

GHS MARCHING BAND CAMP & ACTIVITIES 2025

Greetings!

This letter details important information about the GHS Viking Marching Band's 2025-2026 events and activities. Our season begins with several summer activities; attendance at these activities is extremely important for the success of our team! The dates, times and schedules for these activities are as follows:

GHS MARCHING BAND KICK-OFF MINI-CAMP:

Wednesday, June 4 – New Marchers, Section Leaders & Drum Majors ONLY:

8:00 a.m. **Section Leaders & Drum Majors ONLY** report for a meeting in the GHS Band Room.
8:30 – 10:45 **ALL NEW MARCHERS** report to the GHS Band Room (with instruments and music) for welcome Meeting and beginning marching instruction. Students using GHS-owned instruments - your instruments will be provided to you when you arrive.
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:00 p.m..... Indoor music rehearsal (GHS Band Room)

Thursday, June 5 – New Marchers, Section Leaders & Drum Majors ONLY:

7:45 a.m. **New marchers, Section Leaders & Drum Majors** arrive and report to the GHS Band Room.
8:00 – 9:30 Marching rehearsal (practice field)
9:30 – 9:45 Break
9:45 – 10:45 Sectional rehearsals (locations TBA)
11:00 – 12:00 p.m..... Indoor music rehearsal (GHS Band Room)

Friday, June 6 – ALL GHS Marching Band Members (new and returning):

7:45 a.m. Arrive at GHS (including new members, returning members, Section Leaders, Drum Majors, flags, and twirlers)
8:00 – 9:15 Indoor music rehearsal – FULL BAND (GHS Band Room)
9:30 – 11:30 Marching rehearsal (practice field)
11:30 – 12:15 p.m..... Lunch Break - *Please bring a sack lunch!*
12:30 – 1:15 Sectional rehearsals (locations TBA)
1:30 – 2:30 Indoor music rehearsal - FULL BAND (GHS Band Room)

During this mini-camp, our new and returning marchers will learn and review important fundamental marching skills that they must know in preparation for the full marching band camp that begins in August. They will also rehearse music together in section and full-group rehearsals. This is the first opportunity for our new marchers and returning members to make new connections and friends with their peers in the GHS Band Program. Therefore, attendance at this mini-camp is extremely important for all band members, but especially for our new marchers.

New marchers who are unable to attend at least one of the dates listed above must attend a make-up session(s) on Tuesday & Thursday, July 29 & 31.

WOODWIND AND BRASS SECTION REHEARSALS:

Section rehearsals for woodwind and brass players only (no percussion) will take place in the GHS Music Department from **9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** on the following dates. Students must report to the GHS Band Room (Door 23E on McKinley Ave.) with their instruments and all marching band music for these rehearsals:

Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, July 23

Wednesday, July 30

DRUMLINE CAMP:

Drumline Camp will take place in the GHS Band Room from **Monday, July 28 – Friday, Aug. 1**. The camp will run from **9 a.m. – 12 p.m.** each day. Drumline students must report to the GHS Band Room (Door 23E on McKinley Ave.) with their instruments, sticks/mallets, harness, music, and proper attire for marching (including comfortable shoes for marching).

FULL MARCHING BAND CAMP:

Our summer activities continue with an intensive five-day camp at GHS from Monday, Aug. 4 - Friday, Aug. 8. The schedule for this full week of rehearsals is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 4:

8:00 a.m.

Section Leaders and Drum Majors ONLY - report for meeting in the GHS Band Room.

8:45 a.m.

ALL Marching Band Members (including NEW marchers and VETERAN marchers) arrive and report to GHS Band Room. Enter through Door 23E on McKinley Ave.

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

First meeting and marching fundamentals instruction

11:00 – 11:45

Lunch break & full band meeting – please bring a sack lunch and eat in the Band Room!

11:45 – 12:00 p.m.

Break

12:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Marching Rehearsal (practice field)

2:30 – 3:15

Sectional rehearsals (locations TBA)

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:30

Indoor music rehearsal - FULL BAND (Band Room)

Tuesday, Aug. 5 – Friday, Aug. 8: ALL MARCHING BAND MEMBERS!

8:45 a.m.

Arrive at GHS

9:00 – 11:00

Marching Rehearsal (practice field)

11:00 – 11:45

Lunch break

12:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Marching Rehearsal (practice field)

2:30 – 3:15

Sectional rehearsals (locations TBA)

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:30 – 4:30

Indoor music rehearsal - FULL BAND (Band Room)

SUMMER EVENING MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS & ACTIVITIES:

Following full marching band camp, the following rehearsals and activities will take place in the evenings in the week-and-a-half leading up to the first day of school.

Date:	Time:	Activity	Location
Mon., Aug. 11	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field
Tues., Aug. 12	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	McKinley Practice Field
	8:15 – 9:45 p.m.	Marching Band Photos (<i>following rehearsal</i>)	GHS Auditorium
Wed., Aug. 13	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field
Thurs., Aug. 14	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field
Fri., Aug. 15	4 – 5:15 p.m. (4 p.m. report)	Performance w/ 5 th Grade Band members! <i>Pizza party to follow!</i>	Band Room & Aud.
	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal – <i>families are welcome to attend!</i>	Burgess Field
Mon, Aug. 18	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field
Tues., Aug. 19	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field
Wed., Aug. 20	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Rehearsal	Burgess Field

***Our first performance is on the evening of THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
(the first day of school) at the annual GHS CORN BOIL!***

UNIFORM FITTINGS – IMPORTANT!!

Uniform fittings for all GHS band students will take place after rehearsal on Tuesday, August 5 according to the schedule & groups shown on pgs. 5-6 of this packet. If you will be absent for any reason, please inform the Music Booster Uniform Committee ASAP so other arrangements can be made for you to be fitted for your uniform:

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MARCHING BAND PHOTOS:

Marching Band Photos will take place immediately following our rehearsal on Tuesday, Aug. 12, from roughly 8:15 – 9:45 p.m. The photo session includes photos of the full marching band, each section, and individual students (optional). Students should wear light street clothes to the rehearsal but **must also bring their full marching band uniform in its garment bag (including marching shoes and black socks)** so that they may change into their **uniform** immediately after rehearsal. Further details to follow during camp!

SPECIAL INSTRUCTONS for FLAGS & TWIRLERS:

Unless you are also a wind or percussion player who already has an assigned uniform fitting time, you will need to report at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 5 to receive the following uniform parts:

- Raincoat
- Garment Bag

ALSO: Your COACH will make separate arrangements for you to be **fitted for your FLAG or TWIRLER UNIFORM. This must be accomplished before Tuesday, August 12**, and you must bring your complete uniform with you (in the garment bag) to rehearsal on August 12 for PHOTOS that evening!

The remaining MARCHING BAND dates for 2025-26 are as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thurs., Aug. 21	5:30 p.m. (report)	Corn Boil Performance	GHS – Burgess Field
Tues., Sept. 2	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Sat., Sept. 6	TBA (NU would be all day)	Northwestern University Band Day (tentative) OR GHS Band Social	Ryan Field, Evanston, IL OR location TBD
Wed., Sept. 17	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Sept. 19	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. Wheaton-Warrenville South HS) 8th Grade Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Sept. 24	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Thurs., Sept. 25	TBA (eve.)	Blue & White Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Sept. 26	2:00 p.m.	Homecoming Parade	State St., Geneva
	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (Homecoming - v. Lake Park HS) Alumni Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Oct. 1	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Oct. 3	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. Batavia HS)	GHS – Burgess Field
Sat., Oct. 4	TBA	Maine West Marching Band Festival	Maine West HS, Des Plaines, IL
Wed., Oct. 22	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Oct. 24	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. St. Charles East HS) Senior Recognition Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Oct. 29	7:30 p.m.	Indoor Marching Band Concert (all band students, flags & twirlers)	GHS Contest Gym
Mon., Feb. 9	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Trip Rehearsal	GHS (location TBD)
Mon., May 25, 2026	9:00 a.m. (approx.)	Memorial Day Parade & Uniform Turn-In	3 rd St., Geneva GHS Band Room

ALSO: Should the GHS Football Team make it into the playoffs following the regular season, the marching band will be expected to play at the additional games. These will occur on Fridays or Saturdays following the regular season. Please keep your weekends 'open' through November! Here are the potential play-off dates:

1st Round: October 31 or November 1
 2nd Round: November 7 or 8
 ¼-Finals: November 14 or 15
 Semi-Finals: November 21 or 22
 Finals: November 28 or 29

PLEASE NOTE:

Our team's success depends on the availability and active participation of every member! Therefore, the rehearsals and performances listed in this letter are considered MANDATORY for all Marching Band Members. Be sure to inform family members, employers, etc. of the dates and times listed above to avoid conflicts. Any scheduling issues should be brought to the director's attention *IN WRITING from a parent* as soon as possible.

2025-26 UNIFORM FITTINGS SCHEDULE

ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS

Dear 2025-26 GHS Band Students and Parents,

All GHS Band Students must be fitted for marching band uniforms and concert attire (tuxes and dresses) before the school year begins. To make our annual uniform fittings process run as smoothly as possible, all our 2025-26 GHS Band students have been assigned to separate FITTING GROUPS, each of which will have a specific fitting TIME on August 5, 2025:

ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS: 2025-26 UNIFORM FITTINGS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 5

<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>
4:45 p.m. -	Group 1	6:15 p.m. -	Group 7
5:00 p.m. -	Group 2	6:30 p.m. -	Group 8
5:15 p.m. -	Group 3	6:45 p.m. -	Group 9
5:30 p.m. -	Group 4	7:00 p.m. -	Group 10
5:45 p.m. -	Group 5	7:15 p.m. -	Group 11
6:00 p.m. -	Group 6	7:30 p.m. -	Group 12

On the following pages, you will find the “**2025-26 UNIFORM FITTING GROUPS**” chart for **ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS**. On the chart, **please find your student’s particular fitting group number**, and then refer to the schedule above for your exact time. All fittings will take place in the **GHS CAFETERIA**. Please enter through **door #19E** (the “Gymnasium” entrance) from the northeast corner of the building, which is accessible from the diagonal driveway between Center Street and McKinley Ave. You should arrive wearing **LIGHT** clothing (non-bulky shorts and a T-shirt). It would also be helpful if you brought along your **DRESS SHOES** (to accurately measure pants or dress length).

NOTE: This is a very time-consuming and detailed task for our wonderful **uniform committee parents**, and we ask that you please help them by adhering to the schedule and group assignments we have arranged. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter! If there are any questions or concerns, please contact a director at your earliest convenience.

PARENTS: If you can assist with uniform fittings on Tuesday, August 5, please [click on this link](#) or scan the QR code to the right. Contact one of the Uniform Committee members listed below if you have any questions:

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2025-26 UNIFORM FITTINGS GROUPS

ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS

Please find the **Uniform Fitting Group (“Group #”)** that you are assigned to below. Find your group’s fitting time on the **Uniform Fittings Schedule** (shown on the previous page).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Group #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Group #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Group #</u>
Ryan Abbate	8	Evie Fay	1	Keira McCann	2
Viktoria Allabaugh	5	Vivian Flaks	3	Connor McInerney	7
Grace Anderson	3	Eliana Flaks	4	Sasha Meiners	2
Thomas Archbold	1	Charlotte Force	6	Addison Mercier	10
Evan Bansley	1	Charlotte Francis	6	Caiden Newcomb	2
Casey Bean	3	Benjamin Gaudette	9	Lucas Osmondson	11
Elijah Bebe	5	Toby Gibbons	6	Thomas Owens	2
Cameron Beck	5	Chase Gilchrist	9	Leonardo Pecoraro	11
Emelia Bellino	3	Xander Gregory	7	Logan Peerless	11
Catherine Bellino	8	Murphy Hall	9	Annalise Policastro	2
Sophia Bendicsen	8	Johnathan Hawkinson	9	Rex Pomaro	5
Mack Biesk	1	Elizabeth Hertz	9	Fritz Pomaro	11
Camryn Braverman	5	Leah Hoffman	2	Allison Post	11
William Brown	3	Cody Hood	7	Sean Power	11
Charley Bruno	8	Alexander Hosman	10	Michael Rice	5
Matthew Bultmann	6	Molly Hughes	4	Jokubas Samajauskas	11
Dylan Caifano	1	Oliver Hurlbut	10	Jake Sarra	11
Alexander Chiovari	3	Jasper Huynh	7	Senna Schaffer	7
Leonardo Claessens	3	Camilla Juriga	4	Faber Shelton	2
Gavin Clark	8	Charles Kelly	10	Finnian Shriner	12
Colton Clausen	1	Benjamin Kilburg	4	Milo Silver	12
Peyton Corcoran	8	Lauren Kusak	10	Cole Snyder	5
Matthew Cortez	3	Heath Lapsley	7	Finnegan South	8
Reese Cowan	9	Jacob Lebron	4	James Sowinski	2
Janelle Darnold	3	Benjamin Lemke	10	Cagney Stacy	12
Kai Davenport	1	Shane Lies	4	Anna Stockhausen	5
Naomi Dempsey	9	Brook Lyles	7	Vince Tuccini	5
Brayden Dougherty	9	Cooper Madary	4	Margaret Velarde	12
Payton Douglas	6	Avery Maier	10	Aiden Walsh	12
Liam Dwyer	6	David Mannon	7	Sean Weilandt	8
Edward Edeh	1	Ray Manorotkul	4	Finn Wells	12
Joey Edwards	6	Charles Marsh	2	Conner Wietrzykowski	2
Max Evans	6	Isabel Martinez	4	Hunter Witt	12
Landon Fanale	1	Leila Matheny	10	Alexander Yoo	12