

JUNE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2016

Hello Everyone and Happy Summer!

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are enjoying your first few days of summer vacation! We are excited to start rehearsals for the Wildkit Marching Band on Monday June 13th - with over 40 new marchers joining us this season, we are sure to have a great fall! Please read below for more information on the start of our Marching Band season!

June/July Schedule

(For a full season schedule, visit: http://www.ethsbands.com/calendar/marching_band_calendar.html)

Week 1:

Monday 6/13, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - All New Band/Guard Marchers, All Percussion, All Student Leaders

Tuesday 6/14, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - All New Band/Guard Marchers, All Percussion, All Student Leaders

Wednesday 6/15, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - All New Band/Guard Marchers, All Percussion, All Student Leaders

Thursday 6/16, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal (Band and Guard) followed by optional MATRIX MOVIE NIGHT

Week 2:

Wednesday 6/22, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Thursday 6/23, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Week 3:

Wednesday 6/29, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Thursday 6/30, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Full Band Rehearsal (Band and Guard)

Monday 7/4, 11:30 a.m. - July 4th Parade starting at Bent Park and ending at NU's Stadium (Band and Guard)

What To Bring & Wear To June/July Rehearsals

June and July is our opportunity to really focus on the basics as a band. We will learn and reinforce marching fundamentals as well as fundamentals of musicianship through parade formations - skills we will utilize not only in our two parades and weekly marches to the stadium, but in our half-time show performances for the entire season. Uniformity takes persistence - engagement, effort, and attention to detail from all of our members - June is an important time for us to begin to hone these skills. We are looking forward to a great start to our 2016 season and to welcoming 40+ new faces to our Marching Band organization!

We will be outside for the majority of our rehearsal time during our June and July rehearsals. Dress in shorts and t-shirts or polo shirts that are school appropriate, yet comfortable (no short-shorts or spaghetti strap shirts) with sneakers (no Tom's, boots, sandals, etc.). No need to clarify specifics - if you feel the need to clarify, be on the safe side and choose something else - just use good judgment. We will be out in the sun for much of our time, so bring a water bottle to stay hydrated during rehearsals, wear sun-screen, and be sure to eat dinner prior to coming to rehearsal. We will take breaks throughout our time together which will provide some much-needed rest, hydration, and social time.

We will be checking out marching band instruments to all of our new members who need them on Monday 6/13 during our rehearsal time. If you own your own instrument, you should bring it on the first day and everyday thereafter. Specialty instruments (i.e. sousaphone), out-door grade instruments (i.e. plastic clarinets or lacquered trumpets for those who want to preserve high-quality personal instruments), and instruments for those who don't own their own can be issued with ease at our first rehearsal. We will also issue paper copies of our traditional music at this time, our main focus for June & July. We have also uploaded our 2016 MATRIX halftime show music to our website - download your copy today! *Students will need to provide their own lyre and flip folder, our means of reading music while marching, either online, at Evanston Band and Orchestra, or at Quinlan and Fabish music stores. Please be sure to purchase the specific lyre and flip folder that go with your instrument - simply tell your sales associate what you play and they can help you find what you need.*

See you soon!

-Mr. Bufis