

**Rahway H.S. Marching Band
Preseason Schedule & Show Information
2010 Season**

Rahway High School Marching Band

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Student Expectations

Being a Member of the Rahway H.S. Marching Band requires

- Respect:** Respect yourself as a person and as a member of the Rahway High School Marching Band. Treat peers, volunteers, band parents, staff and administration, whether a member of the RHS Marching Band or any other organization, as you would like to be treated
- Commitment:** The Rahway H.S. Marching Band requires and relies upon your full commitment if we are to succeed. To make a successful organization, you have to put the band program as a priority in your daily schedule.
- Attendance:** Part of your commitment is attendance. All band meetings, rehearsals, parades, exhibitions, contests, and other gatherings of the band require your attendance.
- Professionalism:** At all times, professionalism is a necessity of the band. Whether in or out of uniform, you will always represent the program, and will be looked upon by outsiders as such. Act professionally at all times.

A FEW LESSONS ABOUT TEAMWORK FROM OUR FRIENDS, THE GEESE!

Fact 1: As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an “uplift” for the birds that follow. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Fact 2: When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of flying alone. It quickly moves back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front of it.

Fact 3: When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies to the point position.

Fact 4: The geese flying in formation honk to encourage those up front to keep going! Lesson: We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement, which is to listen to one’s own heart or core values, and to listen to the core values of others, is the quality of honking we seek.

Fact 5: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with it until it dies or is able to fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation of geese and try to catch up with the flock.

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Please commit, prepare, plan ahead!!!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Rehearsal 6-8	5	6	7
8 <i>Possible "Drum Corps Show & workshop"</i>	9	10	11 Rehearsal 6-8	12	13	14
15	16 Camp 9 - 2, 6 - 8	17 Camp 9 - 2, 6 - 8	18 Camp 9 - 2, 6 - 8	19 Camp 9 - 2, 6 - 8	20 Camp 9 - 2, 6 - 8	21 TBD Possible social TBA
22	23 Camp 6 - 8	24 Camp 6 - 8	25 Camp 6 - 8	26 Camp 6 - 8	27 Camp 6 - 8	28

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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rehearsal 6-8	2	3	4
5	6	7 First Day of School!!!	8 Rehearsal 6-8	9 No School!	10 Game @ N. Plainfield Report: TBA	11 USSBA Competition @ Edison HS Report: 10 am
12	13 Rehearsal 6-8	14 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	15 Rehearsal 6-8	16 *** Football vs. Scotch Plains Time TBA	17 Cheesecake Due!!!	18 Marching Band 9 am - 2 pm
19	20 Rehearsal 6-8	21 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	22 Rehearsal 6-8	23 WW/Guard Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	24	25 Football vs. Summit Time TBA
26	27 Rehearsal 6-8	28 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	29 Rehearsal 6-8	30 WW/Guard Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm		

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Giants Stadium Yamaha Cup Invitational (Report TBA)
3	4 Rehearsal 6-8	5 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	6 Rehearsal 6-8	7	8	9 SAT Game @ Hillside 2 pm Report: TBA
10	11 Rehearsal 6 - 8	12 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	13 Rehearsal 6-8	14	15 Game @ Cranford 7 pm Report: TBA	16 USSBA Competition @ Rutgers Report: TBA
17	18 Rehearsal 6-8	19 WW/Guard Brass/Perc Sectional 3:30 - 4:15 pm	20 Rehearsal 6-8	21	22	23 Game vs Westfield "Homecoming" Report: TBA Report: TBA
24 USSBA NJ State Champs Report: TBA	25	26	27 Rehearsal 230 - 330	28	29	30 Game vs Gov. Livingston Report: TBA BAND FEST 2010

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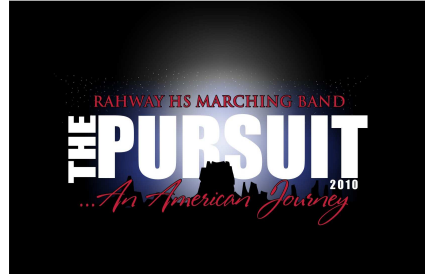
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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4 No School	5 No School	6 SAT Game vs. Watchung Hills Report: TBA
7	8	9 Veteran's Day Ceremony TBA	10 Rehearsal 230 - 330	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Rehearsal 230 - 330	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Rehearsal 230 - 330	25 Game @ AL Johnson 10:30 am (Report 9:30 am) Bus 9:45	28	29



INTRODUCTION

The award winning Rahway High School Marching Band continues its tradition of excellence and innovation in the marching arena with its 2010 season production, *The Pursuit: An American Journey* is a musical and visual representation of American exploration and innovation, demonstrating our country's continual push forward to grow and build a better tomorrow.

The 2010 production showcases the best in our students, featuring their incredible talent, hard work, and desire to achieve greatness. We promise creativity, showmanship, and an unending energy which have become trademarks of the Rahway High School Marching Band over the past few years.

Chapter I – “Pushing Fences: A Manifest Destiny”

Chapter II – “Invention and Innovation”

Chapter III – “Beyond”

Our program will be supported through a wide selection of musical sources including film scores, tv soundtracks, and contemporary band works. **Ennio Morricone, H. Owen Reed, Eric Whitacre and Brian Tyler.** This music will serve as our foundation to tell the visual story of our journey

We are excited to continue our tradition of excellence with a memorable, entertaining, and energetic celebration of *The Pursuit: An American Journey*.

Music in Motion at its finest . . . 110 MPH . . .





Attendance & Grading Policy

Marching Band is a fully credited class within the curriculum of the Rahway Public Schools, and adopted by the Board of Education. Hence, students must follow the attendance guidelines set forth for Rahway High School by the Board of Education

During the school year, the Marching Band's class time is held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 - 8 pm. Attendance is also mandatory at all performances, and other scheduled rehearsals (including summer rehearsals and band camp).

ATTENDANCE

At all times, a **written note** is required for an excused absence.

A cut may be given for an unexcused absence from a scheduled rehearsal.

Unexcused and excused absences follow the guidelines set forth by the Rahway Board of Education.

A student with excessive excused absences may not be able to participate at the discretion of the director.

A student that is dropped from the ensemble is not eligible to participate the following year.

An unexcused absence from a performance will result in the student being dropped from the ensemble.

An unexcused absence, during the week of a competition, will result in the student not being able to participate in the competition, at the discretion of the director.

An excused absence, during a rehearsal prior to a competition, may result in the student not being able to participate in the competition, at the discretion of the director.

GRADING

A student will receive a grade for the first two marching periods of the school year, and receive 5 credits for participation.

Grades are based on participation, attendance, attitude, and preparation. Grades are not based on talent and performance.

- 60% Weekly Rehearsal Preparation & Attendance
- 20% Assignments (Homework, Written & Performance Based)
- 20% Performance Exams

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Rahway H.S. Band Booster Association

The BBA is a support arm of the Rahway H.S. Marching Band, formed by parents, teachers, and members of the community to physically, advocate, and financially support the efforts of the marching program.

The BBA supports the Rahway High School Marching Band by:

- managing, repairing, and maintaining the uniform and costumes of the ensemble
- building props and necessary equipment for the fall marching show
- maintaining, transporting, and loading the Rahway H.S. Marching Band Trailer
- providing refreshments at performances and some rehearsals
- organizing fundraisers to support the Marching Indians
- and much, much more

The BBA is also a great social organization that builds life long friendships and memories.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THERE WAS NO ONE . . .

. . . TO DRIVE THE TRAILER?

**. . . TO SET THE FIELD BEFORE A
PERFORMANCE?**

. . . TO CHEER IN THE STANDS?

**WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ALLOWING
OUR STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS**

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Medical Information & Parent Authorization

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier:

Name of Person to Contact in case of an Emergency:

_____ Phone:

_____ Phone:

Special Medical Information We Should Know (Allergies, Etc. . . .)

Prescription / Non-Prescription Medication:

Parental Authorization

I, _____, authorize the school official, Robert Van Wyk, Meg Spatz, Ronald Dolce, or Laura Bongiovi to seek any required emergency attention for my son/daughter.

I have read the marching band schedule, expectations, and grading policy. I agree and understand their requirements and desire to have my student be a member of the Rahway High School Marching Band.

Signature

Date

Parent Email Contact

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Membership Handbook

REHEARSALS

Q: When are rehearsals, and are they all important?

A: Rehearsals begin in the summer months with sectionals on Wednesday's in July. We continue with the most important rehearsals of the season, summer band camp. These rehearsals are the foundation for the entire season. **THE ENTIRE SHOW IS TAUGHT DURING THESE REHEARSALS!!!** The entire band builds unity and teamwork throughout these summer rehearsals.

Once the school year begins, rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday evenings 6 - 8 pm. There also may be scheduled sectional rehearsals, as needed

Attendance at all rehearsals reflects the teamwork and commitment level of the organization. It is expected that students make their participation in this wonderful activity a priority.

GAMES & COMPETITIONS

Q: When are football games and competitions? Where and what time should the students report?

A: A full rehearsal and performance schedule is provided to each student's family, and posted on the marching band website. There are generally 9 football games during the fall season, most occurring on Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons. There are generally 4 competitions and a championship competition that occur on Saturday evenings, or Sunday afternoons.

At each rehearsal and performance, students report to the RHS Band Room at the reporting time given on the schedule.

Q: Should my child show up for performances in full uniform?

A: Students should report to the RHS Band Room with their uniform, where time will be given to change from street clothes into the Red & Black of the RHS Marching Indians, unless otherwise stipulated by the band director.

Q: Can parents attend football games and competitions, and how do we get there?

A: All parents are welcome to attend all performances. Warning: many football stadiums charge admission at the door. For away games, the marching band travels via bus; there are a number of seats reserved for parent chaperones and teachers. For home games, the RHS Marching Band marches down Central Avenue, from the high school to Veteran's Field, our football stadium.

Q: For afternoon games/competitions, who provides lunch?

A: A student should bring a bag lunch for all football games. Time will be allotted for students to eat lunch. Spending money is also suggested as there are refreshments available to all games and competitions. Water, hot chocolate, and a small snack are provided by the Band Boosters at these events, but a small amount of spending money is suggested.

Q: How long do these events last? Where should we pick up our band member after the event? Is it okay if we simply leave from a game or competition with our child in our own car?

A: Football games generally last 3 - 4 hours. At each event, students will travel back to the RHS band room before being dismissed. According to Board of Education policy, a student must travel to a school event with school transportation, and under the school's insurance policy.

UNIFORMS

Q: Other than the uniform provided each band member, are there any other misc. items that parents will be responsible for providing?

A: Marching shoes are required of each student. Information of purchasing shoes will be provided by the Band Director at the end of this packet.

Color guard students are also required to provide their own body suit, available at dance wear store.

Musicians are required to wear black socks with their uniform.

Q: How are uniforms maintained, when?

A: Uniforms are dry cleaned by the high school throughout the fall. If you have a need to dry clean before these times, it is the responsibility of the student.

FOUL WEATHER

Q: In case of cold or rainy weather, should a member bring jackets, gloves, hats, raincoats?

A: Students are provided a rain proof, thermal lined jacket for performance events. It is recommended that students bring warm clothing, hats, and gloves, if necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS/EMERGENCIES

Q: If weather is bad, or some other circumstances change the schedule, how will I be alerted?

A: On the day of the performance, you may call (732) 396-2910, and listen to the message to find out the status of the performance. Each student's family will also be alerted by phone chain of a scheduling change. You can also check www.rahwaybands.org for up to date information (as of September 1st)

Q: Where can I go if I have a question?

A: If there is a question, Band Director (Robert Van Wyk), can be reached at (732) 396-2910, the machine is checked frequently, or email at rvanwyk@rahway.net. Also, feel free to call any member of the executive board of the Band Boosters for any procedural questions.

EMERGENCIES AT AN EVENT

Q: If my child has an emergency or problem during a performance, who should he/she see if Mr. Van Wyk is not immediately available?

A: Members of the Band Booster Association wear red jackets at all performances. They are available for any assistance.

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Uniform Guidelines:

All students will be issued the following uniform for performance:

Woodwinds, Brass, & Percussion	Marching jacket Marching pants Uniform shirt Gauntlets (2) (none for percussion) Cape Raincoat Garment Bag / Hanger Shako (hat)
Color Guard	Unitard Uniform top Uniform pants Rain coat Garment Bag / Hanger

The plume for the shako will be issued to all musicians directly prior to a performance

Each student will need the following items to complete their uniform:

Woodwinds, Brass, & Percussion	Black marching shoes Black socks Black gloves (available through Mr. Van Wyk) Warm undergarments
Color Guard	Tan marching/dance shoes Tan leather gloves (available through Mr. Van Wyk)

ALL FEMALE MEMBERS WILL WEAR THEIR HAIR UP, AND IN A SIMILAR FASHION

UNIFORM CARE

Uniforms are ONLY to be dry cleaned, or spot cleaned at home.

Uniforms must ALWAYS be carried in a garment bag and hung on the hanger (supplied). The Uniform is to be NEATLY FOLDED on the hanger at all times. Any uniform that is not cared for will be dealt with at the discretion of the band director.

Unless in FULL uniform, a student will not perform as a member of the Rahway High School Marching Band. Our appearance as an ensemble is an important part of our visual package!!!

Uniforms will be returned DRYCLEANED at the end of the marching band season

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Fundraising & Ticket Information

We will be running two fundraisers during the course of the season. It is our hope that all member families will do one of the fundraisers.

These fundraisers will go to support our marching band activities, including: USSBA Association dues, show entrance fees, equipment, and supplies.

Marchoff Fundraiser (End of August)

This fundraiser will be run like a bowl-a-thon where students will seek sponsorships for how many minutes they will last in our annual marchoff. Sponsorships can be made for either a total donation or per minute. Each student will be guaranteed a 20 minutes. The marchoff is a “simon say” type competition where the students work to last as long as they can in the marching block without making a mistake. If a judge sees a mistake, the student must leave the marching box.

The marchoff is a great way to build teamwork and to push student achievement with their marching technique.

Cheesecake/Dessert Fundraiser (End of Sept. – Nov. Delivery)

We have been selling a variety of cheesecakes/desserts to the Rahway community for the past 20+ years. Fundraiser information will be distributed at the end of September for a period of two weeks with a scheduled delivery in November, prior to Thanksgiving.

Giants Stadium (Yamaha Cup) Tickets

We will be selling tickets to our Giants Stadium (\$16) & NJ State Championship competition (\$13) two weeks before our performance, our tickets will be at a slightly reduced rate, but will also be available at the door.

USSBA Championships (Allentown, PA) Tickets

We will be selling tickets to our USSBA Championship competition (\$17) two weeks prior to the performance. USSBA requires that we sell two tickets to each student performer to pay for our entrance fee for the event.

CLASS VS. ACTIVITY

Marching Band is different from an extra-curricular activity in that it maintains its own curriculum, assessment opportunities for the individual or group, and receives a

formal grade and credit commensurate with the hours required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

At Rahway High School, students participating in marching band receive 5 credits, and receive a grade for the first two marking periods of the school year.

Students are assessed regularly on preparation, participation, and periodic performance examinations.

Marching band participation requires enrollment in concert band, wind ensemble, and the weekly lesson program. **These ensembles and opportunities form the core of our program from which all other elective ensembles are drawn (ie., marching band, jazz ensemble, jazz lab, chamber groups, etc.)**

COMPETITION

Marching band does include participation in five area competitions during the fall.

The competitive experience is merely a tool for assessing the improvement of the ensemble throughout the course of a season.

We are in competition within ourselves to become the best that we can be!!! Along the way, we will have an opportunity to witness and perform with tremendous marching band organizations from throughout the east coast.

Marching band is a family that stretches beyond its own inner circles. By experiencing other ensembles in our field, we can assess our own performance more clearly and improve.

Although we may win or compete for championships along the way, our greatest achievements will be marked by our own improvement, not judging it against someone else's.

Student Name: _____

Shoe/Gloves Order Form: *Required Footwear/Gloves for Marching Season*

REFRESHMENTS: Procure, prepare and distribute beverages (hot and cold) and snacks for all football games and competitions. (Should be available for most games and competitions.)

PIT CREW: Load and unload trailer and truck, and move equipment on and off the field for all games and competitions. This requires precision and knowledge of instrument and prop placement, and you would need to be available for all games and competitions, or arrange for a substitute. Uniform dress required: black shoes/sneakers, black pants, BBA golf shirt and BBA windbreaker (Cap optional) This requires the most commitment of time and energy, but the perk is that you are admitted into games and competitions with the band staff, and work on the field. You may sign up for full committee or as a sub; we need both!

TRUCK/TRAILER CREW: Move equipment and props from the building to the truck and trailer, and unload after event. Help maintain the vehicles, and be available to drive box truck and/or trailer if necessary.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST/SPECIAL EVENT: During the course of the year, there may be a need to assist with supporting the band program for special events, such as our pancake breakfast. The BBA's primary fundraiser in the Spring. Set up tables and kitchen, work the breakfast (cook, serve, etc.), and clean up. Need whatever time you can put in the Friday before and Saturday of the event.

UNIFORM CREW: Help assign, maintain, and organize our RHS Band uniform inventory. Most of the work happens pre-season and post-season with occasional maintenance emergencies. Do you sew? Sewers will be needed for alterations and adjustments!!!