

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL STORM REGIMENT

MARCHING BAND

- *2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 Zia Marching Festival Finalist Band
- *2019 Superior Rating - Bands of America Regional Competition
- *2018 Pageant of Bands Grand Champions
- *2018 Tournament of Bands Finalist
- *2019 Wind Symphony - State Runner Up at NMAA State Band Contest
- *2020 District VI Music Performance Assessment Sweepstakes Award Winner
- *19 NMMEA All-State Band Members (all Storm Regiment members)
- *39 District VI Honor Band Members (all Storm Regiment members)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Why should you join the Cleveland High School Marching Band?

.....because high school band is an activity unlike anything you have done before. It will enrich your high school experience and it will build a sense of pride and team spirit that truly stands out on our campus and in our community!

The Cleveland High School Marching Band is one of the largest organization on campus with over 150 total members. The Cleveland Band is recognized not only for its high standards of performance but also for the high quality experience our members get. We believe that the musical and social growth which takes place in band is a significant and crucial part of our student's overall development. The Cleveland Band program puts a "premium" on the development of leadership skills in the pursuit of our shared musical goals.

Hopefully, you are excited about extending your musical training and joining one of the largest student organizations at Cleveland High School. Often as 8th graders, students are intimidated by the thought of continuing band in high school. We have a fantastic student leadership team that is committed to taking new members *under their wing* and ensuring that everyone feels comfortable and welcome. Others may be tiring of playing their instrument. All this means is that you are ready for the next level and a new set of challenges! High school marching band is unlike anything you have done before. Finally, you will have the opportunity to perform for thousands of people, develop life-long friendships, and reap the rewards of achieving individual and team goals. Marching band members develop and learn the value of a strong work ethic and tend to make better social decisions because of the commitment they have to each other and to the adults they work with.

"High school marching band allows you to develop new relationships and skills but it also teaches you the importance of working together as a team. It helps you develop the character, discipline and leadership skills to not only succeed in marching band but in all aspects of life." – Brian Thomas 12th Grade, Brass Captain

One aspect of the Cleveland Band that we are proud of is that we perform at a high level while maintaining a healthy balance with the total high school experience! We have honor students, student athletes, students in various school activities, and students in other fine arts organizations in our band program. We work well with other school sponsors to encourage and promote a wide range of school activities.

Another great thing about our program is that incoming freshman and parents arrive at Cleveland High School with a built-in support system of upperclassmen students and parents! The Cleveland Band Boosters provide opportunities for involvement on all levels.

Here's how to get started—receive and return a **Letter of Intent** form. During the school year, we practice from 2:45pm-4:30pm. You do get PE credit for marching band! Color Guard members will need to be in 8th period marching band as well. As a default and regardless of your participation in marching band, please make sure you are enrolled in 3rd Period Concert Band. If you wish to enroll in the Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony, please communicate that with me and we will set up an audition and make sure you are placed in the most suitable ensemble. Marching band students are eligible to audition for a higher group as 9th graders. High school band is completely compatible with the most aggressive of academic schedules. You can be in band all four years and still take AP classes.

“I have been in Cleveland’s marching band throughout all of high school. As the years go by, I have taken as many AP classes as I can, created a practice schedule for my instrument, and taken on a part time job. All of this might seem overwhelming during the marching band season, but I have learned to manage my time to keep everything going. I also have plenty of time for friends since the marching band has provided me with a family of over a hundred people.”

– Maya Mueller, 11th Grade, Drum Major, 1st Chair Clarinet NMMEA All-State 2019, 2020

The CHS Marching Band is a Fall Semester Class. The CHS Concert and Jazz bands are year-long courses. Further individual opportunities are available through the district honor band audition, the all-state band audition, the jazz all-state band audition, and various solo and ensemble performances. In addition, the Band takes a spring trip! Recently, we have traveled to Utah, Los Angeles, Denver Colorado, and Colorado Springs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I play sports or do other activities and be in band? Yes, especially in the early high school years. Contrary to popular belief, band members are actively involved in sports and activities. The band directors and sponsors work very hard to accommodate involved students. Students will learn communication and time management skills.

“Being involved in multiple activities is not a challenge, and the directors are very accommodating with conflicting schedules. The most successful kids at Cleveland High School are the ones most involved in organizations, so don’t be afraid to pursue all your interests!”

- Gabi Garcia, 11th Grade, NMMEA All-State Musician, Storm Chaser

When does Band Camp start?

Band Camp - July 20th-31st, 2020 (M-F only)

8am-5:00pm

Band Camp – August 3rd-5th , 2020

4:00pm-7:00pm

Is it difficult to learn to march? Incoming freshman are often concerned with the thought of marching and playing their instrument. It is a learned skill unlike anything you have done so far in music. Marching fundamentals are taught, demonstrated and rehearsed daily. The physical demands of marching band are very similar to other athletic events. We stretch and condition daily to prevent injury and to perfect our skills. Once again, marching band students do receive PE credit. Most graduates consider marching band the highlight of their high school musical careers! Freshman receive a great amount of personal attention from the staff and student leaders. We will introduce our marching technique during our Rookie Camp. You can do it!

“It was sort of hard at first but the section leaders and teachers break it down for you and make it easy.”

-Julian Moritz, 9th Grade, 1st Chair Percussionist NMMEA All-State 2020

How much time does band really take? The fall semester is the busiest time of the year. As stated earlier, Marching Band meets every day after school. We play approximately 5-6 home football games, an occasional road game/playoff game, and 3 to 4 marching contests per year. Our competitive season starts in October and ends in late October or early November. In the spring semester, we are focusing primarily on our concert and jazz bands. We will do our District Music Performance Assessment, a jazz festival, and a few concerts. Students will need to practice their instrument outside of class to meet the performance expectations of their ensembles.

Will my membership in band and the time commitments adversely affect my grades? It should not! Above all, you are at Cleveland High School to receive an academic education. Good grades are mostly dependent on effective time management skills and good personal discipline. Interestingly enough, most of our students find that their highest grades of the entire year occur during the fall semester during marching season. If you communicate with your teachers, and stay organized, grades should be no problem. Many of Cleveland’s top students are in band. The band’s schedule has been crafted to compliment the school’s academic offerings. Tutors are also available in the band program to supplement classroom teaching.

“My grades were great after I joined marching band. I feel a responsibility to my fellow band members and to my friends to keep my grades up. Because I am in Marching Band and active, I have more energy in general to study and practice.”

-Ryan Henderson, 11th Grade, NMMEA All-State Percussionist, 1st Guitar NMMEA Jazz All-State 2020, NM Jazz HS Honor Band Workshop Member

Are there fun social events? Yes! Our student officers, staff, and band boosters organize social events throughout the year. This year will end with an ice cream social which will include incoming 9th graders. There are bbq's and potlucks, game nights and other band sponsored gatherings.

How many students are in the Cleveland Band Program? There will be over 150 total members in the Cleveland High School Marching Band.

Does the band travel overnight? Yes! During the fall, the marching band will usually take one out of town trip. The spring semester includes our annual spring trip. Spring trips alternate between closer destinations and further destinations. Sometimes, the jazz band, color guard, and percussion ensembles can travel separately.

Where do I go for further information? For further information please email the band directors at daniel.holmes@rrps.net and joshua.dumais@rrps.net. You can also visit our website at www.stormregiment.com. Percussion specific questions may be directed to Ms. Sarah Rede at sarah.rede@rrps.net

Thank you! We look forward to your membership in the award winning Cleveland High School Marching Band!

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