

Mahomet-Seymour High School- mini band camp meeting (June 18, 2026)

Welcome to Drumline Season 2026-2027 (Absolute Power)

Instructors:

Drumline Instructor- Russ Weber (630-272-0520)

Additional Staff- Steven Zhang (snare), Daniel Traficante (tenors), Gavin Wisnasky (bass), and Pete Kikta (front ensemble)

Drumline Parent Representative- Megan Newman (217) 491-1514

Reminder: Be sure to view/print the marching band packet- includes ALL dates and season information

Typical Drumline Schedule for the fall:

Mondays- Sectionals will be from 6-9 p.m.

Tuesdays- full band rehearsal from 3:30-6 p.m.

Wednesdays- full band rehearsal from 3:30-5:30.

Thursdays- full band rehearsal from 3:30-6 p.m.

Fridays- game nights when games are "home"

Saturdays- competition dates are listed in the marching band packet

Things to Know... specific to Drumline

- Expect to purchase **1** drumline apparel item-to be worn for this season.
- Bring drumline manual/music to all rehearsals, along with sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, water, snacks, etc. During the fall, be sure to layer. The drumline will be outside as much as possible. Come prepared!
- If/When your drumline member is ill, please let Mr. Torres and Russ know ASAP if they will miss practice.
- We are in search of parents willing to host Saturday breakfasts during the competition season.
- Your student should now be a part of several group chats- this is where mostly upper classmen communicate information (ex: call times, reminders, where to

meet for breakfast on competition days, etc.) to the group. Information should be clear, appropriate, and pushed in a timely manner. The 3 groups include **Percussion 2026** (includes both drumline and front ensemble students), **Battery 2026** (drumline only), as well as a **sectional chat** (ex: snares only, tenors only, or basses only).

- A “Drumline Parent” group chat will be started again this year. Feel free to ask questions, post pictures, orchestrate snacks, organize gatherings here, etc. Please put your number on the group chat sheet before leaving tonight.
- No Sew Blankets- this event is for Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors only. These students prepare “no sew” blankets for the seniors, we will need a parent to purchase materials and schedule the activity (drumline members split the cost).
- End of season Drumline Dinner is typically held in Champaign- this is an activity where the kids wear suits and dresses and enjoy a fancy dinner out.
- We encourage you to get involved with what works for your schedule- volunteer at band camps, game nights, parades, competitions, attend the music booster meetings, etc. It’s a great way to learn about the band program and get acquainted with other parents. We need a Pit Coordinator. (Amy Cunningham can go over the requirements for this)
- Finally, encourage your drumline member to be a team player- willing to help others, be inclusive, work hard, make good choices, and demonstrate good character- all year round.
- If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Russ Weber. **SAVE THE DATE FOR DCI OUTING:** August 8- more details coming soon, tickets are \$113- payment can be made to Brody Helmuth or Venmo Leanna Helmuth @Leanna-Helmuth. Thank you so much!

Good Luck Marching Bulldogs!!!

“Drumline Parent” Group Chat

Please place your name and number below if you would like to be a part of the drumline group chat for the upcoming season.

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