

CHS MUSIC INFO - 2025-26

Hello Students & Families: As we begin to plan for the next school year, we would like to share some information and dates with you now. Any updates throughout the spring and summer will be added to the top of this document and will also be sent through our Cut-Time Email Lists and Google Classrooms. Please share the link to this document with any interested students & parents who you may have contact with.

Action items are highlighted in yellow.

New Information March, 2025

- 1) **Music Calendar** Please add our important dates to your calendar. A list of known dates is linked [2025-26 Music Calendar Dates - DRAFT](#)

We encourage you to add these dates to your calendar. These dates are also on our website: maroons.org calendar. We will make adjustments to this schedule as needed. Whenever we change this document, we will also send communication to stakeholders via our email lists in Cut Time.

2) **Concert Ensembles**

- a) [Central HS Choir Cover Letter 2025-26](#)
- b) [Central HS Band Cover Letter 2025-26](#) (optional audition due: March 26)
- c) [Central HS Orchestra Cover Letter 2025-26](#) (optional audition due: March 26)
- d) **Auditions:** Optional auditions for placement in upper level bands & orchestra are via video. Materials and information have been distributed to students at Central as well as at the middle schools. We encourage all experienced students to submit an audition so that we might place them in the appropriate level ensemble.

3) **Marching Band - Fall 2025 (for current 8th-11th grade students)**

- a) **Required contract due April 30** [2025 Marching Maroons Contract](#)
- b) Spring & Summer Rehearsals, Band Camp & Fall Semester Performance dates:
[2025-26 Music Calendar Dates - DRAFT](#) all spring & summer dates are for current 8th grade/rising freshmen as well as current 9th-11th grade students.
- c) Spring Drumline Clinics: April 8, 15, 29; & Drumline Auditions: April 30. See calendar for times & locations
- d) Color Guard Clinics May 19, 20, 22 Auditions: May 23. See calendar for times & locations
- e) New students who want to join but do not yet play a marching instrument are encouraged to attend our Instrument Selection event on Wednesday, April 9 4:30-6:30 in the band room (Room 1314). Drop in and try instruments!
- f) Marching Band Fall Daily Class Rehearsal Schedule (subject to change):
[2025 Daily Rehearsal Plan Central HS Marching Maroons](#)

1) **Summer Marching Band PRE-CAMP week: Monday, July 21- Friday, July 25**

- a) Color Guard Camp: Monday-Friday 5:30-8:30 p.m.

- b) Drumline & Pit Percussion Camp: Monday-Friday, times TBD watch for updates via email.
 - c) All Woodwinds & Brass - Music rehearsals in the band room (1314): Tues. July 22, Wed. July 23 & Fri., July 25 - 9-10:30 a.m.
 - d) Marching band uniform pick up and fittings Please watch for an email from our uniform team with more information
- 2) **Summer Marching Band Family Camp Meeting**, Sunday, July 27 - 6:00 p.m. Decker Theater
- 3) **Summer Marching Band Camp week**: Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1.
 - a) Location: Report to the North Fields unless otherwise communicated.
 - b) Mon. July 28-Thurs. Aug 1: 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Lunch 11:30-1)
 - c) Friday Aug 1: 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:30-1)
 - d) Friday Aug 1 - Preview Show @ North Fields - 6:00 p.m. (Students arrive at 5:30). This is our first show of the season. All Families and Friends are invited to attend. Show should be over by 7:00 p.m.
- 4) **Band Marching Band Camp Supplies**: You will need a few items for camp the camp weeks:
 - a) Lightweight, light colored clothing, hat, sunscreen
 - b) Athletic shoes
 - c) Refillable Water Bottle
 - d) 1" 3 ring binder with 50 sheet protectors (for drill & music)
 - e) Instrumentalists should purchase a lyre that fits their instrument. It's best to take your instrument to the music store to fit it for this purpose. We have a few on hand, but may not have the type/size you need for your specific instrument.
 - f) Outstanding Participation Fees: If you have not paid already, please send your payment as soon as possible. Check - mail to Champaign Central Music Boosters, 610 West University Ave. Champaign, IL 61820; Online Payment (follow directions at www.maroons.org)
- 5) **Band Camp Conditioning**: VERY IMPORTANT: All members of the ensemble will be spending considerable time outdoors in the summer heat. It is important that students take care of themselves (proper nutrition, hydration, etc). Also, students should consider acclimating themselves to outdoor activities as camp approaches.
- 6) **Marching Maroons Fall 2025 Show Information (coming soon - May 2025!)**
 - a) Website: *champaign.trimpe.org*
 - b) Login: *champaign*; Password: *central* (all lower case)
 - c) Students can listen to audio files, view and print music - coming soon!

- 7) **Volunteers Needed:** *Having enough volunteers is crucial to a successful marching band season.* We will have signup sheets at the Band Camp Family Meeting for those who would like to have first pick of volunteer opportunities. After that, an email will go out with the remaining slots which need to be filled. We highly encourage each family to sign up for at least one slot. **Adult Volunteers** will be needed for the following throughout the marching band season, please consult your calendars:

- a) ***Uniform Pick Up and Fitting - Information is forthcoming***
- b) ***Band Camp (July 28 – August 1)***
 - i) Be available to assist students with first aid, directors with errands or problem solving, provide general supervision. See that ice and water is full in water coolers.
 - ii) Stay at the site to watch over instruments and band equipment. Supervise any students that are around.
 - iii) Donations of snacks and water bottles
- c) ***Football Games (Thursday, 8/28; Friday, 9/5; Friday, 9/12; Friday, 9/26)***
 - i) Uniform helpers/distributing and collecting plumes and other tasks.
 - ii) Monitors to watch students' belongings through the end of half-time
 - iii) Monitors to watch students' belongings from end of half-time to end of the game. Students will pick up their belongings immediately after the game.
 - iv) Pit volunteers to move pit instruments and platforms on and off the field for the half-time show
- d) ***Marching Band Competitions and Marching Band Showcase (Saturday, 9/6 @ Washington, IL; Saturday, 9/20 @ Chillicothe, IL; Monday, 9/22 @ Centennial H.S.; Saturday, 10/25 @ University of Illinois.***
 - i) Ride the bus to and from with students – only for the competitions
 - (1) Take attendance on the buses
 - (2) Help students follow bus rules
 - ii) Assist with shako plumes and other uniform needs
 - iii) Move pit instruments on and off the field for the performance

- 4) **Jazz Bands** Placement auditions for jazz bands take place early in the fall semester. Interested students can pick up packets from Mr. Currey beginning in August. In the meantime, students can prepare by working on sight-reading, improvisation and by listening to lots of music!

Please contact us with questions you may have:

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More information - see our Champaign Central HS Music Boosters website: www.maroons.org