

# Farmington High School Band Department

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Dear Band Parent and Band Member,

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This summer, the Black Knight Marching Band (BKMB) will have events starting July 18 through August 5 in preparation for the following school year. All rehearsals are held at the high school. If you have any questions about which events your student needs to attend, please email Mr. Naes. Below is a schedule of events to reference:

<b>Mon, July 18</b> 1-4p BKMBLT 6-8p Music Rehearsal: brass & woodwinds	<b>Tue, July 19</b> 1-4p Drum Majors 6-8p Freshman Marching Rehearsal	<b>Wed, July 20</b> 1-4p BKMBLT 6-8p Music Rehearsal: front ensemble	<b>Thu, July 21</b> 1-4p Drum Majors 6-8p Freshman Marching Rehearsal	<b>Fri, July 22</b> 1-4p BKMBLT 6-8p Music Rehearsal: batterie
<b>Mon, July 25</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Tue, July 26</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Wed, July 27</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Thu, July 28</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Fri, July 29</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp
<b>Mon, Aug 1</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Tue, Aug 2</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Wed, Aug 3</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Thu, Aug 4</b> 7-11:30a & 1-4:30p Band Camp	<b>Fri, Aug 5</b> 7-11:30a ONLY 6p Parent Showcase

**BKMBLT:** This acronym stands for Black Knight Marching Band Leadership Team and consists of students grade 10-12 who applied for, and earned leadership positions in the band.

**Freshman Marching Rehearsal:** All 9th grade students are required to attend both Rookie Mini-Camps the Tuesday and Thursday before band camp from 6-8p. Students should wear tennis shoes and athletic attire. Members of the BKMBLT will also attend these camps. No instruments are necessary for these two rehearsals as we'll focus on just movement. Water and sunscreen ARE recommended!

**Attendance:** All rehearsals and performances are mandatory! Each student has an important role in the show and they cannot be replaced when absent. "To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be LATE!" If you are ill and/or unable to attend rehearsal, please email a director indicating the date of the rehearsal and the reason. **Rehearsals are never canceled due to weather.** There is not a "bench" in marching band like there is in other sports. We do not have anyone to replace you, so you are extremely valuable and so is your attendance!

**Band Participation Certificate:** All members are required to have the Band Participation Certificate turned-in before they may participate in camp. It should contain accurate insurance information that will be accessed if your student is injured during camp or away at competitions.

**Band Camp Survival Tips:** Drink plenty of water and sports drinks. Students should treat themselves like athletes during band camp by eating healthy, getting plenty of sleep, and using sunscreen. Avoid soda and milk. Clothing worn should be loose fitting, light-weight, light-colored. Tennis shoes are a must while marching. Students will be asked to sit out if they wear sandals or flip flops to marching

rehearsal. If a student is having an issue with the heat, they should alert a camp staff member immediately; we do not expect students to be “troopers”. Have a water jug with your name written on it somewhere; we will not be able to use the school’s drinking fountains during water breaks. When marching, leave your cell phone off the field in your instrument case, on your water jug, in a bag/purse, etc. All brass & woodwind instrumentalists except for tuba will need an instrument lyre to be provided on your own. Marler Music in Park Hills often has these in stock at this point in the year. Music flip folders and pages will be supplied to all brass & woodwind members. Simple 2-pocket carpenter aprons are great for holding materials needed while on the field (pencil, dotbook, flip folder, valve oil, etc.). Menards has these for sale for \$1 generally.

Donations/Help: We are looking for individuals to prepare lunch for our camp staff. If you can help, please call Band Booster President Nikki Galczynski at 314-603-3936. We are in need of physical help throughout the season as well; bus chaperones, equipment movers, seamstresses, uniform check-in/out personnel, Farmington Marching Invitational volunteers, etc. Please contact Nikki if you would like to assist with any of these things as well.

Fees/Paperwork: Be prepared to pay necessary fees and turn in the enclosed paperwork on the first day of camp. All checks should be made payable to **Farmington Band Boosters**. See the page titled “BKMB Costs” attached to this letter for more information.

- Participation Fee: This covers the cost of the show shirt, section shirt, additional camp staff, and supplemental insurance during the summer camp.
- School Instrument User Fee: This fee is for those who use the following instruments: mellophones (french horn), baribones (euphonium), sousaphones (tuba), and percussion (batterie and front ensemble). It helps to offset the cost of repairs and maintenance of those instruments.
- Gloves: Brass & Woodwind members will wear gloves during our performances. The first pair of gloves will be given to each brass & woodwind student for free. Gloves may need to be replaced due to wear and tear at the cost of the student.
- Drillmasters: We wear a special marching shoe during all performances which helps the students march cleaner as well as look professional. Drillmasters are an integral part of the uniform.
- Band Gear: Under the marching uniform at all times is band gear. Band gear is made of moisture wicking and breathable fabric that helps to protect the uniforms, keep the students comfortable, allow for an easier time changing clothes, and keep us looking professional. Colorguard members will need to purchase the shorts only. All freshmen are expected to make this purchase. Veterans may purchase either of those items if their current band gear is worn out or if a different size is necessary.

Lunch Break: Students will have from 11:30a-1p for lunch. Staff members will be at the school during this break for supervision. Students may either bring their own sack lunch or leave campus. Food and drink may be consumed in the hallways, but not in any classroom. The building will remain open during lunch for water fountain and restroom access.

Marching Uniform: We will ensure each student has the best fitting uniform possible during band camp. We will have a run of shoes for students to try on and find the right fit. Socks worn with the uniform should be ALL black, free of logos and stripes, and tall enough to reach the middle of the calf. Students will wear their “band gear” under uniforms on performance days.

Medication: If you take any medications, you will be able to self-administer as necessary provided the school has a current medical authorization form signed by a physician for the medication. This policy pertains to all medications present on school campus including prescriptions and over the counter medication. If your physician does not approve a medication to be carried and administered by the student themselves, a parent will need to bring the medication and administer to the student each time it is needed.

Communication: We will be utilizing Remind for most communication. Refer to the band website for more information. The web address is <[bit.ly/2m4gZpr](http://bit.ly/2m4gZpr)>. We also have a Facebook page for the band where pictures, videos, and other fun things are shared. The Farmington Band Boosters use the Charms Office management tool to help manage contact information, financial information, and volunteer opportunities. All students will be enrolled in Charms during band camp.

Spirit Days & Events: See the final page of this handout for the Spirit Days & Events calendar. Only BKMB members and their families are allowed to the Movie Night, Band Dance, and Water Park party. Boyfriends, girlfriends, or students outside of the BKMB may not attend these events.

Since 1959, the Black Knight Marching Band at Farmington High School has been an organization that prides itself on preparing students to be the best citizens and musicians they can be. The band staff and I seek to make the band experience here at Farmington High School as student-centered as it can be. All decisions are made with students' best interest first. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will be happy to assist you. We're still "Doin' It With Pride" here in the Black Knight Marching Band!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliot Naes". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others.

Elliot Naes, Director of Bands

## 2022 BKMB Fees

Item	Cost	Rookies	Veterans
Participation Fee	\$100	X	X
School Inst User Fee	\$50	%	%
Drillmasters	\$40	X	@
Band Gear Shirt	\$25	X	@
Band Gear Shorts	\$15	X	@
<b>Rookie Total (w/ personal instrument)</b>	<b>\$180</b>	X = Required  % = Certain students  @ = Optional	
<b>Rookie Total (w/ school instrument)</b>	<b>\$230</b>		
<b>Veteran Total (w/ personal instrument)</b>	<b>\$100</b>		
<b>Veteran Total (w/ school instrument)</b>	<b>\$150</b>		

This applies to brass, woodwind, and percussion students only. Colorguard students have a separate cost. Contact Mr. Naes if you did not receive that information at the Guard parent meeting.

# FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## Band Department

### BAND PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

This form is to be completed by all BKMB participants and may be turned-in on the first day of band camp. This form will accompany the participant to all practices and performances. It will be kept on file in the office of the Director of Bands.

#### SECTION 1: PARTICIPANT'S APPLICATION AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Other Emergency Contact Name/Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Student Shirt Size (circle one)      S      M      L      XL      2XL      3XL      4XL

As a parent volunteer, I'd like to help with (check the boxes below):

- concessions                       uniforms       competition day meals       pulling the trailers

This application to represent my school in instrumental music activities is made with the understanding that I qualify myself within the eligibility standards that I must meet to represent my school and that I have not violated any of them. I also understand that if I do not meet the citizenship standards set by the school, it could result in me not being allowed to participate in the next performance or suspension from the group either temporarily or permanently. I have completed and/or verified the part of this certificate which requires me to list all medical conditions that are known to me which may affect my performance in representing my school, and I verify that it is correct and complete. And furthermore, by signing this form I agree that I have read the attached information, understand its content and will abide by its provisions.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE BACK SIDE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

SECTION 2: PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR  
TREATMENT

I/We hereby give my/our consent for the above named student to represent his/her school in interscholastic activities. I/We also give our consent for him/her to accompany the group on trips and will not hold the school responsible in case of accident or injury whether it be enroute to or from another school or during practice or an interscholastic performance, and I/we hereby agree to hold the school district of which this school is a part, its employees, agents, representatives, sponsors, and volunteers harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, debts, claims, or demands of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with participation by my child/ward in any activities related to the interscholastic program of her/his school.

If I/we cannot be reached and in the event of an emergency, we also give consent for the school to obtain through a physician or hospital of its choice, such medical care as is reasonably necessary for the welfare of the student, if he/she is injured in the course of school activities.

I/we also understand that only under special circumstances will the student be able to provide their own transportation to and/or from an out-of-town activity. I/we further understand that the student may only ride with me/us in the aforementioned circumstances.

I/we further state that we have completed the part of this certificate which requires me/us to list all previous injuries or additional conditions that are known to me/us which may affect this member's performance or treatment, and I/we certify that it is correct and complete.

The MSHSAA By-Laws provide that a student shall not be permitted to practice or perform for a school until it has verification that he/she has basic insurance coverage. School insurance is available for a very inexpensive fee. My/our child is covered by basic accident insurance for the current school year as follows:

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Print Insurance Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions that may affect the member's performance: allergies, etc.:

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Black Knight Marching Band**  
*2022 Band Camp Spirit Days & Events*

<b>Week 1</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	Water Jug & Sunscreen Day
<b>Tue</b>	Crazy Sunglasses Day
<b>Wed</b>	Aloha/Vacation Day; Watermelon Roast 4:30p
<b>Thu</b>	Disney Day
<b>Fri</b>	Superhero/Villain Day; Movie Night 7-9p

<b>Week 2</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	Mismatch Monday; Desloge Pool Party 6p
<b>Tue</b>	Tie Dye Tuesday
<b>Wed</b>	Twinsday Wednesday
<b>Thu</b>	Throwback Thursday
<b>Fri</b>	Section Colors Day; Parent Showcase 6p; Band Dance 7-9p

All events are free to all BKMB members and their families. Only BKMB members and their families may attend Movie Night, Pool Party, & Band Dance.