



## McLean Highlander Band

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## WELCOME TO THE MCLEAN BAND PROGRAM!

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of our outstanding group of students and continue our tradition of excellence! The Bands at McLean High School are a visible and important part of the culture of our students and our community. Our staff works hard to provide you with a comprehensive, challenging, and fun experience in your music education. We want this to be an important and impactful part of your lives for the next four years!

Here are the first steps to being a part of our program:

1. **ALL STUDENTS** need to register for CHARMS. This is the communication and accounting system provided by FCPS. There is a form attached to this packet that we need you to fill out and turn in either in person or by email to get you setup for that system. Once you are in, you will be able to receive email communication, order band and spirit wear, sign up to volunteer, pay online via credit card, etc.
2. **ALL FRESHMEN STUDENTS and their parents should attend our New Band Student Orientation Meeting at McLean HS on Thursday, April 23 at 7PM.**
3. Decide if you are going to participate in the Highlander Marching Band. This is one of the most fun and important parts of the overall high school band experience. The most important time to register for marching band is before your FRESHMEN YEAR. This will help ease your transition into high school in a very comfortable way. All students should strongly consider registering for marching band.

### MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION:

If you choose to be a part of the Highlander Marching Band, please see the attached schedule, fee structure, and commitment form.

1. Turn in the commitment form signed by you and your parents along with the first payment and Charms registration form. The first payment is the FCPS Course Materials Fee for Marching Band - \$160. This is all due by May 1 and is non-refundable. You can drop them in the wooden box in the McLean band room, drop them at the main office, or give them to Ms. Denson at school.
2. After the initial registration, you will receive a second round of forms for our summer program in August. These forms will be due by June 12 along with the Marching Band Camp Activity Fee of \$340.

Please let us know if you have any questions! *You can call or email me any time.* Again, we are really looking forward to working with you next year!

Chris Weise  
Director of Bands, McLean HS

**Marching Band & Guard Preliminary Schedule 2015**

***ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT ALL PRE-SEASON REHEARSALS!***

***THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

**April:**

23 -- New Band & Guard Student Orientation -- 7:30PM

**May:**

1 -- Marching Band & Guard Registration Due  
20 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM  
27 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM

**June:**

3 -- Color Guard Training -- 6PM -- 9PM  
6 -- Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 10AM-1PM  
12 - Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 3PM-6PM  
12 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 5PM -- 9PM  
13 -- Color Guard Training Clinic -- 9AM -- 6PM  
13 - Marching Percussion -- Front Ensemble Rehearsal -- 10AM-2:30PM  
19 - Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM  
22 - Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM  
23 - Marching Percussion -- Drumline Rehearsal -- 2PM-6PM

**July:**

8 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
15 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
22 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM -- 8:30PM  
29 - Color Guard Training Clinic - 5:30PM -- 8:30PM

**August:**

11 -- Section Leaders 8-12 (lunch provided)  
12 -- **Rookie Day (new marchers) with Section Leaders** 8AM-4PM  
13-14 -- **All Marchers Pre-Camp** 8AM-4PM  
17- September 4 -- **Band Camp -- detailed schedule TBD**

**September:**

3 -- **Potluck Dinner and Preview Performance -- 6PM**  
8 -- First Day of School -- regular practice schedule begins  
10 - General Band & Guard Parent Membership Meeting 7:30PM in band room  
11 -- **Home Football Game**  
18 -- **Home Football Game**  
19 -- **TAG DAY FUNDRAISER -- All Band & Guard Students Participate**  
26 -- **USBands Yamaha Cup -- Giant's Stadium**

**October:**

10 -- **Rock Ridge Marching Competition -- Ashburn, VA**  
16 -- **Home Football Game**  
17 -- **Marching Competition -- BOA Delaware**  
23 -- **Home Football Game -- Homecoming!**

**Schedule during the school year after school: until Oct. 22**

Tuesdays and Thursdays -- 3:30PM-6:00  
Wednesdays -- 7:00PM-9:30

**Other Notes:**

- Marching competitions take most of the day. There will be a rehearsal at school and then the competition. Times for everything will be based on when we are scheduled to perform.
- All rehearsals and performances are required. ✓
- Percussion/Drumline/Color Guard times may vary slightly from this schedule, but will still remain on the same days