

2026 QHS Marching Band Calendar

Below you will find our marching band calendar for the 2026 season!

In order to help you understand certain abbreviations, please refer to the key below to help answer any questions you may have. Keep in mind that a lot of questions you may have at the moment will be answered at the **mandatory** band parent and member meeting in June.

If you still have questions after reading the information below, I am more than happy to help you out! Feel free to contact me via email (buhrma@qps.org) or Remind. Fire Up Big Blue!

- Mr. Buhr

Tradition Band: The entire marching band. This ensemble is comprised of every 9th - 12th grade band member at QHS with the addition of auxiliary members (aka Color Guard)

Trad: Short for Tradition Band

Competitive Band: Members who auditioned and were placed into the competitive marching ensemble

Comp: Short for Competitive Band

Crew: members of the tradition band that volunteer to assist our adults with props

WW: Woodwind instruments (flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, bari sax)

Brass: Brass instruments (trumpet, mello, trombone, euphonium, tuba)

Perc: Percussion instruments (battery and front ensemble)

Battery: Also known as drumline (snare, tenors, bass)

Front Ensemble: The percussion instruments on the front sideline (mallets, synths, electric bass, SFX pad, auxiliary percussion). Select Front Ensemble players march cymbals in parades based on their percussion audition

Auxiliary: Members of the color guard that perform in both parades and competitive field show spinning flags and rifles

Tradition WW: In most cases, this means the non-competitive woodwind instruments (mainly 9th graders and select 10th - 12th graders)

Tradition Brass: In most cases, this means the non-competitive brass instruments (mainly 9th graders and select 10th - 12th graders)

Tradition Percussion: Members of the percussion section in the non-competitive ensemble

Competitive WW: Only the woodwind instruments that auditioned and were placed into the competitive marching ensemble

Competitive Brass: Only the brass instruments that auditioned and were placed into the competitive marching ensemble

Box 1 and 2: This information is for Front Ensemble members and leadership to help understand when equipment needs to be transported in the box truck to and from QHS / Flinn Stadium

Trailer: our smaller transportation vehicle that travels with us mainly for parades

Semi: our larger transportation vehicle that travels with us mainly for competitions

See below for our 2026-27 Marching Band Calendar!

JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 @QHS ALL WW, Leadership, Perc (9am - 12pm) All Members (1pm - 4pm) Auxiliary (5pm - 8pm)	2@QHS Comp WW, Leadership, Perc (9am - 12pm) All Members (1pm - 4pm) Auxiliary (5pm - 8pm)	3@QHS All brass, Leadership, Perc (9am - 12pm) All Members (1pm - 4pm) Auxiliary (5pm - 7pm) <u>Mandatory</u> parent and band member meeting (7pm)	4@QHS Comp brass, Leadership, Perc (9am - 12pm) All Members (1pm - 4pm) Auxiliary (5pm - 8pm)	5 @QHS All comp, Leadership, Perc (9am - 12pm) All Members (1pm - 4pm)	6
7	8 @QHS All Perc (5pm - 8pm)	9@QHS All Perc (5pm - 8pm)	10@QHS All Perc (5pm - 8pm)	11@QHS All Perc (5pm - 8pm)	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3 Independence Day Holiday	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 @QHS Leadership (1pm - 4pm) Tradition, no aux (5pm - 8pm) Auxiliary Rifle Auditions (5pm)	3 @QHS / Flinn Tradition (8am - 11:45am) Trad WW (1:15pm - 3:45pm) All Comp (1:15pm - 5pm)	4 @QHS / Flinn Tradition (8am - 11:45pm) Trad Brass (1:15pm - 3:45pm) All Comp (1:15pm - 5pm)	5 @QHS / Flinn Tradition (8am - 11:45pm) Trad who need uniforms (1:15pm until completed) All Comp (1:15pm - 5pm)	6 @QHS / Flinn All Comp (8am - 5pm)	7 @QHS / Flinn All Comp (8am - 5pm) Trad (Optional) DCI watch party (6pm - 10pm)	8
9	10@QHS / Flinn All Comp (8am - 5pm)	11@QHS / Flinn All Comp (8am - 5pm)	12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (teachers)	13@ Flinn Tradition (5:45pm - 6:45pm) All Comp (6:45pm - 8pm)	14 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (students)	15
16	17	18@Flinn Band Pictures Tradition (5:45pm - 7pm) Pre view Show Tradition (7pm-8:30pm) *Box 1 and 2 to QHS	19	20@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm)	21	22
23	24	25@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) FE @ Baldwin Crew (7pm - 8pm)	26	27@QHS Tradition (5:45pm - 6:45pm) All Comp / Crew (6:45pm - 8pm) 🕒	28	29 QHS vs. LVLHS Tradition (12pm)
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm)	2	3@Flinn QHS vs. UPCS Tradition (4pm) *added on 8/4	4	5@Flinn All Comp (8am - 5pm) *added on 6/11
6	7 Labor Day	8@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	9	10 Homecoming Parade – See Itinerary for details	11 Homecoming QHS vs. Rock Island Tradition (5pm) *Box 1 and 2 to QHS	12
13	14	15@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	16	17@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm) *Box 1 and 2 to Flinn	18	19
20	21	22@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	23	24@Flinn Tradition (5:45pm - 6:45pm) All Comp / Crew (6:45pm - 8pm)	25 QHS vs. United Township Tradition and 8th Grade(5pm) *Load semi	26 Comp Only: Music on the Meramec - Arnold, MO
27	28	29@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	30	1	2	3

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm) *Load semi	2	3 Comp Only: Rock Bridge - Columbia, MO
4	5	6@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	7	8@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	9 Senior Night QHS vs. Sterling Tradition (5pm)	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13@QHS All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	14	15@QHS Tradition (5:45pm - 6:45pm) All Comp / Crew (6:45pm - 8pm)	16 Octoberfest Setup Leadership (2:30pm - 6pm)	17 Tradition: Octoberfest - Quincy, IL
18	19	20@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm)	21	22@Flinn All Comp (5:45pm - 8pm) Crew (7pm - 8pm) *Load semi	23	24 Tradition: Macon City of Maples Marching Band Festival - Macon, MO
25	26	27	28	29 Tradition: Marching Band Banquet (6pm, QHS Cafeteria) *changed on 7/29	30	31