

## MARCHING INDIANS

### MARCHING BAND CAMP

Band Camp marks the beginning of the Marching Band season. Camp is extremely important and its success is crucial to the rest of the year. This is where you learn the basic fundamentals of marching. It is vital that you are in attendance with a positive, willing, and intense attitude. Parents- if your student is unable to attend band camp, it is important to contact Mr. Reed and your child's section leader. The drill is written based upon attendance at Band Camp. If we know you are planning on participating in band but cannot attend camp, a spot may be saved for you in the drill. Without prior knowledge, this cannot happen.

Marching fundamentals learned at band camp are the foundation of the marching band. Fundamentals seem redundant but it is imperative that you learn them correctly and use them throughout the season. Most importantly, you will learn the intensity involved with the Marching Indians. If you miss band camp, contact your section leader upon your return to begin getting caught up.

You are expected to be on time! Tardiness is not appropriate. Efficient rehearsals are a top priority, especially to compete on the level of 6-A band. You are expected to be ready to start at the very beginning of the rehearsal. (i.e. if rehearsal is at 6:45AM you are expected to be in your spot on the marching band field ready to start at 6:45AM). You will be considered tardy if you are walking out to the field at 6:45AM or getting your instrument out at 6:45AM. You get the picture. It is a good idea to arrive 15 minutes early to give yourself time to prepare.

Transportation is sometimes a problem, especially for freshman. Never fear, these problems can be worked out. Band students with cars are willing to help out with rides. Your section leaders can help you find rides. Don't be afraid to ask them. Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory so don't let a transportation problem keep you from attending.

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### **BAND CAMP PART 2**

You are expected to have the majority of your music memorized by the end of Band Camp. Memorization is a **MUST** and you've had plenty of time to practice. Memorize your music in this order: SMN Pregame, Star Spangled Banner, Distorted, Journey of Man and Incantation. During band camp (August 1<sup>st</sup>- 9th) we will be in rehearsal 8AM to 4PM with 1 1/2 off for lunch. You may bring your lunch or you can plan on getting fast food on Johnson Drive. There are several restaurants that are within close walking distance of North. Parents, if you feel comfortable with letting your child ride with one of the older students, there are always rides available at lunch. I know high school is a big change from middle school and one of the major changes is student drivers. The band kids are some of the best kids at North. I believe they are trustworthy to get your child to a fast-food establishment.

### **Bring the following to band camp:**

- 1) Sunblock**
- 2) Water- 1/2 gallon container with ice and water**
- 3) Comfortable shoes with socks (we march in the stadium)**
- 4) Hat**
- 5) Music and Instrument**
- 6) A Great Attitude!!!**

## MARCHING INDIANS UNIFORMS

The uniforms play an important role in the Marching Band. They help us represent our school with pride and honor and we ask that the uniforms be cared for and worn in the same way. Each band member will be responsible for the condition and care of his or her uniform once it has been assigned to him or her.

Your first quarterly installment of \$75 must be paid before you check out your uniform for the first performance. We will not be able to check out your uniform until the \$75 is paid. The first \$75 installment will cover the cost of the shoes and the care and cleaning of your uniform. Please try to make your first \$75 installment before or at the band picnic.

Each student is assigned a uniform with a specific number and ALL parts of your uniform have that number on them. When you are assigned a uniform number at the time of uniform fitting, each part number will be verified. You will then be required to sign an agreement with Shaw-Mi-No Band organization stating that you will be fully responsible for your uniform during the school year.

The uniforms will remain at the school and WILL NOT be taken home. They will be checked out before each performance and checked in after each performance. A uniform committee parent will then check the uniform. If it is not assembled correctly, you will be asked to redo it until it is properly hung on the hanger.

**Note to Parents:** Students will be expected to complete the check-out process BEFORE they leave the band room.

Black socks are required when wearing your band uniform, and are considered a part of the uniform. You are to keep one clean pair of black socks in your garment bag at all times. If you do not have a black pair of socks prior to the performance at uniform check, you will be asked to purchase another pair from the uniform co-chairpersons for \$5.00, due immediately Black shoes/shoe bags. You will be given a shoe bag for storage of your shoes. Please write your name in the white space on the bottom of the bag. DO NOT put your shoes in your garment bag. The weight of the shoes will tear the garment bag. Shoes can be taken home but it the students responsibility to bring their shoes to performance.

**White Gloves:** You will be issued a pair of white gloves at the time you are assigned a uniform number. Please store your gloves in the garment bag so they are available for each performance. If you lose your gloves, you will be asked to purchase another pair for \$3.00.

**Hat Plumes/Hat Boxes:** You will be assigned a hat at the time you are assigned a uniform. The hat will be stored in a hatbox with the corresponding hat number on the outside of it. Your hat is to be inside your hatbox at all times unless you are wearing it. The hats and hatboxes can be taken home when uniforms are assigned providing the first installment was been paid. You may want a stocking hat for cold weather. This may be stored in your hat while you are marching and kept inside the hat at other times.

Plumes will be distributed prior to performances and collected immediately following the performance. If it should begin to rain while you are wearing a plume, please remove it from your hat and store it inside the hat until the weather clears. Any uniform part found in the band room or elsewhere between performances will be collected by the Uniform Committee. Lost or forgotten uniform parts **WILL NOT BE CHECKED OUT** for replacement unless it is a competition. You will perform without a complete uniform. It is your responsibility to keep your uniform together and have it when you perform.

The uniforms play an important role in Symphonic, Concert and Freshman Band. They help us represent our school with pride and honor and we ask that the uniforms be cared for and worn in the same way. Each band member will be responsible for the condition and care of his or her uniform once it has been assigned to him or her. Symphonic, Concert and Freshman uniforms differ since they will be checked out to the student and the student will keep the uniform until the end of the Symphonic, Concert and Freshman Band season. Your student will be notified of the date they need to return their uniform.

At the end of Marching Band season and/or Symphonic Band season, the uniforms will be inventoried. If your uniform, or a part of it, is missing or damaged, you will be issued an invoice for the replacement cost. If there is a uniform part included in the garment bag that does not have your assigned number, you will be expected to make payment to replace the missing part. Any student who has an outstanding uniform bill will not be assigned a uniform for the next season until that invoice is paid. In addition, a copy of the invoice will be sent to the main office at SMN, and action could be taken until the issue is resolved. The replacement costs of the uniform are:

**MARCHING BAND**

Jacket \$270.00  
Black Pants 118.00  
White Pants (Drum Majors) 118.00  
Baldric 57.00  
Cape 57.00  
Gloves 2.50  
Gauntlets 27.50  
Hat 67.00  
Hat Box 10.00  
Plume 15.00  
Garment Bag 23.00  
Shoes 35.00  
Shoe Bag 7.00

**SYMPHONIC BAND**

Tux Jacket 50.00  
Wing Collar Tux Shirts 17.00  
Tuxedo Pants 34.00  
Cummerbund 9.00  
Bow Tie 4.00  
Dress 74.00  
Hanger 2.00  
Garment Bag 7.00

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact:  
Sandi Lloyd (913-677-7790) Thank you!

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### BANDS AT NORTH

**MARCHING BAND-** A considerable amount of this handbook is devoted to Marching Band. This ensemble rehearses in the summer, before school and on Thursday evenings during August and September (drum-line meets briefly during July). Students receive 1/2 credit for this class and range in age from freshman to senior.

**SYMPHONIC BAND-** A select ensemble made up of freshman through senior who audition and qualify for the group. Auditions for this band occur in the Fall semester. This band rehearses during the second semester, first block. Students are required to be in the band room at 7:30AM to warm up and prepare for rehearsal. The Symphonic Band has more performances than any other concert band.

**CONCERT BAND-** This group is comprised of sophomores through seniors who either choose not to audition for Symphonic Band or who have auditioned and not been selected for the group. This group meets third block all year. Students who choose not to march first semester should enroll in this class.

**FRESHMAN BAND-** This group also meets second semester. Freshman may audition for Symphonic Band but freshman **MAY NOT** audition for Concert Band. There are exceptions to this rule, at the discretion of the director. This class meets seventh block.

**JAZZ ENSEMBLE (TOP GROUP)-** This ensemble is chosen by audition in the spring semester of the previous school year. **Students may not enroll in jazz band only.** Jazz classes may be taken in addition to another major musical ensemble. The jazz ensemble performs frequently and students must have an excellent understanding of jazz style and a high level of musical skill. This class meets fourth block all year.

**JAZZ BAND-** This jazz workshop is open to all band students interested in learning more about jazz. **Students may not enroll in jazz band only.** Jazz classes may be taken in addition to another major musical ensemble. Only students who play piano or guitar may sign up for jazz band only. Students in jazz band need not audition. This class meets block II all year.

**JAZZ COMBOS and SMALL ENSEMBLES-** Jazz combos/ ensembles meet outside class (or during seminar) throughout the year. These ensembles will meet around once a week and perform throughout the fall and spring semester.

## Grading:

Grading in band is fairly simple, and there is really no excuse to not get an A. Band is a performance class, so grades are based on participation. Important factors for receiving a good grade are:

- \*Having an excellent attendance record (performances/rehearsals ON TIME)
- \*Appropriate behavior in class
- \*Knowing your music...memorization in Marching Band and practice in Concert bands
- \*Being on time for ALL rehearsals and performances

### **Grading System:**

- 50% Participation**
- 25% Performances**
- 20% Playing tests**
- 5% Written tests**

**\*Missing a performance which is unexcused can drop a student's quarterly grade by two letters. Excused absences must be worked out ahead of time with Mr. Reed unless there is a family emergency. WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. Students may make up an excused absence by writing a one-two page report on the composer of their choice or possibly a SmartMusic assignment**

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### LETTERING

Letters are the maroon (standing for Shawnee Mission) that students may earn to wear on a letter jacket. All students who march (including band camp participation) in the fall AND participate in a concert band in the spring are eligible to earn a letter in band. Some jazz students who march in the fall and/or participate in orchestra may also be eligible.

#### **General Criteria:**

- Participation in ALL scheduled performances is required for eligibility unless excused prior to the performance or directors approval.
- Areas requiring verification of work done must be documented immediately following completion of project or assigned task.
- Excessive absences or tardiness from class may result in disqualification from letter consideration.
- Points do not accumulate from one year to the next (except for graduation band).
- You must attend band camp.
- Discipline problems, or failure to adhere to rules set out by the directors may result in disqualification from lettering consideration

#### **Minimum required points:**

<b>Music performance:</b>	<b>35 points minimum</b>
<b>Service:</b>	<b>10 points minimum</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>50 points minimum</b>

#### **Music performance:**

-District and/or State Solo & Ensemble Participation (per event):

I Rating	10 points
II or III Rating	8 points

-Jazz Ensemble or Seminar Jazz Band Participation	1-10	points
-Jazz Combo/ Small Ensemble Participation	1-5	points
-Choir, Full Orchestra Participation	1-5	points
-Football Pep-Band Participation	3	pts. ea
-Pep-Band Participation (minus three points for every game missed)	20	points
-KUKCYWS Participation	5	points
-KMEA (District and/or State) Auditioning	10	points
-KMEA (District and/or State) Selection and performances	10	points
-Summer Band Camp (this is also required to letter)	10	points
-Summer Percussion Camp	5	points
-Miscellaneous Special Performances/Events	1-5	points
-Cumulative Experience Points (must be in band for entire year)		
Second Consecutive Year	5	points
Third Consecutive Year	10	points
Fourth Consecutive Year	20	points

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**LETTERING CONTINUED**

**Service points:**

-Drum Major or Section Leader	10	points
- Additional assignments on SmartMusic NOT assigned for class	1-3	points ea.
-Library, Cleaning or Uniform work	1-5	points
-Ushering for concerts (per event)	1	point
-Miscellaneous projects	1-5	points
-Cumulative Experience Points (must be in band for entire year)		
Second Consecutive Year	3	points
Third Consecutive Year	5	points
Fourth Consecutive Year	8	points

**FINALLY- FOR THE PARENTS**

Band students may be dropped off at the stadium field and picked up in the circle drive for band camp rehearsals. The band room is located off the west side of the building next to the auditorium.

Shaw-Mi-No band parents are known throughout the area for their vigorous cheering. So, for home games, we all sit together. This allows us to cheer as one large group that the band can hear on the field.

A portion of the stands are marked off for the band. You will always find the band parents close to the band. We try to have the band parents sit in section "F".

Football games usually start at 7:00PM; however, the band performs a pre-game show at approximately 6:45PM. If you get there early, you can get a good seat and cheer the band on!

Thursday night rehearsals begin at 6:30PM and end at 8:15PM. If you are picking your child up, you can be assured that they will always be released at 8:15PM. If you would like to attend any rehearsal you are always invited.

## Band Boosters/Shaw-Mi-No Parent Organization

The Band Booster organization is made up of parents who provide vital support for the band students at Shawnee Mission North. This organization is also known as Shaw-Mi-No. There are quite a few events and activities throughout the year that require extra time and effort from students, staff, and especially parents to insure that everything goes as planned. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year filled with new challenges and new friends. If you would like to be more involved, please notify a board member and visit Charms website to volunteer your help with the activities & events.

Along with our Band Director, the following people have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2011-2012 school year:

### 2011-2012 Band Booster Board Members

Band Director, Chad Reed;	913.207.8318, <a href="mailto:chadreed@smsd.org">chadreed@smsd.org</a>
President, Robin Dukelow;	913.669.0638, <a href="mailto:rdukelow@kc.rr.com">rdukelow@kc.rr.com</a>
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Member at-Large, Karen Hinkle;	913.522.4607, <a href="mailto:khinkleshawmino@hotmail.com">khinkleshawmino@hotmail.com</a>

Board meetings are open for everyone to attend, and will be held in the band room. This schedule, along with any changes will also be posted at [www.smnorthbands.org](http://www.smnorthbands.org) and at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) on the calendar. We will make every effort to begin promptly and complete the business in one hour or less. If you have a concern or something you would like to discuss, please call or email the president so we can add it to the agenda if needed.

### 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

- August 11; 7:30pm (Board Meeting immediately following Band Picnic)
- October 18; 5:45 pm (General Membership Meeting)
- January 24; 5:45 pm (Board Meeting)
- March 6; 5:45 pm (Board Meeting)
- May 1; 5:45 pm (Board Meeting)
- May 7; 7:00 pm (General Membership meeting to coincide with Spring Concert)

The Shaw-Mi-No Band Parent Organization has determined that a contribution of \$150 per student is necessary to maintain our current level of activities. This \$150, which supplements the school's band budget, reflects the cost per student to run the

Marching Band program for first semester marching band students. Each family has the option to pay these funds all in one payment or in two installments, due in August and November. Any money that a student raises by fundraising goes directly into their individual account and can be used to help cover program costs and/or pay for travel in years when there is a trip. Each student must start the year off with a minimum of \$75 in his or her account before a uniform will be issued.

A lot of hard work and dedication by students, staff and parents will go into all of the activities this year. The board welcomes and encourages the participation of every parent to help ensure that all of the activities throughout the year run smoothly. We look forward to working with everyone this year.

Thank you in advance for all of your help!

The Shaw-Mi-No Board

**SM North Bands**  
**Calendar- 2011-12**  
 (Changes updated August 9, 2011)

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>*Time</u></b>	<b><u>Loc.</u></b>
Aug. 1-5	Band Camp	8AM-4PM	North
Aug. 8-9	Band Camp	8AM-4PM	North
Aug. 9	Leadership seminar (optional)	4-7pm	BVHS
Aug. 11	Band Picnic/Booster meeting	6PM/Demo @7:00	North
Aug. 17	Begins Early Rehearsal	6:45AM	North
Aug. 18	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Night Rehearsal	6:30-8:15PM	North
Aug. 24	Instrument Petting Zoo/Rehearsal	6-8PM	North
Sept. 2	Home Football Game	7PM	North
Sept. 16	Home Football Game- (Feeder Night)	7PM	North
Sept. 21	Homecoming Bonfire	7PM	North
Sept. 22	Homecoming parade	2PM	North
Sept. 23	Home Football Game (Homecoming)	7PM	North
Sept. 24	Overland Park Parade	noon	DT-OP
Oct. 4	Shawnee Mission Marching Festival	7PM	South
Oct. 6	Home Football Game (Thursday)	7PM	North
Oct. 11	SM Marching Fest- Raindate ONLY	7PNorth	South
Oct. 14	Marching Rehearsal	9AM-noon	North
Oct. 15	Ozarko Marching Festival	TBA	Springfield, MO
Oct. 18	Booster Meeting	5:45PM	North
Oct 21	Home Football Game (Senior Night/Lights)	7PM	North
Oct. 29	Warrensburg Marching Fest	TBA	Warrensburg, MO
Nov. 2	Final Marching Concert	7PM	North
Nov. 3	Jazz Bands Concert	7PM	North
Nov. 12	KMEA Distrcit Auditions	TBA	Baldwin, KS
Nov. 14-18	Symphonic Band Auditions	3-5PM	North
Dec. 3	KMEA Mini Convention	TBA	BVHS
Dec. 8	Winter Concert	7PM	Youthfront Aud.
Jan. 17	North Area Band Festival (sym. Band only)	7PM	North
Jan. 24	Booster Meeting	5:45PM	North
Feb. 16	Chili Supper	6PM	North
March 6	Booster Meeting	5:45PM	North
March 23	Spring Swing (jazz bands only)	6:30PM	North
April 3	SM Sym. Band Festival	7PM	SM East
April 14	Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest	TBA	BVHS
April 16	Contest Band Concert	7PM	North
April 18	Large Group State Contest	TBA	TBA
April 28	State Solo/Ensemble Contest	TBA	Emporia, KS
May 1	Booster Meeting	5:45PM	North
May 4	Pizza Jazz	6PM	North
May 5	Drumline Auditions	9AM	North
May 7	Band Concert	7PM	North
May 10	Band Banquet	6PM	North
May 15	Graduation	7PM	North
May 24	Indoor Marching Rehearsal	6PM	North

\* Indicates beginning time of rehearsal or performance NOT report time