

# Jenison Marching Band Parent Meeting

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June 5, 2017 7:00 pm  
Jenison Center for the Arts

Although our schedules are sometimes different and we rehearse separately on a regular basis, the **Color Guard** is indeed part of the **Marching Band**!

Our website [www.jenisonbands.org](http://www.jenisonbands.org) is your primary source for information throughout the marching band season.

You can also follow us on Facebook (Jenison Bands) and Twitter (@jenisonbands).

The High School Bands Handbook is available in the [Downloads](#) section of the website.

It contains a great deal of information, including our attendance policies for Marching Band.

All required forms are also available on the website under [Downloads](#).

(These forms were due *May 1* - if you have not turned them in yet, please do so **ASAP!**)

For all competition weekends, general times are currently published on the [Calendar](#), but we will post itineraries with specific information for you and your students each week in the [News](#) section.

# Marching Band Payments

Payment coupons with due dates were included in the green payment forms packet. Please be prompt with your monthly payments, and make sure to include the payment coupon with your payment.

(If you are paying online, please send the payment coupon to the Band Office via mail or with your student.)

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All members will need the following items  
prior to Mini Camp (June 26):



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- Khaki shorts for Band Camp performance August 11

# What to expect from your student!

1. Nerves/excitement
2. Initial lack of confidence
3. New friends and social opportunities
4. Please expect them (and help encourage them) to practice at home!
5. Please expect them (and help encourage them) to get in great aerobic shape! (Nutrition and hydration are important for this process!)
6. Pre-Camp/Band Camp/Post-Camp exhaustion!



# Competitions

For many of our students, competitions are the most fun and exciting part of being in Marching Band! We begin competing in mid-September, and continue to perform in competition most weekends. Our very own **Jenison Invitational** (October 21) is the largest school sponsored marching band event in the state of Michigan! Our season culminates at the

**MCBA State Championships** at Ford Field on Nov. 4, and

**Bands of America Grand National Championships** in Indianapolis Nov. 9-11.

*More info about these competitions will be discussed at our September Band Booster meeting!*

# Get involved!!!

The Jenison Marching Band requires a significant commitment of time and money from you and your student - but our hope is that it will also create a tremendous experience resulting in a strong sense of pride, accomplishment and belonging which students will carry with them long after high school.

You have MANY opportunities to contribute to making that experience possible! Whether they express it or not, your child will appreciate your desire to be involved in a program that is important to them.

Our committee heads will briefly describe their responsibilities and discuss how you can help. Our **Volunteer Credit program** gives you extra incentive (\$100!) to get involved!