



# ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

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To All Prospective Marching Band Members & Their Families:

It gives us great pride to welcome you to our 55th year of the award-winning Arlington High School Marching Band (AHSMB)! The Band is the five-time defending New York State Champions and will hope to welcome over 40 new members this season!! The staff has been at work for months getting ready for an exciting, fun, and positively memorable 2022 season.

The amount of exciting news and information is too great to be included in a letter, so each year we gather to “kick-off” and register for our new season. At that time, you will have many questions answered, receive lots of information, meet people from each part of the band (students and parents), hear about our very important volunteer opportunities, find out information about the show theme for the next year, sign-up for the 2022 Marching Band, and much more!!

There are two items that I would like to bring to your attention now: first, marching band does cost money, but we have established programs that allow everyone to participate no matter what their financial situation. *NO ONE SHOULD MISS OUT BECAUSE OF MONEY ISSUES!!* Second, many students think the Marching Band is “very time-consuming.” It does take time, but **WE REHEARSE LESS THAN MOST SPORTS TEAMS AT AHS**. We practice only *two nights a week* once school starts. We find that Marching Band, good grades, and a successful first year at Arlington can go together!!!

Below you will find an outline of our schedule through the summer. This is a great overview, but not a complete list. The most accurate calendar can be found on our website. Our spring schedule overview is as follows:

- **Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion & Color Guard Meet-and-Greet, rehearsals, and placement auditions**  
Your journey starts the end of April!!!! Check [www.arlingtonband.com](http://www.arlingtonband.com) for more details.
- **KICK-OFF to registration MEETING - SUNDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00pm in the Arlington HS Auditorium**  
ALL MEMBERS & AT LEAST ONE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ATTEND.  
If you wish, you can take all the paperwork home and decide about joining later. If you are ready to sign-up on the you can as so as you get home from the meeting. Each member will need to make a **\$75 Membership Fee payment** to enroll in the program.

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- **Summer Full Band Rehearsals\*\*\* - One per week on Wednesday in July and August.**

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\*\*\*Summer vacations and music camps are valid excuses for missing two (2) of the summer rehearsals; missing more than 2 rehearsals could jeopardize your place in the field show (Member vs. Marcher).

- **BAND CAMP WEEKS - MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS/MARCHERS**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 5pm**

Parent Night/Band Camp wrap up!! - Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm in the AHS Stadium

## 2022 Performance Schedule

**All members are required to attend all performances!**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday	August 26	Parent Night and Show Debut @ Arlington HS
Saturday	Sept 10	USBands Competition – Bethel HS, CT
Friday	Sept 9	Home Football Game
Saturday	Sept 17	NYSFBC Competition @ Mohonasen HS
Friday	Oct 7	Home Football Game
Sunday	Oct 9	NYSFBC Competition @ Arlington HS
Friday	Oct 14	Home Football Game
Saturday	Oct 15	NYSFBC Competition @ Sachem HS
Sunday	Oct 23	NYSFBC Competition @ Kingston HS
Saturday	Oct 29	Parent Show and Senior Recognition @ Arlington HS
Sun-Mon	Oct 30-31	NYSFBC State Championships – Syracuse, NY

At any time, if you have a question, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Keech. I sincerely hope you are as excited about our season as I am. Your talents and great energy will help guarantee a great year filled with great friends, great memories, and GREAT PERFORMANCES!!

Sincerely,

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