



# CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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# Welcome to the Marching Spiders!

- ◎ What do the Marching Spiders do?
  - Rehearse during the week to prepare for upcoming events (Tu/Th)
  - Perform at ALL varsity football games (Home and away – pre/during/post season – New conference schedule this year!)
  - Perform at local and regional marching band competitions (Students' favorite part!)
  - Perform in local parades (Concord / Kannapolis Christmas)
  - Provide music and spirit to various school and community events (Pep rallies, special sporting events, elementary school performances, Halftime Highlights Concert – October)



# Being a Marching Spider...

- ◎ What's it like to be a marching spider
  - Director / Staff Perspectives
  - Admin perspectives
  - Parent Perspectives
  - Student Perspectives



# Being a Marching Spider...

- ◎ What's it like to be a marching spider?
  - Director Perspectives – “Development”
    - Helping students to develop:
      - 21<sup>st</sup> century skills through participation in the activity, relevant to today's work skills
      - Artistry elements through music dance and theatrical performance
      - Instilling P.R.I.D.E in all members
        - Professionalism
        - Respect
        - Integrity
        - Discipline
        - Excellence



# Being a Marching Spider...

- What's it like to be a marching spider?
  - Admin Perspectives – “Community”
    - Being a positive part of the CHS Community is so important!
    - Sharing your passions with others at CHS helps to build a culture of excellence!



# Being a Marching Spider...

- ◎ What's it like to be a marching spider?
  - Parent Perspectives – “A New Family”
  - \*Every Parent is a Booster\*
    - We always need parent and family volunteers!
    - Current need of parents to serve on the executive board
      - See Mr. Harper for more details!



# Being a Marching Spider...

- What's it like to be a marching spider?
  - Student Perspectives
    - "It's Fun!"
    - "You have a built-in family"
    - "Get to participate in something bigger than yourself"
    - "Tradition" – Hubba, Hubba, Ding, Ding!



# Being a Marching Spider...

- ◎ Communication...
  - We're changing things up! Be on the lookout for more information...
- ◎ Remind
  - Text @concordmar to 81010 to receive important updates
- ◎ Band Website
  - <http://www.concordhsbands.com>
- ◎ Instagram
  - concordhsbands





# Important Dates

- ◎ Leadership Training Camp – 5/3, 5/5 & 5/6 from 6 – 8 PM
  - Open to all returning members of the band
  - REQUIRED for all students interested in leadership positions
  - Drum Major Auditions and Leadership Interviews
    - 5/7 from 12:00 noon – finished
    - REQUIRED OF ALL CANDIDATES
- ◎ Leadership Service Projects – 6/7 – 6/10 from 9 AM – 4 PM
  - REQUIRED OF ALL SELECTED STUDENT LEADERSHIP



# Important Dates

- ◎ Pre-season Rehearsals
  - 5/11, 5/13, 5/18, 5/25 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- ◎ Summer Rehearsals – Nothing in June (other than Leadership)
  - 7/6, 7/13 & 7/20 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm (Winds)
  - 7/8, 7/15 & 7/22 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm (Guard / Percussion)



# Important Dates

- ◎ Band Camp
  - 3 weeks this year!
  - July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>
    - 6:00pm – 9:00pm (Sectional Camp)
    - Teach marching basics and learn the music / work for the show
  - August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
    - 8:00am to 4:00pm (Sectional Camp)
    - Teach marching basics and learn the music / work for the show
  - August 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
    - 7:00am – 7:00pm (Full Camp)
    - Continue from week 2 and add drill for Mvt. 1 and Mvt. 2
- ◎ Rehearsals start August 17<sup>th</sup>...
  - Weekly – Tuesday and Thursday 4:00pm to 7:30pm (5:00pm-9:00pm until school starts)
  - Sectionals may be called on Mondays if needed.
  - Friday night football games and Saturday competitions are **REQUIRED!**
  - Updated and official calendar will be provided at Band Camp...But assume that every Friday and Saturday from August to the beginning of November is booked...



# How do we fund this activity?

- Fair Share - \$500
  - Everyone is responsible for their “Fair Share” of the cost of the marching band (winds, guard and percussion)
  - No one will be turned away... We'll help you with your contributions!
- Sponsorships
  - Get local businesses / donors to sponsor the band!
- Payments
  - \$125/month (due 5/15, 6/15, 7/15, 8/15)
  - And
- Fundraising
  - help offset or completely cover the cost of participation
  - Several fundraising opportunities planned to make this affordable - And not all of them are sales!!!
- Sibling discounts!



# How do we sign up?

- ◎ For now, until the new website is up...
  - Visit <http://www.concordhsbands.com/information-form.html>
  - Fill out the google form so we have what we need to get started...



# Questions?

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