



Stevenson High School Instrumental Music

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It is time to begin preparing for BAND CAMP 2023! Band camp is a very important part of the Stevenson Marching Band program. Band Camp prepares the band and its members for the marching season by providing instruction, drills in marching, and rehearsals of music to be performed at pregame and halftime shows. Band Camp also provides an excellent opportunity for new and veteran band members to become better acquainted through many social activities.

In this packet, you will find information regarding summer practices and our marching season. We are planning for a season with a schedule and activities similar to past years (prior to COVID).

To register for marching band, there are several items that need to be completed. Use the list below to help guide you through the marching band registration process. It is important to read ALL the information provided, complete all the steps in the registration process listed below, and pay all fees to save your place in the drill.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. Read all information included in this packet. There is a great deal of information and dates to review.
2. Complete the online Marching Band registration (<https://tinyurl.com/mbsbs2023>)
3. Pay the \$425 band camp fee through Paypal or check (Follow link provided in your registration confirmation email) Checks should be made payable to:

Livonia Stevenson Music Boosters
P.O. Box 531081 Livonia, MI 48153

4. Complete all required forms. You will receive an email (directed to the first email you provide when you register from lsmb.bandcamp@gmail.com with directions to complete forms).
5. Register for Music Note emails (www.shsmusic.org), encourage your child to sign-up for the Stevenson Marching Band Google Classroom (class code: qdukk3x) - Parents do not join as a student. Instead, please have your child invite you to view the classroom as a guardian, and like the Livonia Stevenson Music Boosters Facebook page.
6. Parents and students should also sign up for our Marching Band Remind 101 for Marching Band related text notifications. You can register by texting the following codes to 81010:

Last name A-L: @shsmbal
Last name M-Z: @shsmbmz

BAND CAMP

- Pre-Camp will be held at Stevenson High School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 9 - Friday, August 11.
- Marching Band Camp will be at Covenant Hills Camp in Otisville, MI - Monday, August 14 through Friday, August 18, 2023.
 - Pre-Camp will begin with a marching fundamentals session on August 9 for 1st and 2nd year members, percussion, and guard from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - ALL marching band members will report in the afternoon (1:15-4 p.m.) for music rehearsal. Camp sessions August 10 and 11 will include all marching band members in marching rehearsal from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., lunch on your own/with your section 12-1:15 p.m., and music/marching rehearsal in the afternoon 1:15-4 p.m.
- Practices will be held August 22, 23, 24 at Stevenson from 4-6pm.
- To participate in band camp and all camp activities, students must: 1) complete the online registration; 2) complete all forms in the registration packet; and 3) submit completed forms AND payment by June 30. (Links to online registration and all forms will be available on the music website (www.shsmusic.org)).

We are excited to start another great season with the Stevenson Marching Band making music together.

All the best,

Mrs. Wickman, Director of Bands and Orchestra
David Alessandrini, Marching Band Assistant Director
Jeremy Neal, Color Guard Coach

BAND CAMP FEE SUMMARY

| Item | Fee | Due | Details |
|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Camp Fee | \$425 <i>Paypal/Credit Debit or Check to LSMB Livonia Stevenson Music Boosters P.O. Box 531081 Livonia, MI 48153</i> | June 30 <i>*\$25 discount when paid by June 6, 2023</i> | Contact Mrs. Wickman if you need an extension. See the online registration confirmation for details. ** \$5 processing fee for Paypal. |
| Uniform Items | See fee list below Paypal/Credit Debit or Check to LSMB | July 1 | Contact Mrs. Wickman if you need an extension. |
| Pay-to-Participate | \$50 Online - LPS District website | August 9 | Link is available on the SHS Music website. LPS no longer accepts checks for Pay-to-Participate. The fee must be paid online. |

UNIFORM ITEMS

| ITEM | COST | SECTION |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Marching shoes | \$40 | Winds and Percussion (black) Drum Majors (white) |
| White long-wrist gloves | \$5/pair | Flute, Saxophone, Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba |
| Long Wristed Fingerless Cotton (white) | \$5/pair | Clarinet |
| <i>ALL first year members will receive a Marching Band jacket as part of their registration.</i> | | |
| Balancé Split Sole Shoe | \$40 | Guard |
| Gloves - DSI Deluxe Ever-Dri Fingerless <i>(black w/velcro)</i> | \$20 | Guard |
| Tunic | Use fee \$20/year | Guard |
| Optional/Replacement Items | | |
| Additional show shirt <i>Marching Band members ONLY</i> | \$10 | Winds, Percussion, Guard |
| Shorts <i>(optional - to be worn under your uniform)</i> | \$15 | Winds, Percussion, Guard |
| Marching Band Jacket <i>Marching Band members ONLY</i> | \$40 | Winds, Percussion, Guard <i>(replacement)</i> |

* Show shirts and marching band jackets are part of the marching band uniform and can only be purchased for marching and members. Music Department spirit wear for friends and family will be available for purchase through the Music Boosters.

SUMMER SCHEDULE *(Tentative)*

| DATE | TIME | DETAILS | WHO | LOCATION |
|---|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 10, 17, 24 June 7, 14, 21 July 12, 19, 26 | 5-7p | Guard Clinics/Practice | Guard only | SHS Practice Field |
| June 15 July 18, 19, 25, 26 | 12-3p 9a-3p | Drumline Clinics | Drumline/Sideline | Stevenson |
| August 7 & 8 | 9a-3:30p | Leadership Clinics | Section Leaders Drum Majors | Stevenson |
| August 9-11 | 8a-4p | Pre-Camp | ALL | SHS Practice Field |
| August 12 | TBD 10a-2p | Uniform Fittings Car Wash | ALL | Stevenson TBD |
| August 14-18 | | Band Camp | ALL | Covenant Hills Camp Otisville, MI |
| TBD | TBD | Marching Band photos | ALL | Stevenson HS |
| August 22, 23 | 4-6p | Practice | ALL | SHS Practice Field |
| August 29, 30 | 4-6p | Practice | | SHS Practice Field |
| September 8 | 7p | HOME Game (John Glenn) | ALL | Stevenson |

STEVENSON MARCHING SPARTANS

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Punctual, mandatory attendance at all scheduled activities and practices.
2. Follow all work/clean up assignments.
3. Students may not leave camp for any reason without permission from Mrs. Wickman. This includes leaving with a parent or chaperone before camp ends.
4. Students will be responsible for damage to camp and/or personal property.
5. Hazing, initiation, or any other kind of intimidation to any person is strictly forbidden. Students involved in this type of activity will be sent home immediately and banned from marching band.
6. Possession of alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes is not permitted. Students who bring illegal substances to camp will be sent home immediately, suspended at the start of the school year, and dropped from marching band permanently.
7. Knives, firearms, or weapons of any type are not permitted.
8. Use of cars by students during camp is not permitted. This includes riding in cars driven by staff members.
9. Students must remain in cabins after “lights out”. Should you need to leave the cabin, you must be accompanied by a chaperone.
10. Disrespect or rudeness to the director, field instructors, chaperones, or camp staff will not be tolerated.
11. Students must follow the Covenant Hills dress guidelines at camp.
12. All camp participants will abide by the camp quiet hours, which are from 11:00pm – 7:00am for the courtesy of other guests and neighbors.
13. Breaking any rules will result in camp dismissal. Parents will be contacted to pick up the student immediately.

By participation in Band Camp, students agree to abide by the above rules.

As this is a school activity, all Stevenson rules apply just as if the students were on school property, including dress code.

Discipline at camp, which may result from disrespectful or untrustworthy behavior, includes a loss of privileges, such as free time, during camp. Students who continue to pose problems for chaperones, and therefore jeopardize the safety of themselves and others, may be dismissed from camp at any time. NOTE: all policies of Covenant Hills Camp regarding behavior and dress apply to all participants.

COMMITMENT AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following policies are in place to create an environment that will allow the Stevenson Marching Band to reach the highest marching and musical potential. If you choose to participate in marching band you become a very important part of our show. Your presence is necessary at every practice. A hole on the field causes confusion for your entire section and slows down practice for the entire band. If you wish to participate in marching band, do not commit to other activities that would conflict with the marching band practice schedule. Your highest musical skills are required for our band to sound its best; therefore your enrollment in a music class is required for participation in marching band.

- Students may not participate in a fall sport and marching band.
- Students may take a 7th hour and participate in marching band. Individuals who take 7th hour are expected to be at rehearsal within 10 minutes of the 7th hour release bell. Please be sure to note your intention to take 7th hour on your registration form.
- Students must be enrolled in a band, orchestra, or choir class to participate in marching band (except Guard)
- ***Students must arrange their work schedules, appointments, college tours, and vacations around marching band camp, practices, and performances.***

Tips, Hints, and Helpful Information for Marching Band Families

- Marching Band students must be in a curricular band or orchestra class each year to participate in Marching Band (with the exception of Color Guard).
- Parents who volunteer or chaperone band students must complete the district online iChat form. This form is updated by the LPS district each year. If you plan to volunteer during the marching band season or for other activities later in the year, you will need to complete and submit the form before you can be cleared to volunteer. The processing time the district requires for the iChat form is 2-3 weeks. If you are chaperoning band camp, it is imperative that the iChat form is processed prior to camp. Once you have been cleared for one Livonia Public Schools chaperone or volunteer activity, you will not need to fill out another iChat form until the following school year.
- Besides the Band Camp costs, there are minimal associated costs that are required for a student to participate in Marching Band. These include but are not limited to shoes for new members and those needing replacements, gloves, color guard tunic, marching lyre, flip book, page protectors for dot books, and beret for sousaphone members. Students will need solid black socks for marching. Each Marching Band student will receive, at no cost, one show T-shirt as a part of their uniform.
- Marching Band practices are mandatory for students and usually held in the fall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school (6 to 8 hours per week practice commitment) Color Guard and drumline may have additional practices during the season.
- Marching Band students are required to stay after practices and home games for cleanup. Chore duty is divided by instrument sections throughout the season, with sections alternating the days they have the duty.
- Home Games are mandatory for Marching Band students. Students are required to arrive at 6:00pm for warm-up and inspection. Marching Band students sit together in the bleachers (the first section of the home bleachers) and are not allowed to leave (except for the restroom with permission). Band families usually sit in the 2nd section of the bleachers. There will be a sign-up for band families to donate snacks and water for the home games.
- There is no cost for Marching Band students to attend home and away games, but band families must pay entrance costs. Stevenson offers both a one-time entrance pass and a yearly entrance pass (if your child(ren) participates in any athletics, it may be more cost effective to purchase a yearly entrance pass).
- The Stevenson Marching Band's main purpose is performance and support for football games, so the bulk of the commitment is during the fall term. However, it is a YEAR-LONG commitment. The Marching Band participates during school day spirit events and/or pep assemblies year-round. They also perform 2-3 times during the spring semester (Collage Concert, Band-O-Rama, and the Memorial Day Ceremony).
- It has been a tradition that Marching Band students attend after game get-togethers at students' homes. These privately hosted events are for Marching Band students only and hosted by individual families.