Hello Students and Parents of the Madison Marching Band,

Here is what our schedule is going to look like going into the end of summer and fall:

August 3rd to the 7th, everyone in the band will be coming for the normal **8:00AM-5:00PM**. **THIS WEEK IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE AT!!!** If you have any issues attending this week, reach out to me as soon as possible! Also, students need to inform their employers of this after reading this sentence!

*__Please see the schedule attached later in this letter if this doesn't make sense.__

August 6th, **Lemon Day** Lemon Day, the seventh of its kind, is a day where the sections battle each other over who can collaborate and create the best lemonade. Judges are myself, the drum major and up to three more camp instructors. Students will have to bring pitchers, stirrers, juicers, peach extract, peppermint, condensed milk, gummy spiders, or whatever else they think will help their section win. I will make sure there are enough lemons, sugar, and water to make at a minimum standard lemonade.

August 7th, is our annual Parent Show, all are welcome to join us in the stadium at 3PM to see the initial performance of the 2026 season! There is no charge to attend this and all are welcome to be there!

In other news for this marching season…

You need black marching shoes for your uniform. We will be placing a large order at the beginning of band camp, so please fill out the attached shoe order form if you need new marching shoes for the season.

We will also have show shirts for the marching band season.

There is a fee of $50 for marching band this year that covers the cost of shoes, show shirts, snacks, bottles of water, and anything else we may need to make band camp run smoothly. This can be paid via cash or check made out to Madison Music Boosters. MySchoolBucks will not be available for this coming year.

A few other Marching Band Camp reminders:

1. I don't care if "you don't burn." **You need to have sunscreen on** or else you might get sun poisoning like I did in high school…twice. It's not fun or safe, so please remember sunscreen.

2. **Bring lunch**! Students will not be permitted to go to the gas station during camp.

3. **Wear appropriate shoes for marching band**. Please do not wear flip flops, high heels, steel toed boots, dress shoes, etc. Wear something comfortable and flexible. I also do not recommend converse since they don't have a lot of support for feet.

4. **Wear appropriate clothing. I don't want to say anything more than that.** Just remember, if you don't want to see me wear it, you probably shouldn't wear it. School dress code is enforced during camp.

5. Make sure you hydrate regularly. **Water is essential to staying mentally sharp on a hot blacktop or field.**

6. Participating in marching band requires you to be at band camp. **Please contact me if you cannot make a portion of camp.** If you cannot attend band camp, we may need to alter your schedule at the beginning of school.

If you would like to donate some snacks for students, feel free to send them on day 1 of band camp. We always appreciate your help and support.

If you would like to help with uniforms, we would also appreciate that. We are always looking for parents to help in any way they can, big or small!

If you have any questions, please email me at nathan.bielskis@madisonk12.us

August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			July 29th Drumline Rehearsal 10-12	July 30th Drumline Rehearsal 10-12		1
2	3 Band Camp 8:00-5:00	4 Band Camp 8:00-5:00	5 Band Camp 8:00-5:00	6 Band Camp 8:00-3:00 Lemon day 3:00-5:00	7 Band Camp 8:00-5:00 Parent Show 3:00	8
9	10 NO REHEARSAL	11 NO REHEARSAL	12 NO REHEARSAL	13 NO REHEARSAL	14 NO REHEARSAL	15
16	17 NO REHEARSAL	18 NO REHEARSAL	19 Rehearsal 10-12	20 NO REHEARSAL	21 NO REHEARSAL	22
23 — 30	24 First day of school! — 31	25 School	26 School	27 School	28 No School	29

Performance Schedule

1. September 3rd- Home Football
2. September 11th- Home Football
3. September 25th- Home Football
4. October 6th- LCBDA Marching Exhibition
5. October 9th- Home Football **Homecoming**
6. October 23rd- Home Football