

MARCHING KNIGHTS

# BAND PARENT Guide



## CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE A BAND PARENT!

Congratulations! You're a BAND PARENT (and that includes Color Guard & Honor Guard parents in this big happy band collective family)! It may just end up being the best job you never applied for!

Your student is in for a great, challenging, and rewarding experience as a member of the amazing Marching Knights Band. You are too! It's going to be a busy time for your student, but you have a few job requirements that will help your student shine.

**Your job:** Band Parent

**Description:** Number one fan and support system for an awesome Marching Knights Band, Color Guard, & Honor Guard member!

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND LINKS

### STMA Band Boosters

P.O. Box 156, St Michael, MN  
55376

### Band Boosters Website:


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### STMA Bands

Website: [STMA  
Bands](#)

Facebook Page: [@STMABands](#)

Instagram:

 [STMA Marching Knigh...](#)



- Support the Marching Band program by coordinating volunteers, fundraising, and assisting directors.
- STMA Band Boosters is registered as a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) organization. Tax ID 46-0740872

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the whirlwind of being a part of the Marching Knights!

Your enthusiastic support and active participation is wanted, expected, and very much appreciated – especially by your own student! There’s a lot to know about marching season. In this Band Parent Guide some “seasoned” parents (aka Band Boosters) have attempted to highlight what we think will help you, as a parent, have a fun-filled, rather than stressful, band experience.

Marching Band is about learning, teamwork, commitment, time management, forging friendships, and fun. Take pride in the effort your student will be expending to be a part of their Marching Knights Band family. Respect and encourage your student and other students by taking an active role in supporting the organization. Every family should commit to this support by: Volunteering at parades and fundraising activities.

## 2025 - 2026 STMA Band Booster Elected Officers

President - Sarah Mattson	Sarah.Mattson@stmabandboosters.org
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# COMMUNICATION

COMMUNICATION is key!!!

We will use various forms of communications. Marching band season has a lot of moving parts, therefore parents will need to stay informed in these ways:

1. The Directors and Boosters will use the BAND app to send quick, concise text messages to the entire band family (Students & Parents). Some students may have their own groups within the BAND app with their director or sections. [Band App Group Link](#)

2. Band Boosters will occasionally send out other emails during the week, as necessary.

- Band is a free app in the iTunes App Store and Google Play Store.
- Please download and set up an account.
- Think of the BAND app as Remind and group texts all in one place!



Band Boosters will send out chaperone/volunteer sign ups & reminders through the BAND app. Make sure to join the “Marching Knights Band” where anything parents need to know will be posted, like updates on when buses will arrive back at the school for parent pickup and other important last minute communications.

Important Parade information will be shared with the students and parents and posted in the Band app. These will keep you up to date on practice times, call times, etc. Take note of ALL the important information!

Information will also be sent out via email to anyone that has signed up for the Marching Knights Season Information: [Marching Knights Season Information Sign-Up – Fill out form](#)

Be assured that your student is not the only student who doesn't communicate with his/her parents. Don't hesitate to pick up the phone or email/text another band parent. We think it was Einstein, or maybe it was a senior parent, who has been quoted as saying, “The only dumb question is the one that wasn't asked.”

# VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The band could not have the success that it does without the volunteers and financial support of its parents. If your student is a Rookie (first year participating), you have just a few very short years before they move on to their next adventure. Make those years better by helping out with the program, getting to know their band friends, and showing your student what's important to them is important to you. We would love for you to share your time and your talents with us!

Each family is required to complete 3 Volunteer Tasks per Season: 1 Non-Parade Task and 2 Parade Tasks. This not only helps to ensure that our band members have the support necessary to safely and effectively participate in parades or events throughout the season but also provides an opportunity to become a part of our band community.

Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities - [Marching Season Volunteer Sign Up Link \(https://volunteers-2026.cheddarup.com\)](https://volunteers-2026.cheddarup.com)

- As required by STMA School District, a background check must be performed on every person that will be volunteering and chaperoning with the band. [Background Check Link](#)



## Example Non-Parade Volunteer Opportunities:

- Volunteer at Fundraising Activities (Ex: Meat Raffles, AFCD BBQ Tent)
- Attend the Monthly Band Booster Meeting
- Pre-Parade Help (Organizing Snacks/Water, Loading Ice, etc)
- Band Camp assistance with Uniforms/Season Items/Picture Night
- Volunteer to help with End of Season Banquet

## Example Parade Volunteer Opportunities:

- Walk the Parade Route with Band to Give Water
- Photographer - Walk the Parade Route with Band and take Pictures

# CHEDDAR UP

## What is CheddarUp?

- CheddarUp is used to help coordinate our volunteer efforts and also to receive funds from fundraising, donations, and other types of payments.
- We will send out links to CheddarUp for specific items or events. Payments can be made with an e-check or by debit/credit card.
- There is a processing fee for using a card. If neither of these payment methods work for you let a Band Booster Board member know and we will make alternate payment arrangements for you.

- **Volunteer:** Sign up for Volunteer Spots
- **Payments:** Make payments to Band Boosters (Season Fee/Additional Items)
- **Register:** Register to Attend Events



# WHO? WHAT? WHERE? HOW? BAND BOOSTERS

## What are Band Boosters?

STMA Band Boosters is a non-profit organization providing support for the Marching Knights (and STMA Band Programs) through volunteer service and financial assistance. STMA Band Boosters is registered as a 501 (c) (3) organization. Tax ID 46-0740872.

The STMA School district provides a very limited amount funds to the Marching Knights program each year. Marching Band Activity fees are added to the general STMA Activity fees fund and do not directly go the Marching Knights program. Without the support and fundraising from the STMA Band Boosters there would not be enough funds to purchase the program music or drill writing to have a successful season.

Running a high-quality, competitive band program is expensive. We raise monies to fund services and educational opportunities that are not provided through STMA School District.

We provide the volunteer manpower that it takes to support the band program and maintain a communications network for parents. STMA Band Boosters also supply support for the band program through volunteerism. Imagine trying to get your student up, dressed and out the door with everything he or she needs for the day. Now imagine trying to get over 75 teenagers ready. Band parents help the directors with this task – readying uniforms, feeding students before parades and events, chaperoning, driving, maintaining equipment, sewing, building props, and on and on.

Through our fundraising events, STMA Band Boosters covers items not typically included in the STMA School District budget. Each year, the STMA Band Boosters provides support important items such as:

- Clinicians who train the students in the finer details of using their instrument and assist in improving the Band's marching and concert skills
- Fees associated with the drill writing
- Additional Transportation to Parades
- Purchase of special music
- Purchase of color guard equipment and supplies
- Maintenance of equipment
- Purchase of new equipment
- Parade snacks and water
- Senior scholarship program
- Band Banquet.

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## **How do Band Boosters Raise Money?**

During the course of the year, STMA Band Boosters organize fundraising events, including Meat Raffles, Fall/Spring Book Fair at Barnes and Noble, partnerships with local restaurants (Culvers, Jersey Mikes, etc), and plant sales at Malmborgs.

In addition to fundraising events throughout the year there are two major annual events: The STMA Band Boosters Silent Auction every December and running a BBQ Food Booth at the Albertville Friendly City Days.

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## **I've Heard That Band is Very Expensive**

Our Seasonal Band fees and expenses at Marching Knights are kept as low as possible for families. Each season students receive several items (Marching Knights Hat, Dog Tags, 2 Show Shirts, Gloves, etc) that they will use throughout the season. These fees are also used to purchase water, ice, and snacks for the the students during Band Camp and throughout the season. And, comparing fees for other STMA activities (like football, cheerleading, dance, swim, baseball, volleyball) our fee schedule is still much lower than most of these other organizations. Our program is extremely budget conscious and fiscally responsible.

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## **I've Heard That Band is Very Time Consuming for Students**

Yes, students do spend a lot of time in rehearsal. Band Camp usually starts the first week of June. However, we have begun starting the marching band programs much earlier in the year. We have monthly Training Camps beginning in January to begin working on marching basics and bringing in Clinicians to help grow students skills. Practices typically start in February or March to bring sections together to work on necessary skills or music. Students need to have time to rehearse the show, adjust to playing their instrument in "marching style" rather than "concert style" and have time to come together as a band.

But think about it this way, your student spends a LOT of time with other band students and a LOT of time at the school. So before the first day of school, your student has already made over 70 friends and has become very familiar with the layout of the school.

Colleges LOVE to see band listed on student transcripts – it shows dedication and commitment – and there are MANY chances to excel at a personal level (region/area band and orchestra, solo and ensemble) and to show leadership (officers, section leaders, drum majors) in band. Students not only learn how to play their instrument and how to perform in front of an audience, but they learn responsibility, time management, leadership skills, and team building. Band teaches students to look out for others and to do their fair share, and gives them a sense of camaraderie and community.

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### **I've Heard That Band is Very Time Consuming for Parents**

You will probably spend a lot of time getting your student to and from rehearsals and dropping off very early and picking up late after parades. You may want to join in a carpool with other parents from your neighborhood.

Be sure to know the call times and watch the BAND app for updates on bus arrivals back to campus. Remember “on time” for band is 15 minutes early so they have time to get ready. And, yes, it is hoped that parents WILL volunteer time to help out the band and our students. There are many ways that parents can help with the band. There are “one time” volunteer opportunities throughout the year, and many opportunities to chaperone.

Your student appreciates your attendance at parades, too... even if they don't admit it. But again, think about the return you get when you spend time with amazing, dedicated, and POLITE teenagers. You get to meet and know the other band students – and your band student spends more time with these other band students than they do with YOU. You get to meet and network with other band parents. And if your student objects to you being around, you can always say “Yes, but band parents are EXPECTED to help out. I can't let the band down.”

TIP: Immersion works best! The more people you volunteer alongside, the more you'll get to know. Our band program is a community that parents can also become a part of too!

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# BAND CAMP



## FUN IN THE SUN... OR WHAT TO EXPECT DURING BAND CAMP

**Training Camps:** During Training Camps Students are coached in basic marching steps, playing their instrument while standing or moving and get to know how things are done the Marching Knights way. This is their chance to get to know older students within their section. It also gives students the tools they need to practice before Band Camp starts.

### Before Band Camp:

\*\*\* Students should GET OUTSIDE a couple weeks BEFORE summer band starts to get acclimated to the heat! \*\*\*

**Band Camp:**

Band Camp starts the first week of June. Attendance is mandatory. Each day sessions are broken out into AM (8am -12pm)and PM (6pm - 9pm) sessions to give students a break from the sun as well as a chance to eat and rest. Weather permitting there is a Parent Preview on Thursday of Band Camp. Individual portraits in the band uniforms are also taken on Thursday.

Students are asked to dress for the weather (expect it to be HOT!) and wear comfortable tennis shoes. A hat and sunglasses are suggested. Sunscreen is a VERY good idea. Students are required to bring a FULL gallon jug to practice each day. Brief water breaks are held often.

The Band Camp location could be at the High School or at Middle School West. Watch for any updates on the Band App to stay up to day on where each day will be located.

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## Surviving Summer Tips during Marching Band 101

Here are some things found to be helpful in the hot summer heat!

These are for your safety and comfort first.

- Sunscreen
  - Sunscreen is highly recommended and should be reapplied, when needed.
  - A lip balm with sunscreen is highly recommended as well.
- Clothing
  - An athletic or non-cotton short is recommended. This will keep the perspiration away. Please keep it clean, no “booty” shorts.
  - Tank tops are ok, just remember to use sunscreen.
  - A cooling towel is a great idea. These can be put around your neck while outside. They can be purchased at any sporting goods store and are relatively inexpensive.
  - For long hair, it might help to put hair in a pony tail/bun.
  - Comfortable tennis shoes or sneakers to march in. Shoes need to have good support, nothing flat.
- Sustainability
  - WATER is the most important part of your sustainability for marching season. Bring your water jug filled with ice water only. Write your name or initials on the bottom. Most of them will look alike. It will be important for your students to keep cold water in their water jugs.
  - A tip from one of our veteran parents: Rather than using ice cubes which melt quickly, use ice blocks in their water jugs. Freeze large heavy duty plastic cups (or plastic or aluminum Solo cups. Remove the ice blocks and store them in a ziploc bag in the freezer for your students to reduce their prep time in the mornings.
  - Please keep in mind you will be outside in the morning for 3 hours. A breakfast is suggested. Just watch what you eat. Milk and dairy products do not mix well with outside heat. A big, heavy, greasy meal is probably not a good idea either. Think high protein, a fruit, and a carb.
  - Bring snacks. Fruit and/or granola bars are great. A favorite healthy snack hydrator are COLD grapes! The directors and section leaders, are very good about taking frequent “water breaks”. The last thing they want is for one of the students to get sick from the heat.
  - Please advise your student to take full advantage of each one of these water breaks. Safety is the #1 priority.

# MARCHING SEASON

## Band Room Entrance and Parking

During Marching Season you will be picking up and dropping your students off by the Band Room outside entrance. This parking lot is where we will march during practices.



- If parking in the lot make sure to avoid the center area where marching will take place
- Be cautious and patient when dropping off/picking up.
- Plan ahead to arrive at the expected time to give your student time to be ready at start time.
- Remember On Time is Late and Early is On Time!

## Call Time

What is Call Time? Call time means the band student is ready in the appropriate attire, with the appropriate equipment, and in the appointed place. A call time of 7:00 am means you are ready to begin rehearsal at 7:00. It does not mean that you arrive at 7:00 a.m. A good rule of thumb is to arrive no later than 15 minutes before call time.

# MARCHING UNIFORMS

The school furnishes the marching uniform, which consists of bibs (pants), shirt, jacket, and a shako. In addition to this uniform, there may be additional uniform pieces that are specific to the season's marching show.



Band Boosters will purchase some additional items that are included in the Seasonal Booster Fee including: Hornline Gloves, Marching Knights Baseball Hat, Show Shirt, Black Shorts and Dog Tags that will be delivered during Band Camp.

Additional needed items are purchased by the Band Boosters on an 'as needed' basis are: marching shoes, specialty gloves (Color Guard or Cymbal gloves), and any special show related items for Color Guard.

These items are purchased together in a bulk order to reduce cost/shipping expenses for families. Band Boosters confirm during uniform fittings any additional items that are needed and will provide families with a detailed invoice that can be paid via CheddarUp.

Students are responsible for purchasing all black crew length (or taller) socks without logos and any needed hair accessories/products (all hair that hits the collar must be put up into a show bun).

Be sure to get several pairs of black socks! Students are fitted for their uniforms during practices. During Band Camp they will receive their additional items. On the Thursday of Band Camp we will be wearing uniforms for pictures and (weather permitting) for our Parent Preview performance.

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The uniforms remain at school, and each band member is responsible for maintaining their uniform. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HANGING UP THEIR UNIFORMS AND RETURNING THEIR HATBOXES.

Marching uniforms are worn for all parades during the marching season. Show shirts and shorts are worn under the uniform so that the students can easily change in and out of the uniform at school and at parade sites. Long hair must be pulled up in a ballet/bun.

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**Marching uniform tips:** • Keep a bag stocked with everything they regularly need and be sure to have them put things back in the bag after washing. • Keep a running list of what should be there: socks, show shirt, shorts, hair ties, bobby pins or gel, jackets, practice wear, including tennis shoes/sneakers to rehearse in. • Keep extra socks, hair ties, and other supplies with you at all times. • Show Shirts/Shorts will need to be washed. Sometimes the band may have back to back parades. • Consider keeping a smaller bag (think drawstring backpack) with just practice gear: water jug, tennis shoes/sneakers for rehearsals, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, show shirt, music, cooling bandana, or whatever your student needs to survive the heat. This bag can be thrown in the bigger bag as needed. • Be sure your student has deodorant and extra black socks in his/her band bag on parade days.

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# PARADES - SHOW YOUR SPIRIT

Parents and family members may elect to buy a band show shirt — it's easy to spot other Marching Knight parents in the stands at parades! Other Marching Knight shirt options will be available for purchase but any STMA Knights (or Monticello Magic) shirts will do. Parents wear these shirts to parades. Chaperones or Volunteers will wear a "Volunteer" shirt to be easily identifiable by students and staff. Don't feel self-conscious. You won't be the only one wearing a Volunteer shirt. Glance around at parades and you will see LOTS of proud parents sporting the images of their marching band programs.

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## PARADE DAY



A call time is announced the week of each parade, is available on the calendar, and will be on the Band App. Students should arrive by Call Time wearing their Show Shirt and Shorts. They may attend a quick practice or eat a snack before loading buses. All students must ride the bus to and from the parades. Students should bring any additional items they may need on the bus (water, snack, phone charger). Adult chaperones and/or a band directors ride in the bus to and from the parade.

AFTER the parade, all students return to the band room to return uniforms, instruments, and other equipment to storage. Students will return to the Band Room at various times. The tentative return times will be posted in the Band App and the directors will post any updated times as necessary. But students are urged to text parents for pick up as they approach the high school. Students must unload the buses and equipment trucks, put away instruments, and hang up their uniform before they are allowed to leave.

Parents should park in the STMA High School parking lot by the Band Room. Drive CAREFULLY around the school. Remember, it has been a long day for everyone. Be patient.

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## **PARADE DAY MUST HAVES**

- Show Shirt and Shorts • Marching Knights Baseball Hat • Long black knee socks •
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## **PARADE DAY PARENTS**

It takes a village to get over 70 students ready to perform. Help may be needed to serve snacks, distribute and return uniforms, chaperone buses, pack, and give water to band members. Signups to help in these areas are available in CheddarUp. You do not have to volunteer EVERY week, but all parents are required to complete 3 Volunteer Tasks per season (1 Non-Parade and 2 Parade). All volunteers must have an up-to-date background check on file with STMA School district (complete the Background Check application at [Background Check Link](#)).

Attend the parades! Each week we will send out an update on the parades for that week and if possible will include a parade route and/or the parade lineup. Band parents tend to sit in the section near the judging area of a parade. School colors are blue and yellow. Wear shirts with the band logo, your student's instrument, band spirit wear, or "Band Parent" on them to every activity! Obviously one of the most fun things to do as a band parent is to watch your student perform as part of the band! You will quickly learn where your student starts the marching show and try to follow along as they move about the show. Cheering for other bands is also great. Bands performing in parades have worked just as hard as our students and letting them know you've enjoyed their performance is being a good sport.

Please be considerate of other spectators, other band parents, and the facilities where we visit. Volunteers like us are helping at all events we go to, so treat them as we would want to be treated. Also, other band parents watch for their students, so please be considerate of them if you can't stay for the whole parade by not standing and blocking other fans views. It's fun to stay for the whole parade as its great watching and hearing other bands perform.

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## AFTER PARADE / AWARD CEREMONIES

After the parade ends the host/school may provide a meal for the students. If not, students may have the opportunity to purchase some food. Once all bands have performed in the parade, if it is a competitive parade, there will be an award ceremony.

After all the bands have competed and the judges have handed in their scores, all the drum majors of the bands assemble on the field to hear their scores and receive their awards. Once awards are given, students return to their buses and travel back to STMA High School.

We will be hosting other Marching Bands during the Albertville Friendly City Days Parade. We will be providing food for the other bands as well as having an Awards Ceremony.



## **ETIQUETTE**

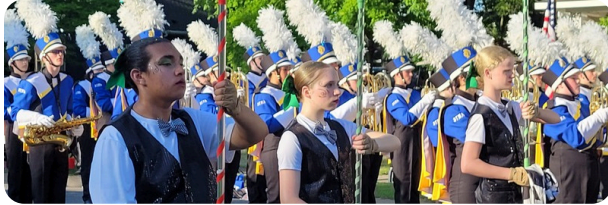
Band parents represent the band and the school as much as the students who are performing. Whenever another band is performing, it is important to show respect and not talk or move around. Umbrellas are great for blocking out the hot sun, but they should not be used when any band is performing as it blocks others' views. Never "trash talk" or point out shortcomings in a band's performance. These students are trying their best and we all make mistakes. You'd feel awful if you overheard someone talking about your students that way, and besides, their mom or dad may be sitting right behind you! Of course, when Marching Knights perform, be as enthusiastic (loud) as possible! Let your students know that you are there and that you love what they're doing. It will reassure and inspire them, and it will impress the judges (believe me, they're paying attention).

Cheering for the Band: • Cheering, yelling, and clapping at marching events are great, especially before and after the performance. • Be sure to arrive early to watch the band at parades. • This goes without saying, but be considerate of other spectators, other band parents, and the facilities where we visit. Volunteers like us are probably helping at all events we go to, so treat them as we would want to be treated.

## **NO TIME FOR VISITS**

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS\*** While your student is with the band or guard at parades, performances, , and rehearsals, they are there to be a part of the team. Visits from parents along the parade route, on the buses, etc. are prohibited. They are in performance mode and are following what the directors have told them to do, so please be respectful of this. If an emergency message needs to get to your student, then please do this through the directors or band boosters. There will be appropriate times for parent visits at many of our events, but not at all of them. You and your student will be advised in advance of these opportunities. Please do not put your student in an uncomfortable situation by approaching them when they know you should not. Furthermore, public events and parades are NOT the time to have a private discussion with any director.

# COLOR GUARD



Color Guard is a truly unique and enriching activity coined as “The Sport of the Arts” by Winter Guard International. It consists of demanding athletic skills like sports but also pageantry and theatrics like the arts. The Color Guard is an integral, visual component of the Marching Knights Band.

- The Marching Knights Color Guard is the biggest visual component of the marching band program.
- They utilize flags, rifles, sabers, dance, performance and theatrics to help convey the emotion of the music while visually representing what the audience is hearing.

# HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard is another component of the Marching Knights. The Honor Guard is the first impression of the band at each parade. They carry the Marching Knights banner and additional flags. This is a great opportunity to participate in Marching Band without playing an instrument or for friends or younger siblings to be a part of the program without as much time/effort required.



- In addition to the Marching Knights Banner with enough participants the Honor Guard can carry the United States, POW/MIA, and/or the Minnesota Flags.

# BAND EVENTS

## Band Banquet

At the end of the marching season we have the Marching Band End of Season Banquet to celebrate the band students accomplishments. Any band members receiving their letter will receive it at the banquet and some individual awards will also be given. Each year, STMA Band Boosters awards scholarships to seniors who apply for and are chosen by a Scholarship Committee. Students reminisce about the year gone by and give a send-off to the graduating seniors.

## Band Trips

The Marching Knights Band usually goes on an extended trip every other year. This year the band will go on an optional trip to Colorado during the first week of July. Previous trip locations have included Philadelphia, Orlando, and New York. These optional trips, typically through Gateway Music Festivals, will have a payment plan available if you choose to go.



# **PARENT INVOLVEMENT = SUCCESSFUL BAND PROGRAM**

## **Easy Ways for a Parent to Help the Band Program:**

Give your student support and encouragement for being in band! Tell him/her how proud you are of what they are learning and how they are changing as part of the band!

**When picking up your student from band, leave your car and get to know the other parents!** Please park in the parking lot by the band room being mindful of where the band is marching. Better yet, come early to watch the students' progress and socialize with other band parents. The last 15 minutes of practice are open for parents to view our progress. Building relationships with other adults in the program will benefit both you and your student!

**Come to the STMA Band Booster Meetings!** Booster Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. You'll always walk away with information your student forgot to tell you.

**Donate if you can** — \$\$, time and talent. We know it's not easy, but it is important to the existence of the band program. Help with the care and feeding of students. Help build stuff. Every year, something besides musical instruments needs to be repaired or built. This can be anything from small repairs to uniforms, carts, or helping with prop design and storage needs.

**Attend parades to cheer for them!** The band ALWAYS performs better with a large cheering block behind them.

**Volunteer to help.** After all, you're coming to the parade anyway! Sign Up for Volunteer Opportunities - [Marching Season Volunteer Sign Up Link](#)

**Not able to attend a Parade?** Lend a hand at the school when you drop-off or pick-up your student... BUT don't do it for your student! Thinking you'll help your student get home faster after a performance by stepping in to do some of their work? Nope - don't do it! Your student's management of their equipment and its use, is how they are developing as all around better stewards and students.

**Help with FUNdraisers!** The more hands, the easier the work! You Are More Talented Than You Realize! Please share your talents with us!

# MARCHING KNIGHTS 2026 SEASON SCHEDULE

## Band Camp

Date	Times
Monday June 8 <sup>th</sup> - Receive Seasonal Items - All Fees Must be Paid	8am - 12 pm and 6pm - 9pm
Tuesday June 9 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 12 pm and 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday June 10 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 12 pm and 6pm - 9pm
Thursday June 11 <sup>th</sup> - Picture Night and Parent Preview	8am - 12 pm and 6pm - 9pm
Friday June 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am - 12 pm and 6pm - 9pm

## Practices

Date	Times
Monday - June 15 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm
Thursday - June 18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm
Tuesday - June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm - 9pm
Tuesday - June 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm
Friday - July 10 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm
Tuesday - July 14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm - 9pm

## 2026 Parades

Additional Details and/or Times to be provided once confirmed.

Date	Parade	Call Time	Parade Start	Return To STMA
Sunday June 14	Albertville	10:15 AM	12:30 PM	4:00 PM
Tuesday June 16	Litchfield	1:45 PM	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Wednesday- June 17	Foley	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	10:00 PM
Saturday - June 20	Owatonna Buffalo	6:30 AM	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	9:00 PM
Sunday - June 28	Alexandria	8:30 AM	1:30 PM	11:00 PM
July 2 - 8	Band Trip			
Sunday July 12	Monticello	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	3:00 PM
Thursday July 16	Maple Grove	3:30 PM	6:10 PM	9:00 PM
Saturday July 18	Sauk Center	3:00 PM	7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Sunday July 19	Hopkins	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
Saturday August	St. Michael			

# **FEES AND PURCHASES**

## **Marching Band Activities Fee - \$300.00**

- STMA School District - [Affinety Link](https://stma1691a.cf.affinety.com)  
(<https://stma1691a.cf.affinety.com>)
- Monticello School District - [Arbiter Link](https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/hs-activities-registration-25-26)  
(<https://students.arbitersports.com/programs/hs-activities-registration-25-26>)

## **Seasonal Fee - \$200.00**

- CheddarUp - [Marching Knights Season Fees Link](https://my.cheddarup.com/c/marching-knights-seasonal-fees-2026/items)  
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## **Additional Items Costs - Items ordered by the Band Boosters**

These items will be order in a large order completed by the Band Boosters to save on shipping costs. During uniform fittings it will be determined if items are needed to be purchased. Items will be delivered during Band Camp. You will receive a detailed invoice that will be paid via CheddarUp -

- Drill Master Shoes - \$45
- Color Guard Shoes - \$50
- Color Guard Gloves - \$24
- Cymbal Gloves - \$22

## **Additional Optional Items**

- Comfortable Shoes - [DCI Recommended Shoe List for Marching Musicians](#)
- Water Jug - [Example 1 Gallon Water Jug](#)
- Sun Screen and Sun Glasses
- Cooling Clothes - [Example Cooling Cloths](#)