

GHS MARCHING BAND CAMP & ACTIVITIES 2024 (On Campus)

Greetings!

This letter details important information about the GHS Viking Marching Band's 2024-2025 events and activities. Our season begins with several summer activities, some of which are new this year. 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, May 29th – 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, May 30th – 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, May 31st – 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 the dates listed above must attend a make-up session(s) on Tuesday & Thursday, Aug. 6 & 8.***

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 24th

Wednesday, July 31st

Wednesday, August 7th

DRUMLINE CAMP:

Drumline Camp will take place in the GHS Music Department from **Monday, Aug. 5th – Friday, Aug. 9th**. 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 marching shoes).

FULL MARCHING BAND CAMP:

Our summer activities culminate with an intensive five-day camp at GHS from Monday, Aug. 12th - Friday, Aug. 16th. The schedule for this full week of rehearsals is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 12th:

8:00 a.m.	Section Leaders and Drum Majors ONLY - report for Orientation Meeting in the GHS Band Room.
8:30 – 11:00	All NEW Marchers report to the GHS Band Room for welcome Meeting and beginning marching instruction.
11:00 – 11:25	<i>Lunch break for New Marchers (Section Leaders & Drum Majors – Please bring a sack lunch and eat in the band room)</i>
11:25	ALL Marching Band Members (including NEW marchers, VETERAN marchers, Section Leaders, Drum Majors, & Flags – report for Orientation Meeting in the GHS Band Room. NOTE: Veterans - please eat lunch BEFORE you come!
11:30 – 11:50	Meeting for ALL Marching Band members - GHS Band Room
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 (GHS band room)

Tuesday, Aug. 13th – Friday, Aug. 16th: 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 (GHS Band Room)

****Marching Band Photos will take place immediately after rehearsal on Tues., Aug. 13th. See 'Marching Band Photos' on pg. 3 for additional information.***

****School registration will also be taking place this week (Mon. – Thurs.). Marching Band students are permitted to attend registration as early as 8 a.m. on their scheduled day and should use this option to avoid having to miss any of our scheduled rehearsals or activities.***

****We will have a short, combined performance/showcase with our 5th grade band members and parents in the GHS Auditorium after rehearsal (at 4:30 p.m.) on Fri., Aug. 16, followed by a pizza social in the cafeteria!***

Viking Fest Performance:

We will perform at Viking Fest in the GHS Auditorium on the morning of Thursday, Aug. 15th and will follow an altered schedule for band camp that day. The altered camp schedule will be communicated to students and parents earlier in the week. Freshman and any other students who are helping with Viking Fest will perform with the Marching Band and then participate in Viking Fest activities until 11:30 a.m., after which they will eat lunch and join us at 12 p.m. for band camp activities until 4:30 p.m.

EVENING MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS:

Following our full marching band camp, we will rehearse at Burgess Field from **5:30 – 8 p.m.** on the following dates in preparation for the upcoming season:

Monday, Aug. 19th

Tuesday, Aug. 20th

Wednesday, Aug. 21st

***Our first performance is on the evening of THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd
(the first day of school) at the annual GHS CORN BOIL!***

UNIFORM FITTINGS – IMPORTANT!!

Uniform fittings for all GHS band students will take place on Tuesday, August 6th according to the schedule & groups shown on pgs. 5-6 of this packet. These fittings will be taking place after the drumline camp and mini-camp make-up rehearsals scheduled that morning. 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. 13th, from roughly 4:45 – 6:15 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 4:45 p.m. on Aug. 6th 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 13th**, and you must bring your complete uniform with you (in the garment bag) to rehearsal on August 13th for PHOTOS that afternoon!

The remaining MARCHING BAND dates for 2024-25 are as follows:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thurs., Aug. 22	5:30 p.m. (report)	Corn Boil Performance	GHS – Burgess Field
Tues., Aug. 27	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Aug. 30	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. Larkin HS)	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Sept. 4	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Sept. 6	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. Lemont HS – 8 th Grade Night)	GHS – Burgess Field
Sat., Sept. 21	TBA (early report)	Band Day at Northern Illinois University (tentative)	DeKalb, IL

Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed., Sept. 25	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Thurs., Sept. 26	TBA (eve.)	Blue & White Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Sept. 27	2:00 p.m.	Homecoming Parade	State St., Geneva
	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (Homecoming - v. Glenbard North) Alumni Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Sat., Oct. 5	TBA – tentative...	Maine West Marching Band Festival (Tentative)	Maine West HS Des Plaines, IL
Wed., Oct. 9	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Oct. 11	5:15 p.m.	Home Football Game (v. Wheaton North)	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Oct. 23	7 – 9 p.m.	Marching Band Rehearsal	GHS – Burgess Field
Fri., Oct. 25	5:15 p.m. (report)	Home Football Game (v. St. Charles North) Senior Recognition Night	GHS – Burgess Field
Wed., Oct. 30	7:30 p.m.	Indoor Marching Band Concert (including all band students, flags & twirlers)	GHS Contest Gym
Mon., May 26, 2025	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 play-offs following the regular season, the marching band will be expected to play at the additional games. These will occur primarily on Fridays and Saturdays following the regular season. Please keep your weekends “open” through November! Here are the potential play-off dates:

1st Round: November 1st or 2nd
 2nd Round: November 8th or 9th
 ¼-Finals: November 15th or 16th
 Semi-Finals: November 22nd or 23rd
 Finals: November 29th or 30th

PLEASE NOTE:

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.

Our team’s success depends upon every “link” in our “chain!”

Viking Band Pride!



UNIFORM FITTINGS SCHEDULE for ALL 2024-25 GHS BAND STUDENTS

Dear 2024-25 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, we have devised a schedule that arranges all our 2024-25 GHS Band students into separate FITTING GROUPS, each of which will have a specific fitting TIME on August 6th, 2024:

ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS: 2024-25 UNIFORM FITTINGS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 6th

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

On the following pages, you will find the “**2024-25 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 6th, please contact one of the Uniform Committee members listed below:

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2024-25 UNIFORM FITTINGS GROUPS

for

ALL GHS BAND STUDENTS

Using the list below, please find the **Uniform Fitting Group (“Group #”)** that you are assigned to. Next, 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>
Viktoria Allabaugh	9	Eliana Flaks	7	Charles Marsh	4
Grace Anderson	6	Vivian Flaks	7	Owen Martin	2
Margaret Anthony	9	Charlotte Force	11	Isabel Martinez	8
Thomas Archbold	3	Charlotte Francis	11	Keira McCann	4
Joel Avello	6	Luke Frieders	1	Michael McChrystal	5
Evan Bansley	3	Neil Gadbury	1	Connor McInerney	12
Casey Bean	6	Will Garlock	1	Ben Meier	2
Ernesto Bebe	1	Nathan Garlock	7	Sasha Meiners	5
Elijah Bebe	10	Toby Gibbons	11	Matthew Meyer	8
Cameron Beck	10	Shivangi Goyal	11	Caroline Mikrut	2
Emelia Bellino	6	Xander Gregory	11	Caiden Newcomb	5
Mack Biesk	3	Leah Hoffman	4	Thomas Owens	5
Mason Borgens	3	Zoe Hogan	11	Audrey Owens	12
Samuel Bracey	1	Drew Hosman	1	Annalise Policastro	5
Camryn Braverman	10	Logan Hughes	1	Rex Pomaro	8
William Brown	6	Molly Hughes	7	Brennan Post	8
Matthew Bultmann	10	Jasper Huynh	11	Edain Reiner	2
Dylan Caifano	3	Sophia Julian	4	Michael Rice	9
Alexander Chiovari	6	Camilla Juriga	7	Yosgart Sanchez	9
Leonardo Claessens	6	Nickolas Kellick	2	Senna Schaffer	12
Colton Clausen	3	Vlad Khudoba	11	Faber Shelton	5
Matthew Cortez	7	Benjamin Kilburg	7	Cole Snyder	9
Janelle Darnold	7	Heath Lapsley	12	Finnegan South	12
Kai Davenport	4	Jacob Lebron	8	James Sowinski	5
Dominic del Mundo	1	Shane Lies	8	Anna Stockhausen	9
Payton Douglas	10	James Lusk	2	Alexa Szumny	3
Liam Dwyer	10	Brook Lyles	12	Alvin Tang	12
Edward Edeh	4	Cooper Madary	8	Andrew Thomas	9
Joey Edwards	10	David Mannon	12	Vince Tuccini	9
Max Evans	10	Ray Manorotkul	8	Benjamin Wagner	3
Landon Fanale	4	Lianne Marrero Perez	2	Sean Weilandt	12
Evie Fay	4	Alina Marrero Perez	2	Conner Wietrzykowski	5