Dear Current and Future Clarksburg Instrumental Music Students and Parents,

I hope that your spring has been great so far. Time flies when the weather is nice and before we know it, it will be time for summer marching band camp. The band staff is working hard to make sure we are set to hit the ground running. We hope to have a good turnout for the marching band this year – we are looking forward to a great season, filled with fun, friendship, and musical excellence!

**PRE-SEASON**

The dates and times for summer marching band events are as follows – any student wishing to participate who has a schedule conflict should email Mr. Orifici immediately:

- **June 13**  
  Information/Registration Night  
  7:00PM

- **June 19, July 3,17,31**  
  Summer Rehearsals (optional)  
  6-8pm (brass, guard, and pit)  
  7-9pm (w/winds and battery)

- **August 15**  
  Fees Hand-In/Volunteer signup  
  6PM – 7PM

- **August 15-16**  
  Rookie and Refresher Clinics  
  6PM – 9PM

- **August 19,20,21,22,23**  
  Summer Band Camp (day)  
  9AM – 4PM

- **August 26,27,28,29,30**  
  Summer Band Camp (evening)  
  6PM – 9PM

All marching band participants are expected to attend the summer band camp. This is a very important time, as students will learn not only fundamental marching and musical technique, but also components of the halftime and competition shows. Students should bring the following materials to band camp, every day:

- Instrument and pencil
- Music, flip folder, and drill book (new students will receive these the first day of camp)
- A bag lunch
- A water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sneakers (NO FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDALS!)

**IMPORTANT MARCHING BAND PARENT MEETING**

Any parents wishing to learn more about the marching band program may attend a meeting on Thursday June 13, at 7:00PM in the CHS Instrumental Music Room #136. In addition to discussing the program, we will be collecting registration papers and fees and having sign-ups for parent volunteer opportunities. It is expected that each student will have a parent volunteer for at least one volunteer slot this season. The success of a program is directly related to the quality of parent support! This is a great group of kids and I encourage you to get involved.

Additionally, as in past years, we are asking parents to supplement the main meal before each football game with healthy side dishes, drinks and desserts. We know most parents work and getting these items to school for an early dinner can be a challenge, so we will give you the option to make a minimum $15 donation in lieu of a side dish which will be used to supplement meals.

Thursday, August 15th we will hold another Forms and Fees Night from 6pm-7pm. This is another opportunity to pay fees, sign up to volunteer during the season, and ask questions from other band parents!
REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
Rehearsals for Marching Band once school starts will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday after school from 2:45 to 4:15, and on Thursday evenings from 6-9pm. Percussion, Color Guard, and Majorettes will have additional sectional practices. Other sections may have sectional rehearsals on Mondays after school. There will also be rehearsals the morning of each Saturday competition. The Friday of each home football game students will eat dinner at school and should plan to stay with the band through the end of the football game.

COSTS/FEES
These are the costs associated with participating in Marching Band. Please note that financial assistance is available – financial concerns will not prevent a student from participating in the program. Contact Mr. Orifici at charles_a_orifici@mcpsmd.org or the CHS OOMPAH Treasurer at treasurer@chsoompah.org to obtain the financial assistance form.

- There is a flat marching band fee of $360 for each member. This fee has two components:
  - Marching Band Fee of $295, which covers bus transportation to all band events, a marching band t-shirt, a flip folder and music, and the uniform cleaning fee.
  - Meals Fee of $65 which covers the 5 pre-game dinners and snacks for the days of competitions.
- Additionally, new students will need to purchase new marching shoes for $30 and gloves for $3. 
  Alternately, we have a limited number of lightly used pairs of shoes available for $15. New color guard members will need to purchase gloves for $15 and black stretch pants for $20. Majorette members will need to purchase shoes for $25.
- Percussionists will need to purchase sticks which can range from $12-$20. Information will be given once it has been determined who will be playing which drum.
- Additionally, optional Instrumental Music Department Spiritwear (Jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.) will be available for student and parent purchase this fall.
- Please note that a separate Marching Band End of Season Banquet RSVP signup and donation request will be sent closer to our November 7th banquet. We look forward to celebrating a great season with all of our families.

Half of the marching band fee ($180) is due by July 1. The balance is due by the first day of summer band camp. All students are expected to have paid in full or submitted requests for financial assistance by August 19th. Fees may be paid by check at anytime (Made payable to CHS OOMPAH) or by credit card at the forms and fees nights on June 13th and August 15th. Please note that all credit card payments will incur an additional 2.75% of the total to cover processing fees. Payments can be made throughout the summer by contacting the CHS OOMPAH Treasurer at treasurer@chsoompah.org.

COMMUNICATION
Information and documents will be posted at the following locations:

- CHS OOMPAH uses Remind.com to send updates about important class information. To sign up for text notifications, please visit http://remind.com/join/spiritofch or text @spiritofch to 81010
- There is a Google classroom for Marching Band. Use code f8ma4fp
- The Clarksburg Instrumental Music Website at http://coyotebluemusic.wordpress.com - click the “follow” button to receive email updates.
- The Clarksburg High School Marching Band facebook group at facebook.com/groups/marchingbandchs and on twitter @MarchingBandCHS

I am really looking forward to the upcoming marching band season! In the meantime, find last year’s flip folder, make sure your instrument is in good working order, and don’t forget to practice over the summer! If you have any questions please email the director, Mr. Orifici, at charles_a_orifici@mcpsmd.org.

Sincerely,
Mr. Orifici
Instrumental Music Department
Clarksburg High School
CLARKSBURG MARCHING BAND
Rehearsal, Parade, Competition, and event schedule
(UPDATED – 5/21/19)

**Summer rehearsals and other events**

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**Rehearsals**

Full Band Rehearsal: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2:45-4:15pm; Thursdays 6-9pm; and Saturday mornings on the days of competition, times TBD

Sectional Rehearsals for Drumline, Color Guard, and Majorettes TBD

Other sectionals on Mondays after-school as needed

**Football Schedule (all games start at 6:30pm)**

On football game nights, band dinner will be provided at school immediately following rehearsal – students should plan to stay at school through the end of the football game.

- Friday 9/6 vs. Urbana
- Friday 9/27 vs. Whitman
- Friday 10/11 vs. Gaithersburg
- Friday 10/18 vs. Northwest
- Friday 11/1 vs. Churchill

**Competition Schedule (All Times TBD)**

Saturdays TBD
Clarksburg High School Marching Band Registration

You can also register online: [https://tinyurl.com/cburgband2019](https://tinyurl.com/cburgband2019)  
**If you register online you do not have to fill out this paper form!**

Student Full First Name: _____________________________________________

Student Last Name: _________________________________________________

Student First Name (nickname): ______________________________________

Email address (student): _____________________________________________

Email address (parent): _____________________________________________

Home phone: ______________________ Student cell phone:______________

Gender: Male  Female  T-shirt size: S  M  L  XL  XXL

Graduation Year: 2023 (Freshman)  2022 (Sophomore)  2021 (Junior)  2020 (Senior)

Primary instrument: ________________________________________________ or COLOR GUARD or MAJORETTES

Secondary instrument: ______________________________________________ or COLOR GUARD or MAJORETTES

Allergies/Medical Conditions (that may affect participation):

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Uniform Sizing: Height:_______  Weight:_______  Waist:_______  Head circumference:_______

Shoe Size:_______  Glove size (color guard only): S  M  L  XL

Please read the reverse side of this form and sign it to confirm your participation in the Clarksburg Marching Band Program.

After filling out this form completely, please return it to Mr. Orifici via email (save it or scan it) or regular mail.

Email: charles_a_orifici@mcpsmd.org  
Regular mail: Mr. Charles Orifici  
Instrumental Music Department  
Clarksburg High School  
22500 Wims Road

You may also bring this form to Mr. Orifici  
In Room 136 at CHS.
Physical Demands

The Marching Band activity is much like a sport as it relates to the physical demands placed on each student. Like most for most athletic activities, all band members need to be in good health. Though we do not want to eliminate anyone from participating, we are on our feet all rehearsal, (except for breaks) outside in HOT temperatures and can march up to a mile or more at each rehearsal. If you have had issues with the knee, foot, or ankle, or with asthma or fatigue, marching band can be a difficult activity.

Behavior

The Clarksburg High School Marching Band is a voluntary group. The expectation is that everyone who participates in the marching band “wants to be there” and “must be there”. We are one of the larger and more visible student groups on campus. Thus, our behavior both on and off the field needs to be exemplary. Improper rehearsal etiquette/behavior could result in your dismissal from the marching band. Improper behavior during school could also result in your dismissal from the marching band. If you are dismissed from the marching band, you are still responsible for all band fees.

Dismissing infractions include (but are not limited to): After school detention, disrupting rehearsal, any UNEXCUSED band absences, any UNEXCUSED performance absence, academic class failures, verbal or physical bullying, suspension or expulsion from school.

Communication

The Marching Band schedule with regards to Band Camp, after-school rehearsals, football games, competition dates, and other events has been set. This is given to you months in advance. All personal conflicts should be rescheduled, if possible. Please contact Mr. Orifici ASAP if there is a conflict that may cause you to miss a rehearsal or performance. Waiting until the day before (or day of) could result in your dismissal from the marching band.

Commitment

I am committed to being a member of the Clarksburg High School Marching Band for the upcoming season. Submitting this form shows that I understand that I must attend the summer band camp and evening rehearsals in August, along with all practices and performances associated with the marching band (see marching band schedule). Furthermore, I understand that by filling out this form, I am committed not only to the marching band regular season, but also to all commitments associated with the band through the football postseason. I will also abide by all policies set forth by The Clarksburg High School Band Program, Clarksburg High School and Montgomery County Public Schools.

I have read the above agreement and agree to this commitment.

___________________________________________________  ___________________
Student signature                                      date

____________________________________________________  ___________________
Parent signature                                      date