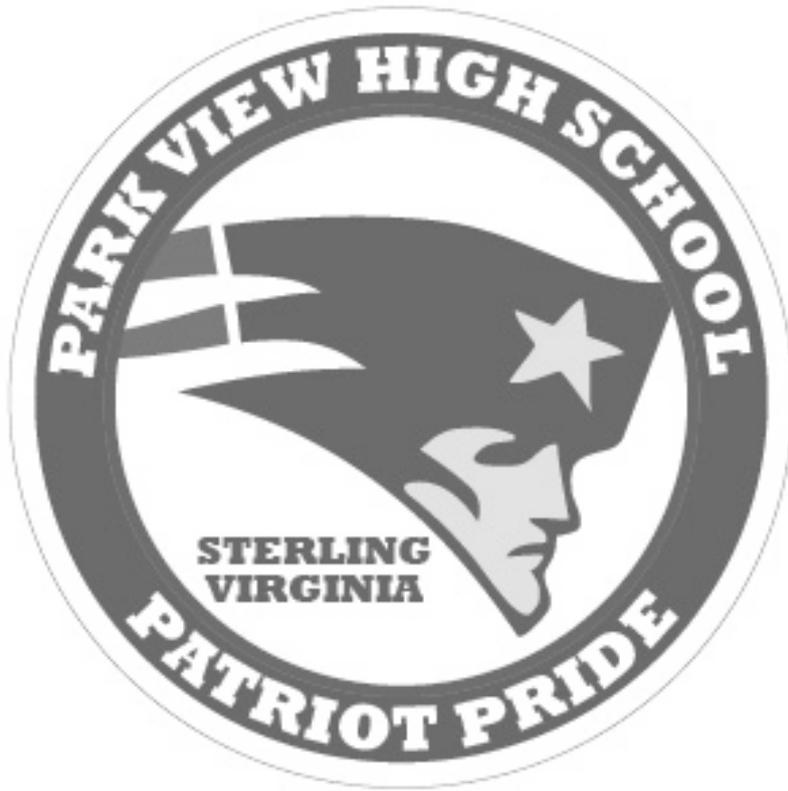


**Park View Marching Band
Syllabus
2020**



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DESCRIPTION: Marching Band is an extra-curricular activity that students in band can participate. Non-Band students may be involved through color guard or front ensemble. Students who play a band instrument must participate as an instrumentalist in marching band and cannot participate in color guard during the marching band season.

Musicianship requirements will include knowledge of scale fundamentals, interpretation skills, good tone production and advanced instrumental techniques through the marching band music. Students will be expected to expand their skills and knowledge of instrumental techniques, tone production, musical interpretation, and ensemble/solo performance. Students will also be required to memorize their warm ups, stand tunes and marching band show music. Physical requirements will include the basic fundamentals of marching. Students will also need to memorize their drill spots and demonstrate their understanding of marching fundamentals to and from their drill spot.

This ensemble is performance oriented and will be active in concert appearances, county events, and Virginia Music Educators Association events. As a co-curricular ensemble, performances and rehearsals outside regular school hours are a requirement.

MAIN TOPICS: Tone Production, Fundamentals of Technique, Fundamentals of Theory Repertoire, Care and Maintenance of Equipment, Aesthetic Growth and Development Interdisciplinary Understanding and Fundamental Marching.

RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

****** BAND CAMP IS REQUIRED TO BE IN MARCHING BAND******

ABSENCES

Marching Band Members are expected to be on time to practices, meetings, performances, and competitions unless excused by Mr. Morton. It is very difficult to practice marching drill spots when students are missing. Please schedule doctor appointments, clubs and tutoring sessions on Mondays, if possible, since we do not rehearse during those days. If you must schedule a doctor's appointment on a rehearsal day, Mr. Morton needs to be notified two weeks prior for an excused absence.

- If you are at school all day then you are expected to be at after-school rehearsals
- Having to work is NOT an acceptable excuse to miss or leave early from scheduled band activities
- Homework is NOT an excuse to miss practice.

Excused Absences from REHEARSALS:

- Personal Illness (Please contact Mr. Morton at brian.morton@lcps.org if your child is sick as soon as possible)
- Death in the Family
- If extenuating circumstances occur, exemptions will be reviewed by Mr. Morton only in advance of the rehearsal or performance

Excused Absences from PERFORMANCES:

- Personal Illness (Submit Doctor's note)
- Death in the Family

Unexcused absences may result in students performing on the sideline and loss of 3rd quarter privileges. Multiple unexcused absences may result in removal from the marching band.

Late to REHEARSALS? No...you won't be

- 1st Tardy: extra work will be given to the student to make up for the lost educational time to the band and to the student themselves.
- 2nd Tardy: Student loses 3rd quarter for the game.
- 3rd + Tardy: Parent/Guardian will be contacted, students lose 3rd quarter for the game. Mr. Morton may have student performs on the sideline. If any student continues to be tardy, Mr. Morton may remove the student from the group.

Inclement Weather Policy

- All rehearsals and/or performances will be cancelled **only if** the county has closed the schools and cancelled all activities. Students should expect to report to the appointed activity as scheduled unless contacted by Mr. Morton.

Charms Office Assistant

Charms will be the hub of information about the what, when and how of the band program.

Charms Office Assistant Directions:

1. Go to www.charmsoffice.com (Bookmark) and hover over the **ENTER/LOGIN** near the top right of the screen. You will click on the **Parents/Students/Members** option to go to the login screen.
2. Enter school code: **ParkViewPatriotBand**
3. The starting password will be your **student ID**. If you did not respond to my email asking for your student ID, the password is your **LAST NAME (ALL CAPS)**
4. Once you are in, scroll to the bottom of the icons to **UPDATE INFO** and follow the steps to enter your information and that of your parents. Please fill in any missing information. **PLEASE ADD PARENTS' INFORMATION AS WELL.**
5. Once completed, click on **CHANGE PASSWORD** and change it to something you AND YOUR PARENTS can remember.

MARCHING BAND CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Marching band camp is required in order to participate in Marching Band.

1. Students should drink lots of water the week before camp starts and throughout camp. Students should have thermos or water bottles while we are outside practicing. We will provide the appropriate times for water breaks. Sodas and sugar drinks are not allowed when we go outside as they attract bees.
2. Students should eat a good breakfast. We do not recommend drinking milk as it can cause stomachaches from the heat.
3. Students should wear appropriate clothing: Athletic Shoes, socks, T-shirt and shorts. Students should wear light colored clothing.
4. Students should put sun block on before camp begins each day and during breaks.
5. Students can wear light colored hats when we are outside.
6. Students are required to remain at Park View High School during camp hours; they are not permitted to leave for lunch.

It is important to note that marching band, by its nature, is a physical activity. There is a great demand placed on a student to be able to march and play a complete show so there needs to be some proper conditioning on the part of the student to facilitate a strong personal performance and to prevent injury. Stretching, instrument carriage exercises, and quick marching will be commonly used at rehearsals. Students are always encouraged to stretch and warm-up their instrument and their bodies before rehearsing or performing. As with any physical activities, injuries can happen.

Materials/Equipment: The students are responsible for any loss or damage of school-owned equipment or music. Personal instruments should be maintained in excellent working condition. Students are responsible for the repair of their **instrument** (i.e. reed replacement, drum sticks and stuck valves). The director has recommendations of repair shops but it is up to the parents and students as to where they get their instrument fixed.

PARENTS: If your child has their own instrument, please write down the make, model and serial number for insurance and security purposes. I would suggest that you contact your home owner's insurance provider and add your child's musical instrument to the policy.

Instruments should be stored neatly in the instrument storage space in the band room. **All instruments should have an identification tag on the case.** I do not recommend leaving any personal instrument at school overnight. The band room doors are locked each night but there are many events that take place in the school at night and on weekends. The school is not responsible for instruments that are left in the band room.

MARCHING BAND ATTIRE EXPECTATIONS

Students are to wear the appropriate attire for rehearsals and performances as stated below.

Rehearsal Attire-

1. Sneakers (Flip Flops/Sandals are NOT permitted)
2. Athletic Clothing

Performance Attire

Instrumentalist

1. No jewelry
2. Long Hair will need to be put in a bun for the instrumentalists wearing a shako (helmet) as their hair cannot be seen outside of the shako
3. Long Black Socks
We recommend that students bring an extra pair of black socks and leave them in their uniform bag.
4. Marching T-Shirt from the current year (Always goes under the marching uniform).
5. Gloves – Students should NOT wear fingernail polish

Guard

1. No Jewelry
2. Long Hair will need to be put up the way the instructor deems appropriate
3. Marching Shoes
4. Marching T-Shirt (When we are not in uniform)
5. Make-up will need to be put on the way the instructor deems appropriate
6. Gloves - Students with fingerless gloves should not wear fingernail polish

Any deviation from this list can result in an unexcused dismissal from the rehearsal or performance.

GUARD EXPECTATIONS

ALL guard equipment must also be labelled and taken home for practice. (We will send home one practice flag at the end of band camp to keep at home for the season so students do not have to bring all their equipment back and forth on school days- we will possibly do the same with weapons depending on how their audition goes and how many we end up with). Students are responsible for taping, checking, and maintaining guard equipment. Student should check equipment before rehearsal and re-tape if needed so it doesn't come undone during practice and waste rehearsal time.

MEMORIZATION EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to memorize their music or guard routine, drill spots for the halftime show. If a student does not have a part of any of these items memorized, it will result in their removal from performances until it is learned. This may also result in removal from the marching band with no refund if these items are not learned in a timely fashion.

Commitment is Important

Just as I, the band director of Park View, expect a high level of commitment from our students, I also commit to our students to do all that I can to provide the best learning environment. I am here to help strengthen our students through music. With the support of the students, family and community, we will achieve our goals and understand the joy that comes with the dedication, commitment and excellence in making music.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

ATTITUDE

All students must bring not only a positive, but an open attitude to all rehearsals and performances. The more open you are to new things, the more fun and enjoyable things will be. Just think...if nobody did anything different, we would be in the same spot we were 100 years ago. Be creative, teachable, and be adventurous!

AND REMEMBER...A Chain is no greater than its weakest link...

Students are to:

1. Follow directions
2. Come prepared for rehearsal
3. Always bring your supplies to class: pencil, accessories (reeds, tuners and etc..), instrument, flag, music and water bottle
4. No chewing gum, eating, or drinking during class (bottled water is the only acceptable drink allowed in class and is recommended)
5. No talking while the teacher/leadership or staff is speaking
6. Keep your hands, feet and instruments to yourself
7. Be respectful-Always speak and act in a way that will reflect well on the Park View Patriot Band
8. All cell phones and any other electronic devices should be turned off and stored during all rehearsals

Please see school hand book for consequences of having cellphones and electronic devices out.

9. Everyone is expected to participate during sectionals. You are to respect and follow the instructions of anyone that is leading the sectional. Students must not leave sectionals without permission
10. Students should not pack up until instructed by the teacher or staff. All chairs, stands and equipment must be put away before students leave a practice unless instructed otherwise
11. Students must not leave the practice area **WITHOUT PERMISSION**
12. No Cursing

Failure to follow these directions will be subject to removal from rehearsal and/or performance. Consistent failure will result in the removal from the marching band

FIELD TRIPS

Students are always representing the Park View band program when they are involved in any group activity. All Park View High School rules apply during any field trip that the band will take. Students must fill out all the required paperwork in order to attend any trip away from school.

FUNDRAISER PARTICIPATION

The band at Park View receives limited funds to run the program; thus various fundraisers are held each year to defray the costs of music, field trips, uniforms etc. All students are expected to make an effort to participate in the fundraisers.

MARCHING BAND **HANDBOOK FORM**

We have read the 2020 Park View Patriot Marching Band Policy and Expectations and understand the responsibilities of each member as described. Please turn this sheet in with your first payment by Wednesday, May 13th.

Student's Name (Print)

Student's Signature

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent's Signature

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