



WELCOME TO
The Plum Senior High School
Marching Band

“A TRADITION OF PRIDE AND EXCELLENCE”

Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to welcome you and your class as the newest members of the Plum Senior High School Marching Band and the high school music program! Our program has a long-standing tradition of accomplishment and success. Through your involvement in marching band, you will be well-acclimated to the high school before classes even begin.

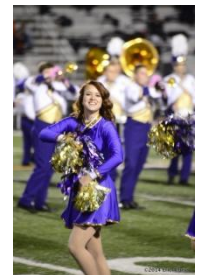


Students love the marching band because of the friendships they build and the excellent musical experiences gained through participation. **Parents love the marching band** because of the values students gain through the support of such an amazing peer group. **Our community loves the marching band** because of their exciting performances and the support they provide in our area. Here is how we do it:

We begin our year with a short **Pre-Season Meeting** towards the end of this current school year, where all new and current band members (including you!) review music and expectations for the upcoming season. **It is very important that you attend this Pre-Season Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th 2024 at 7:00 pm.** If you can't make it, let Mrs. Loy know so we can ensure to include you in our ensemble for the upcoming school year! This meeting/rehearsal is for both parents and students. More info will be presented that evening!



In late July, we follow up with **Rookie Basics**, where you will work with upperclassmen and our staff to introduce marching basics. We complete our pre-season preparation activities with **Band Camp** at PHS starting in late summer, including our first performance at the



Kennywood Park Fall Fantasy Parade. When the school year starts, all of our new members will have already made new upperclassmen friendships and will be well-acclimated to the high school atmosphere. Further, all of our members will be prepared for events and performances, including Plum Mustang Football under the lights of Mustang Stadium! The marching band is one of the largest and most visible student groups and they enjoy doing great things together. To learn more, ask any current band student!

Participation in High School Band – Upcoming Dates to Remember *

May 28th Tuesday	Pre-Season Meeting All Students & Parents, New & Current	7:00 – 8:30 PM	PHS Auditorium
July 25 – 26 Thursday, Friday	Rookie Basics All New Members and Student Leaders	8:30 – 11:30 AM	PHS
July 29 – August 2 Monday – Friday	Band Camp Full Band	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	PHS
August 5 – 9 Monday – Friday	Band Camp Full Band	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	PHS
August 12 Monday	Kennywood Fall Fantasy Performance Full Band	All Day	Kennywood

* **Any conflicts – Please notify Mrs. Loy ahead of time (loyb@pbsd.net). Please plan vacations accordingly.**



(Our full performance schedule is available in calendar format at www.PlumBand.com)

All incoming 9th graders: In addition to participating in the exciting Marching Band activities, you must schedule **Concert Band** for the upcoming school year, which meets each day. Once the school year gets into full swing, the Marching Band will typically rehearse one or two evenings per week (Mondays/Wednesdays) in September and October to prepare for our **Friday Football Performances**.



The marching band season also includes other exciting events such as leading the **Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade** with opening ceremonies, performing at the **Alle-Kiski Band Festival**, high school **Music Department Trips**, and the annual **Music Department Picnic**. We look forward to you being part of another great year with the Plum Senior High Marching Band, “a tradition of pride and excellence.”



Our staff, student leaders, and parents are pleased to welcome you to the Plum High School Music Department! I encourage you to visit our web page at www.PlumBand.com, and please contact me with any questions you have.

See you all at the **Pre-Season Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th 2024 at 7:00 pm!**

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