

Hello Potential Charlottesville High School Marching Band Members!

I am so excited to send this letter to you. The Charlottesville High School Marching Band is beginning registration for next year's marching band. Last year we were one of only two bands in the state that grew through the pandemic, and next year, we anticipate even more growth! Our preliminary numbers have us over 100 members!

This is a fantastic opportunity for so many student musicians next year, as there is no better activity to get involved with at Charlottesville High School than the marching band. If you missed our first parent letter describing these opportunities you can read the [initial parent letter here](#). Because of this amazing growth, I want to make sure that we are covering all of our bases. Students that plan to march next year need to complete the [registration form](#). Students will also need to make sure they register with the counseling department because they will need to have their early morning class free in the fall.

### **A quick note on scheduling**

- In order to have enough time to march, students will sometimes need to free up a class period. There are a number of creative ways to do this
  - Online PE - actually marching band can qualify as your physical activity for the week
  - Summer Gym
  - Delaying PE for a year or two to allow more electives to open up
- Students are able to do marching band, jazz band, concert band (percussion ensemble) and still get whatever else they want out of high school
  - We've had students participate in all these activities every year they were in high school and move on to Theater schools, Engineering schools, Ivy league schools, workforce readiness, and the armed services.
- Email me if you need some help scheduling

\$50 of the \$150 band dues are due by June 1st. This helps us solidify our numbers for next year so we can get our marching drill professionally written. Having professional drill is the next step in greatly improving our scores at competitions. The \$50 is non-refundable as it goes to pay for your spot in the show.

Lastly, it would be beneficial to get in your medical forms before the year ends as well. This does not require a doctor, but allows us to be prepared in case of emergency.

I know that there may be questions. I will have a marching band Q&A at 7:30pm after the next booster meeting April 13th in the Charlottesville High School Band room. You can best reach that room through the A3 door near the MLK PAC. You can also check out our [rookie parent survival guide as well](#).

Sincerely,  
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