

# Marching Band 2016-17

## Rules to promote Excellence, Respect and Pride

- Be on time to all classes, events, and rehearsals
- Have all necessary materials for classes, events, and rehearsals
- Respect other members' personal property and space
- Respect everyone
- No sitting on the field during rehearsal.
- No food or drinks, other than water, on the field OR in the band room.
- Water is the only drink allowed while in uniform
- No cussing, especially in uniform (including polos)
- No use of cell phones, gaming devices, or music players during class, rehearsals, or football games
- No spitting except in trashcans
- No chewing gum anywhere
- No excessive public displays of affection (PDA) at any event or in the band room or any time in uniform.
- There is a difference between complaints and requests that may improve a situation. For example, "I'm dying of thirst, this stinks" versus "Hey can we get some water." Complaints should be held until the end of an event. Requests that will improve situations are encouraged.
- Some actions may result in ejection from the group
- Use common sense
- Have fun!

### Drumline

- Members with unsatisfactory playing will be notified 2 weeks prior to performance that unless they improve, they will not be allowed to perform. After 1 week, they will be re-evaluated for improvement. If they have improved to the satisfaction of the drum coaches, they will be allowed to march. If not, their final evaluation will be 2 days prior to the performance. If at that time, they still are not performing to the coaches' satisfaction, they will not be allowed to perform. Evaluations are on a per-performance basis. (Performances include but are not limited to all football games, band reviews, and field show competitions.)

### Positive Consequences

- Longer or more frequent water breaks for the band or for individuals
- Popsicles or some other treat reward for the band or for individuals
- Alternative warm-ups as a band
- Uniform line fastpasses for individuals
- Get out of morning push-ups or penance cards

### Negative Consequences

- Tardies
  - Case 1 (Late to Band Camp) : Penance crew at breaks
  - Case 2 (Late to 0 Period) : 1<sup>st</sup> offense – excused  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> offense – additional morning lap  
5<sup>th</sup> (and more) offense(s) – 5 points lost and an additional morning lap  
Excessive tardies will result in a call home and involvement of Mr. Schick
  - Case 3 (Late to After School Rehearsals) : Penance crew following rehearsals
- Gum, spitting, food, or lack of materials will result in a warning and then push-ups

### Penance Crew

- Students are placed on "Penance Crew" to work off points deducted through rule infractions.
  - Penance Crew is supervised by the drum majors and meets during snack or after rehearsals throughout the school year or during band camp.
  - Student in penance crew will be asked to do flutter kicks/push-ups/or other physical activities one might do in a P.E. class.
  - Mr. Schick oversees the entire process to ensure fairness and equity.

## **Officer Rules-** also see separate addendum

Officers are held to a higher standard because they administer most of the punishments listed above.

- Use discretion in administering punishments and rewards. You are held responsible for them.
- Punishments may be doubled if the situation is appropriate
- Impeachment is a possible consequence of your actions

## **Band Camp Dress Code**

- No open-toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops while on the field
- Shorts are recommended, but loose fitting jeans are acceptable
- School dress-code rules apply :
  - No sagging pants, spaghetti straps, no tube tops, or any other clothing of that nature
  - Any issues with dress will result in a request to change clothing

## **Netiquette - NEW**

- Keep posts concise and to the point. Posts that are not relevant to band are not allowed.
- No slang terms and no obscenities. Do not post content on any social media platform that could humiliate or criticize another person.
- Questions that are inappropriate for band to talk about should not be posted on the band page. If a non-council member person has a question for council, they should seek an officer first. That officer can then decide whether the rest of the council needs to answer it or not.
- If you would like to reply to a comment, please post via the reply button; do not make another comment. This will allow the problem to be focused into one thread rather than being scattered around the comment section.
- If anyone would like to offer any idea that comes to mind that you feel might benefit band in any way, please follow rule 1 and be as thoughtful as possible.
- If someone is being a problem in class, talk to Mr. Schick privately. Mr. Schick will then either give you an immediate answer or will discuss the situation with the council but will make your name and the other person's name anonymous.