

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all having a great year! This letter is to inform you about some upcoming events for the fall marching band season. First of all, we will be having an informational meeting for parents at McKay on Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:30. We will cover important topics pertaining to the marching band and will answer any questions that parents may have. Parents of freshmen are STRONGLY encouraged to attend, all parents are welcome.

The bottom of this page outlines the dates and times for the Summer Marching Band Camp. This information can also be found at McKay High School's website <http://www.mckayhs.org/Activities/Band/band.html> Attendance in this camp is MANDATORY for all students participating in marching band (all students in Wind Ensemble MUST participate in Marching Band). The camp/season fees will be \$150 for an individual student, \$125 for a second family member, and \$100 for a third. These fees pay for transportation, equipment, additional staff members (not myself), contest participation fees, food, and other marching band related expenses. This is very reasonable, compared to other schools in the area who charge in excess of \$300 per student. In addition, the students will have to pay for their marching band shoes if they are new members. The cost for marching shoes is \$30. All fees will be due on the first day of camp. If you would like to make payments in advance, they will be deposited in your child's band account. It is also possible to create a payment plan, but this must be discussed before camp begins. If these fees are impossible for your family to meet, please contact John Schmotzer, McKay Band Booster Club Treasurer at (503) 371-1063.

I would love to be able to contact you via email, so that I can keep you posted on events without costing the school printing and postage. Please send me an email at hankins_samuel@salkeiz.k12.or.us and include your child's name, your name, and your email address. If you don't have email, that is not a problem. I will rely on your students to deliver notices to you.

I'm very excited about the upcoming year, and it is looking like we will have an excellent marching season. The staff is of the highest quality and they are very excited to be a part of the McKay band program. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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McKAY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND DATES

May 26-27 @ 2:30–5:30PM: Wind Ensemble Auditions
May 28-29 @ 2:30–5:30PM: Jazz Band Auditions
Aug. 3 @ 6:30PM: Information Meeting for Freshmen, New, & Returning Marchers
Aug. 5 @ 10AM-Noon: Section Leader Meeting
Aug. 6-7 @ 8AM–2PM: Freshmen Band Camp (for Freshmen and New Marchers)
Aug. 10-14 @ 8AM–4PM: Band Camp
Aug. 17-19 @ 8AM–4PM: Band Camp
Aug. 19 @ 6:00pm Marching Band performance & BBQ

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