

To: All McAlester High School Band Members and their Parents

From: Mark Price

Let me be the first to welcome you to the 2018-19 edition of The Pride of McAlester. My goal for this year is to have our best year ever! After July 1st, all wind players can open and print their music from the website—www.mcalesterband.com. All the music will be on the website, but specific parts will not be assigned until summer band. Students should practice the part they feel most likely to play in band. Please practice it as much as you can before summer band starts. If you need to check out a school instrument please call or text me to arrange a time to meet at the band room. Also be sure to like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter & Instagram, and sign up for Remind text updates (text @macband18 to 81010).

Our summer rehearsals will begin on Monday July 23rd (full band). Please refer to the summer band schedule for all dates, times, and locations. During summer band, we will be learning our show music, drill, and marching fundamentals. I want and expect everyone to be at all rehearsals. I do realize that there may be some absences that are legitimate. Please try not to schedule doctor's appointments during summer band. If you have any conflicts with the rehearsal schedule, please call/text or e-mail me by July 16th. I must know of any absences by that date. Being member of the Pride of McAlester requires commitment and the directors take your commitment to the "team" very seriously. When you miss a rehearsal, you are not only affecting you, but every other member of the band and your directors. Please let me know now if there are any potential problems.

This is my policy for performance in the marching show:

- Most students that have great attendance at summer band rehearsals, earn good grades, show a great attitude, and pass off their music and marching fundamentals will be in the contest show.
- Some band members will "shadow" a spot with another student in the show and will alternate performances and repetitions during rehearsals.
- There will be a few students that will have an alternate spot (x-factor) for football game performances only and could potentially earn a contest spot (if one becomes available).

If your plans have changed concerning band, please contact me immediately so that I can make the adjustment in my roster.

I have included a band calendar for you and your parents. Please give the calendar to your parents and post it where you can refer to it often. All your required events are designated on the calendar. Please examine the band calendar with your parents carefully now and look for any potential conflicts with your family calendar. We have several Saturday rehearsals and contests so please try to schedule vacations on another weekend. Please let me know now if there are any potential problems. I have also included all paperwork that you will need to turn in at the beginning of the school year. It is best to go ahead and turn it in during summer band.

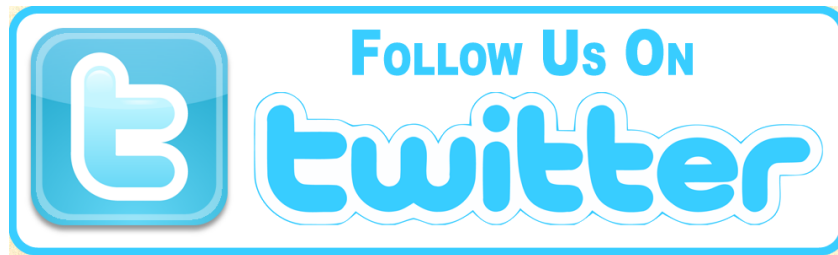
Please contact me if you have any questions. See you on July 23rd!

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If you just want to send/receive SMS text messages, text
@macband18 to 81010

Website

www.mcalesterband.com

McAlester High School Summer Band Schedule 2018

All rehearsals are located at the Wanda L. Bass Fine Arts Building @ MHS (Unless announced otherwise)

SMURD Camp (All HS Percussion)

Tuesday, May 22nd - 8:00am-4:00pm

Wednesday, May 23rd - 8:00am-4:00pm

DCI Drums of Summer at Broken Arrow

July 17th - meet at MHS (\$40 payable by May 18th)

Band Leadership Team Training

Friday, July 20th - 10:00am-1:00pm

Summer Full Band Rehearsals (ALL STUDENTS)*

Monday, July 23rd - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm (seniors uniform fitting at 3pm)

Tuesday, July 24th - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm (juniors uniform fitting at 3pm)

Wednesday, July 25th - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm (sophomores uniform fitting at 3pm)

Thursday, July 26th - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm (freshmen uniform fitting at 3pm)

Friday, July 27th - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm

Pool Party at Stipe Center 6:00pm-8:00pm

Monday, July 30th - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday, July 31st - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday, August 1st - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday, August 2nd - 8:00am-12:00noon

Summer Full Band Concert

Thursday, August 2nd - 6:00pm Lucy Smith Center

**Attendance at all summer band rehearsals is expected. Please schedule family vacations and doctor's appointments accordingly. MHS Color Guard students need to check with their color guard schedule for summer dates, times, and locations.*

Students Need Daily

White T-Shirt must be worn at every rehearsal!

Lace-up, closed toed Tennis/Athletic Shoes

Sunscreen

Insulated Water Bottle to Refill

Instrument

Pencil

Lunch on your own - bring your own or students may leave & come back

Remind: 81010 with message @macband18

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Mr. Price cell phone (580) 230-1964

MHS MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE FALL 2018

Dates are just for marching band- please refer to master calendar for other scheduled events

August 3rd - MHS Band & Guard Performance at Back to School Kick-off 6:30am @ SE Expo Center

August 30th - MHS Band & Guard Performance at Football Pep Rally Time & Location TBA

August 31st - MHS Pep Band 1 Football Away vs. Muskogee Time TBA (7:00 game)

September 7th - MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Poteau @ Stadium

September 14th - MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Ardmore @ Stadium

September 15th - MHS Band & Guard Rehearsal 9:00am-1:00pm @ Stadium

September 21st - MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Durant @ Stadium

September 22nd - MHS Band & Guard Contest All-Day @ Moore Time TBA

September 28th - MHS Band & Guard Football Away vs. Ada (Full Band & Guard)

September 29th - MHS Band & Guard Clinic w/ Andrew Anderson 9:00am-1:00pm @ Stadium

October 5th - MHS Pep Band 2 Football Away vs. Tulsa Hale Time TBA (7:00pm Game)

October 6th - MHS Band & Guard Contest All-Day @ Bixby

October 9th - MHS Band & Guard Homecoming Parade Time TBA Downtown

October 10th - MHS Band & Guard Host OSSAA Southeast Regional Marching Contest 2A-4A Stadium *(we do not perform)*

October 12th - MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Coweta (Homecoming) @ Stadium

October 18th - MHS Pep Band 1 Away Football vs. Tulsa Edison THURSDAY FALL BREAK (7:00pm Game)

October 24th - OSSAA Regional Marching Contest Time & Location TBA

October 26th - MHS Pep Band 2 Football Away vs. Glenpool Time TBA

October 27th - MHS Band & Guard OBA State Marching Championship All-Day @ Bixby HS

November 1st - MHS Band & Guard Performance at Football Bon Fire Time TBA

November 2nd - MHS Band & Guard Home Football vs. Bishop Kelley Time TBA @ Stadium

November 9th - Football Playoffs TBA

November 16th - Football Playoffs TBA

November 23rd - Football Playoffs TBA (THANKSGIVING BREAK)

November 30th - Football Playoffs (State) TBA

December 6th - Christmas Parade MHS BAND 6:00pm @ A Street & Carl Albert

Students need these items daily at every rehearsal

White T-Shirt must be worn

Lace-up, closed toed Tennis/Athletic Shoes

Instrument

Apron with music, pencil, chalk or poker chips inside

Students need these items for every performances, contests, & football games:

Black band shirt & black band shorts after Aug 25th

Long Black Socks (at least crew length)

MTX Black Band Shoes

Spending money

*Advance notice must given if you are going to be absent from any scheduled event or rehearsal

*More detailed information will be given out the week of the event to each student and posted on Facebook, twitter, and sent via remind.

*Please read the weekly digital newsletter

*All Contests except OSSAA are Prelim/Finals and will last until around 10:30pm

McAlester Band Schedule Summer & Fall 2018

MAY		
22nd-23rd	SMURD MHS Percussion Camp Time TBA	MHS Fine Arts
	Band Room Workday	MHS Fine Arts
JULY		
16th-18th	MHS Color Guard Advanced Rifle/Flag/Dance Clinic	Smith Center
16th	DCI Bentonville	Bentonville
17th	DCI Drums of Summer	Broken Arrow
19th-21st	MHS Color Guard Choreography Clinic	Smith Center
20th	MHS Band Leadership Team Training 10:00am	MHS Fine Arts
23rd-27th	MHS Summer Band Camp - 8:00am-11:00am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm	MHS Fine Arts
30th-31st	MHS Summer Band Camp - 8:00am - 11:00am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm	MHS Fine Arts
AUGUST		
1st	MHS Summer Band Camp - 8:00am - 11:00am & 12:00pm - 3:00pm	MHS Fine Arts
2nd	MHS Summer Band Camp - 8:00am-12:00pm	MHS Fine Arts
2nd	MHS Band & Guard Summer Band Concert 6:00pm	MHS Smith Center
3rd	MHS Band & Guard Performance at Back to School Kick-off 6:30am	Expo Center
16th	Parker Sixth Grade Band Parent Meeting & Rental Night 3pm-6pm	Parker Cafeteria
30th	MHS Band & Guard Performance at Football Pep Rally Time TBA	Walmart
31st	MHS Pep Band 1 Football Away vs. Muskogee Time TBA (7:00pm Game)	Muskogee
SEPTEMBER		
7th	MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Poteau Time TBA	Stadium
13th	Deadline to sign-up for All-District & All-State Tryouts	
14th	MHS Band & Guard Football vs. Ardmore Time TBA (NO SCHOOL)	Stadium
15th	MHS Band & Guard Rehearsal Time 9:00am-1:00pm	Stadium
21st	MHS Band & Guard Football vs. Durant	Stadium
22nd	MHS Band & Guard Contest All-Day	Moore
27th	MHS Band & Guard Football Pep Rally Time TBA	Fenton Nissan
28th	MHS Band & Guard Football FULL BAND Away vs. Ada	Ada
29th	MHS Band & Guard Clinic with Andrew Anderson 9:00am-1:00pm	Stadium
OCTOBER		
5th	MHS Pep Band 2 Football Away vs. Tulsa Hale Time TBA (7:00pm Game)	Tulsa Hale
6th	MHS Band & Guard Contest All-Day	Bixby
9th	MHS Band & Guard Homecoming Parade Time TBA	Downtown
10th	MHS Band & Guard Host OSSAA Southeast Regional Marching Contest (2A-4A)	Stadium
12th	MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Coweta (Homecoming)	Stadium
16th	Puterbaugh 7th & 8th Grade Band Fall Concert	Puterbaugh
18th	MHS Pep Band 1 Football Away vs. Edison THURSDAY FALL BREAK (7:00pm Game)	Tulsa Edison
24th	OSSAA Regional Marching Contest	TBA
26th	MHS Pep Band 2 Football Away vs. Glenpool	Glenpool
27th	MHS Band & Guard OBA State Marching Championship	Bixby
NOVEMBER		
1st	MHS Band & Guard Performance at Football Pep Rally Time TBA	TBA
2nd	MHS Band & Guard Football Home vs. Bishop Kelly (Senior Night)	Stadium
3rd	SEOBDA All-District & First Round All-OKMEA tryouts @ Durant MS	Durant MS
	Winter Guard Tryouts	TBA
9th	Football Playoffs TBA	TBA
16th	Football Playoffs TBA	TBA
17th	All-OkMEA State Jazz Band Auditions	Del City
23rd	Football Playoffs TBA THANKSGIVING BREAK	TBA
30th	Football Playoffs TBA	TBA
DECEMBER		
1st	All-OkMEA Second & Final Round Tryouts	Westmoore
6th	MHS Band & Guard Christmas Parade Time TBA	A Street & Carl Albert
7th	Parker Winter Band Concert 6:00pm	S. Arch Auditorium
7th	Puterbaugh Winter Band Concert 7:00pm	S. Arch Auditorium
8th	All-OkMEA Tryouts Bad Weather Contingency Date	TBA
9th	MHS Winter Band Concert 2pm	S. Arch Auditorium
13th	Puterbaugh Orchestra Concert 6:00pm	Puterbaugh

McAlester Band Spring Schedule 2019

JANUARY		
16th-19th	OKMEA All-State Band Clinic and Concert	Tulsa PAC
20th	MHS Winter Guard Clinic Time TBA	Brumley
25th-26th	SEOBDA All-District Band Clinic and Concert	SOSU-Durant
FEBRUARY		
2nd	MHS Winter Guard Contest All-Day	TBA
9th	MHS Winter Guard Clinic Time TBA	Brumley
14th	MHS Symphonic Band Contest Time TBA	Checotah
16th	MHS Winter Guard Contest All-Day	TBA
16th	OU Trombone & Steel Drum Day	Norman
23rd	OSSAA District Solo & Ensemble Contest Time TBA	Shawnee
28th	Puterbaugh 7th & 8th Grade OSSAA District Band Contest Time TBA	Tahlequah
MARCH		
9th	McAlester Guard Solo & Ensemble Contest Time TBA	Brumley
15th-19th	MHS Band & Guard Spring Trip	Orlando, FL
28th	McAlester Band Solo & Ensemble Contest (after school)	Puterbaugh
30th	MHS Winter Guard Contest Time TBA	TBA
APRIL		
5th	Puterbaugh 7 th Grade Band Trip to Sandy Lake	Dallas
5th	Parker 6 th Grade Band Trip to Sandy Lake	Dallas
7th	MHS Winter Guard Contest All-Day	TBA
9th	MHS Wind Ensemble OSSAA State Concert & Sight-reading Contest	Jenks
12th-13th	8th Grade Band Spring Trip	Dallas or Kansas City
16th-18th	MHS Band OSSAA State Solo & Ensemble Contest	OSU
20th	MHS Jazz Band Performance - Drive 4 UR School Eggstravaganza	Freedom Ford
24th	OSSAA State Jazz Band Contest	TBA
25th	MHS Color Guard & Drum Major Tryouts (after school)	Smith Center
26th	Fine Arts Spring Show	S. Arch Auditorium
28th	Fine Arts Spring Show	S. Arch Auditorium
MAY		
2nd	Parker Band Spring Concert 6:00pm	S. Arch Auditorium
2nd	Puterbaugh Spring Concert 7:00pm	S. Arch Auditorium
3rd	MHS Band Spring Concert 7:00pm	S. Arch Auditorium
4th	MHS Band & Guard Armed Forces Day Parade 9:00am	A Street & Carl Albert
4th	MHS Band & Guard Banquet 6pm	TBA
13th	MHS Band performance at Baccalaureate	S. Arch Auditorium
14th	MHS Band performance at Senior Assembly	S. Arch Auditorium
18th	MHS Band performance at Graduation (Saturday) 11:00am	Expo

McAlester High School Band

Syllabus & Grading Policy

Course Description

All high school band students will increase proficiency through rehearsals, performances, and competitions on their individual instruments, marching skills, ensemble performances, musical knowledge of theory/history, and learn cooperation, teamwork, and responsibility.

Rehearsals

Attendance at rehearsals is REQUIRED. Since band is an extra-curricular activity, some of the rehearsals fall outside of the school day. During marching season rehearsals on school days begin at 7:00am and there are several Saturday rehearsals and clinics. During concert band season some of the rehearsals will begin earlier than the school day (for example sectionals or clinics) at discretion of the director.

Performances & Competitions

Attendance at performances and competitions are REQUIRED. All band students will perform at all home varsity football games, select away football games, pep rallies, parades, competitive marching contests, basketball games, concert band contests and festivals, winter and spring concerts, school assemblies, commencement, and various community appearances. Please check the master band calendar, website, and social media for upcoming performances.

Football Pep Band & Basketball Pep Band

All high school band students will be assigned at least two games for both away football and basketball pep band. The students will be assigned to be a member of either Pep Band One or Pep Band Two. Away football games will be included on the master band calendar and basketball games will be scheduled when dates are available. In the event that the student is unable to attend their assigned football or basketball pep band game(s), the student will then need to try to switch games with someone else in their section or ask them to cover (that's not already scheduled for the game) and submit the request in writing or they will be counted absent and lose performance points off their overall grade. If no attempt is made to switch games, the student will not be allowed make-up points. The reason is due to the smaller number of performers in the pep band, each person is an important part of that performance.

Solo & Ensemble Contests

All high school band students will be given the opportunity to perform a solo or with an ensemble at a couple solo & ensemble competitions. Students wishing to participate will need to pay the appropriate entry fees (not included in the band fees) and will be required to be heard by one of the band directors a minimum of two times prior to. Most solos are required to be performed with the SmartMusic or live accompaniment and the student performing the solo will need to arrange time to meet a minimum of two times with a director or accompanist prior to the competition. You are encouraged to take private lessons and/or ask for extra help outside of band class in order to be fully prepared.

Grading Policy

Students will begin with a 100% semester grade. Points will be taken off based on the following:

- Unexcused tardy to ANY rehearsal (including early marching band) -5 points.
- Unexcused absence to ANY rehearsal (including early marching band) -10 points.
- Unexcused absence to ANY performance -20 points
- Not being prepared for rehearsal/performance (missing instrument, apron, pencil, music, etc.) -5 points
- Poor performance during rehearsal on tests, music pass offs, or marching up to -5 points
- Equipment, instrument, or uniform left out up to -5 points

Make-up Points

Students may make up lost points for any UNEXCUSED Tardies for full credit. Students may make up lost points for any UNEXCUSED absence from rehearsals or performances for half credit. The following are ways to make up lost points:

- At home practice time for 5 points/30 minutes of practice and must be signed by parent (up to an hour maximum per nine weeks)
- Auditioning for All-District and/or All-State Band
- Performing a solo or an ensemble at a competition
- Written or alternate assignment (see Mr. Price)

Absences & Tardies from Rehearsals

An absence or tardy from a rehearsal will be considered UNEXCUSED if a note is not provided. This includes all marching band rehearsals that begin at 7:00am (students will be considered tardy after this time). This is separate from the regular school time of 8:10am. Notes generally will excuse absence/tardy (subject to approval by band director) and can be from a parent or guardian and/or doctor's office and turned in up to five days after.

Absences from Performances & Competitions

An absence from any performance or competition will be considered UNEXCUSED unless a written note is provided at least a week (7 days) in advance.

Extra Performing Ensembles

All high school band students are encouraged to participate in an extra performing ensemble. This includes woodwind choir, jazz ensemble or jazz band, percussion ensemble, steel drum band, and brass choir. Schedules for rehearsals and performances of these ensembles will be made available to the students during the second nine weeks. If the student chooses to participate in one of these groups attendance at all rehearsals and performances will be REQUIRED.

Class Expectations

Learn Your Music: prepare notes and rhythms during personal practice time at home

Respect Your Instrument: maintain it, polish it, clean it, put it properly in the case, and store the case correctly.

Respect Your Facilities: pick up after yourselves, store instruments in proper location, and no food or drinks.

Respect One Another: do not worry about anyone other than yourself, respect their property, and be kind.

Be Professional: be prepared, be on time for rehearsals and performances, remain quiet, and dress accordingly.

Eligibility

All eligibility requirements are the same as those dictated in the MPS student handbook. When a student is not passing a class, he/she is not eligible to perform at out of town performances and competitive band events. If a student repeatedly is not eligible in class, repeatedly misses performances, or repeatedly is unprepared, uncooperative, absent or tardy to rehearsals, the student may be excused from upcoming performances or removed from the band program.

McAlester High School Band

Syllabus & Grading Policy

Both my child and I have read and understand the rules and regulations for membership of the McAlester High School Band Program.

He/She has my permission to participate in this elective course, which requires attendance outside the normal classroom day.

He/She will meet the eligibility criteria stated in MPS student handbook.

The student agrees and I affirm that he/she will abide by the provisions stated in this syllabus and grading policy.

The student and I understand that while participating in band, all policy guidelines for student behavior will be enforced as stated in the MPS student handbook.

I also give permission for my child to attend out of town performances.

Print Parent's Name

Parent Signature

Print Student's Name

Students Signature

Date

McAlester High School Band

Uniform Policies Acknowledgement Form

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

As I receive a band uniform and its' uniform parts, I acknowledge that I fully understand and will abide by the following policies:

1. I will be responsible to hang up my uniform correctly as instructed after every use.
2. I accept full financial responsibility for the loss of or damage to any uniform part to which I am issued. I will pay for the lost or damaged part at the current price. I understand that normal wear will not be my responsibility.

Jacket \$125.00

Pants \$75.00

Shako \$60.00

Baldric Sash \$45.00

Plume \$25.00

Gauntlets \$22.00

Shako Box \$15.00

Garment Bag - \$15.00

3. I will pay to have the uniform cleaned by the Band Boosters. The fee I paid at the beginning of the year will cover a minimum two cleanings per year. **Additional cleanings due to accidents or neglect will be my responsibility.**
4. I will NOT store anything other than my uniform, gauntlets, & gloves in my garment bag.
5. I will store my shoes in my drawstring bag and hung over my hanger outside my garment bag.
6. I will NOT store anything other than my shako (hat) in my shako (hat) box.

Student's Signature

As a parent or guardian of this band member, I acknowledge that I have read these Uniform Policies and will help to enforce it so that the uniforms will be kept in great condition for future use. I understand that my child is responsible for all uniform parts they have been assigned.

Parent/Guardian Signature

**McALESTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND
RELEASE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Name _____ Birthdate _____

I (We) _____ parent(s), legal guardian of,
_____, hereby give consent to provide him/her with

emergency medical care for accidents and/or illness during the 2018-2019 school year. I (We) also give permission to transport my child to and from locations where health services are provided. My child has had the following immunizations: (please check)

DPT _____ Smallpox _____ Polio _____ Measles _____

Tetanus _____ Date of last Tetanus shot _____

List others: _____

My child has allergies: Yes _____ No _____

- If yes, list drugs or other agents:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

My child takes medication regularly: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what _____ and what for _____.

(use back of form if needed)

I authorize the band staff at McAlester Public Schools to transport my son or daughter to all approved school activities.

Signed: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Please list emergency phone numbers below

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

BAND INFORMATION SHEET

(Please Print Clearly)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Instrument: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

If you have your own instrument, list your Instrument, Brand, and Serial#:

Parent's E-Mail: _____

Student's E-Mail: _____

YOU MAY ALSO COMPLETE THIS FORM ONLINE AT:

www.mcalesterband.com

MHS Band Fees & Order Form

	Price	Quantity	Size	Total
MTX Band Shoes & Drawstring Bag	\$45.00			
Must be purchased from MHS Band (required part of the uniform-same as last year)				
Official Uniform T-Shirt & Shorts	\$25.00			
Must be purchased from MHS Band (Same as last year required part of the uniform)				
Summer Band T-Shirt	\$10.00			
Must be purchased from MHS Band (Same as last year required part of the uniform)				
Uniform Fee	\$60.00			
Must pay to MHS Band (required for cleaning band uniform & purchasing gloves)				
School Instrument Rental	\$25/semester			
Pay to MHS Band-For students playing a school owed instrument				
Official Band Hoodie (add \$5 2X-4X)	\$25.00			
Optional but nice to have at cold football games & contests (same as last year)				
Official Band Sweatpants (add \$5 2X-4X)	\$15.00			
Optional but nice to have at cold football games & contests (same as last year)				
Commemorative Show Long Sleeve Shirt	\$20.00			
Optional				
All-District Audition Fee	\$5.00			
Optional				
All-State Audition Fee (10th-12th grade only)	\$15.00			
Optional				

STUDENTS NAME, GRADE, & INSTRUMENT

TOTAL