



Montour High School
Spartan Marching Band

New Member
Information Packet

INSTRUMENTALIST □ COLORGUARD □ MAJORETTE □ SPARTANETTE

Information for students interested joining the Montour High School
Marching Band program

Montour High School Spartan Marching Band

Marching Band begins in June with practices at the High School and at our Marching Band Camps in July and August. Once school begins, the Marching Band rehearses after school from August through the end of football season in early November. In the spring, there is an annual trip that all students will have the opportunity to attend. The spring trip is an extra cost and is not mandatory, but is a fun experience for all Marching Band students.

Majorette, Spartanette, Colorguard and Drumline Audition Information

For the Drumline, while all prospective members are required to attend a few practice sessions in the spring, these are not formal “auditions” and nobody will be “cut.” The practice sessions are used to place each student on the appropriate drum (for percussion) and to give students an opportunity to perform with the high school band and/or play a marching band instrument.

The Colorguard, Majorettes, and Spartanettes are known as the “Squads.” For the Colorguard (flags), Majorettes and Spartanettes (pom poms,) the auditions are a time to get everyone familiar with the equipment used and routines. To be a Squad member, no experience or band class is required, so **feel free to encourage your friends not currently in band to audition for this group.** In this packet you will find a list of skills that each Squad member will be expected to know for audition. Students who have not mastered these skills will not be cut, but will be placed on the practice squad. Students in practice squad will learn with their respective squad and will be placed in performance when they have gained more skill.

TENTATIVE

Marching Band 2018-2019 Calendar

March 26	Squad Clinic	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
March 27	Squad Clinic	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
April 3	Squad Clinic	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
April 5	Squad Clinic	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
April 6	Squad Auditions	6:00	HS Intermediate Gym
April 6	Drumline Placement	6:00	HS Band Room
May 30	All Band Meeting	6:00-7:00	HS Auditorium
June 19	Majorette and Woodwind Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room and Gym
June 20	Spartanette and Brass Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room and Gym
June 21	Colorguard and Drumline Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room and Gym
July 10	Woodwind Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 11	Brass Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 12	Drumline Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 13	All Squad Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
July 17	Woodwind Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 18	Brass Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 19	Drumline Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Band Room
July 19	All Squad Practice	6:00-8:00	HS Intermediate Gym
July 23-27	Pre Band Camp	8:00-2:00	High School
July 29-August 3	Band Camp	ALL DAY	Slippery Rock
August 7	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School

August 8	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
August 9	Kennywood Parade	ALL DAY	Kennywood
August 11	Kennedy Days Parade	TBD	Kennedy Twp.
August 15	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
August 16	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
August 22	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
August 23	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
August 24	Away @ Moon	5:30 Block Band	Moon
August 29	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
August 30	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
August 31	Home vs. New Castle	5:30 Block Band	Montour
September 5	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
September 6	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
September 7	Away @ Laurel Highlands	4:30	Laurel Highlands
September 8	Montour Band Festival	5:30	Montour
September 12	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
September 13	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
September 14	Away @ Aliquippa	5:00	Aliquippa
September 19	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
September 20	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
September 21	Home vs. Blackhawk	5:30 Block Band	Montour
September 26	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
September 27	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
September 28	Home vs. Knoch	5:30 Block Band	Montour
October 3	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School

October 4	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
October 5	Away @ Highlands	5:00	Highlands
October 10	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
October 11	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
October 12	Home vs. Ambridge	5:30 Block Band	Montour
October 17	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
October 18	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
October 19	Away @ Beaver	5:00	Beaver
October 24	Rehearsal	6:00-8:00	High School
October 25	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
October 26	Home vs. SF	5:30-SENIOR NIGHT	Montour
November 1	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
November 8	Rehearsal	3:00-5:00	High School
November 11 (subject to change)	Veteran's Day Parade	8:00	Downtown Pittsburgh
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day Parade	8:00	Montour District

This is a tentative calendar for the 2017/2018 season. There will be two more band festivals added to the calendar. Additionally, spring trip practices and Memorial Day practices will be added as those events get closer.

Please remember that Pre Band Camp and Band Camp are mandatory for all students who are in Marching Band. Additionally, Marching Band is a graded activity and students should be in attendance at all rehearsals and performances. (If a student must miss, excuses must be turned in to Ms. Mancini, Marching Band Director two weeks in advance of the event being missed.) If a student is ill, it is the student's responsibility to email Ms. Mancini before the start of the event.

The attendance policy is presented in more detail in the member handbook which will be distributed prior to the start of the Marching Band season.

Cost for Participation

The Montour Band Parents Association (MBPA) has many fundraisers throughout the year to help offset the cost of participation in Band Camp and other Marching Band activities. Please join us at an upcoming meeting to learn about these opportunities. All information for meetings can be found at the website:
www.montourmarchingband.org.

These costs are all approximate and subject to change

Band Camp at Slippery Rock	\$450
Instrumentalist Marching Shoes	\$26.50
Spartanette and Colorguard Shoes	\$27
Majorette Shoes	\$28.95
Squad Pre Game Boots	\$33
Letterman Jacket (Optional)	\$155
Pullover Jacket (Optional)	\$74
Tights (We provide 1st pair!) Capezio Women's Ultra Shimmery Tights. Amazon carries them!	\$13
Squad Hairpiece (We provide 1st)	\$15

We have a "bin" of gently used shoes that graduated marching band members have left for new members. You are welcome to look through that selection before buying new shoes for the season.

We look forward to having you join us in the Montour High School Spartan Marching Band! Please complete this form and return to Ms. Mancini no later than May 1st.

Student Name _____

2017-2018 Grade _____ Instrument/Squad _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail(s) _____

Home Address _____

Student Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____