key to developing an outstanding musical organization. Students who study their instruments privately with a professional show rapid improvement in individual musicianship. As these students improve, their excitement towards practicing increases, they continue to improve, and they become a stronger contributor to the overall success of the band. Private instruction has a great impact on the individual student and on our band program both this year and in the future. The key to satisfactory results from a private instruction is to start as soon as possible... SO START NOW!

### **Staff and Chaperones**

- Anyone on the staff of the Perryville Marching Band has been selected due to the skills and qualities they possess and for the benefit they can bring the band program and should be considered an extension of the directors. They are to be treated with the highest level of courtesy and respect. Chaperones are also extensions of the authority of the directors. Without the dedication of our chaperones and other adults who assist the band, we could not travel or perform the way we do. These people work hard, and the only payment they receive is our appreciation. Be respectful, polite, cooperative, and remember that the words "please" and "thank you" cost you nothing, but are highly valued by the recipient.
- If you disagree with something a chaperone asks you to do, you are not to argue with a chaperone. You are to do as you are asked and then inform the directors as soon as possible. This policy will be strictly enforced. (In the extremely unlikely event that a chaperone's instruction would cause you to violate civil law or moral standards, the student should ask to be taken by that chaperone to the directors immediately). If a chaperone has to report a student for being uncooperative or for any other reason that student is subject to removal from the group.

### **Rules for Chaperones**

- Chaperones are not to smoke on school grounds or in view of students
- Pit Crew is required to wear designated shirt
- Chaperones are to refrain from profanity
- Any parent riding on the buses are required to sit at the front of the bus, not with the students
- Please remember, parents are here to be parents, not students

## **Band Booster Officers 2021-2022**

President: Jason Biddle (443)995-0018

Vice President: Terri Horn (443) 350-3026

Secretary: Jen Sohl (443)567-8126

Treasurer: Nicole Madron (443) 466-4082

Fundraising Chair: Erin Townsend (717) 723-5832

## **Band Booster Meeting Schedule**

**Meetings take place every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria; all are encouraged to attend.**

**The exception is whenever there is a school holiday and summertime.**

**Parents are an important part of the Perryville Band, and have a vital role to play. Without the assistance and cooperation of band parents, there would be no chance for the level of success we want the band to achieve. There is a need for every parent.**

**Be supportive of the band program and your child's participation by:**

- **Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal, volunteer for pit crew, food preparations, work concessions, help with fundraising.**
- **Notifying directors if your child is to be absent or late for performance or rehearsal. This should be done in advance unless in an absolute emergency.**
- **Encouraging your child to practice at home and helping them find a quiet place to do so.**
- **Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.**
- **Discussing with directors and staff anything that will help them understand and better serve your child.**
- **Arranging for private lessons for your child if needed.**

We welcome visitors to rehearsals but request they remain quiet so as not to disturb the focus of the students or staff. Cheering at appropriate times is welcome!



# Band Membership Agreement

I have read the Marching Band Handbook and fully understand the requirements of joining the Perryville High School Marching Band. I fully intend to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this handbook.

Band Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_