

# IMPORTANT Viking Band Notes



Welcome to the Parkview Viking Band of 2021-2022! In this newsletter you will find very helpful information for the upcoming marching season. This is going to be a very exciting year!

***The title of the 2021-2022 Marching Season is:***



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BAND CAMP DATES ARE NOW SET!**

*(We are giving you these dates early enough that everyone should be able to make it to each camp. If there is a conflict, please let Mr. Tipton know ahead of time.)*

*May 10-14 Percussion & Colorguard Camp (3:30 PM to 5:30 PM)  
July 23 Freshmen & Student Leaders (6 PM to 9 PM) (Music & Marching)  
July 26-30 Band Camp #1 (6 PM to 9 PM) (Music Only - Inside Playing)  
August 2-6 Band Camp #2 (2 PM to 10 PM) (Music & Marching Fundamentals)  
August 6 CONCERT ON THE GREEN (8:00 PM at JFK Stadium)*

**Please remember that we do a lot of work during these weeks so it is very necessary for you to be in attendance to assure your spot on the field!**

## PERFORMANCE/COMPETITION DATES & LOCATIONS:

**August 6 (Fri.) - PHS Concert on the Green - JFK Stadium - 8:00 PM**  
**September 10 (Fri.) - 1st Home Football Game - Report Time 5:00 PM**  
**September 24 (Fri.) - Home Football Game - Report Time 5:00 PM**  
**October 1 (Fri.) - Home Football Game - Report Time 5:00 PM**  
**October 2 (Sat.) - Valhalla MB Festival - JFK Stadium – All Day**  
**October 9 (Sat.) - OZARKO MB Festival - Missouri State Univ. – All Day**  
**October 15 (Fri.) - Home Football Game - Report Time 5:00 PM**  
**October 16 (Sat.) - Maple Leaf Marching Festival - Carthage HS – All Day**  
**October 23 (Sat.) - Ozark Mtn. Marching Festival - Reeds Spring HS - All Day**

## BAND BOOSTER NEWS:

The Parkview Band Boosters is a group made up of parents, grandparents, former band parents, and community members. There are a number of ways to support the band, a list of opportunities are enclosed, sign up sheets will be at the “Concert on the Green”, and the first booster meeting and open house. Booster members will be available to answer questions at any of these events. There is no membership fee to be a part of this group, we all work together to make sure every student has a good band experience.

## 2021-2022 BOOSTER OFFICERS:

**Band Booster Email: [parkviewvikingbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewvikingbandboosters@gmail.com)**

President: Danny Espinoza – 417-773-3660 – Email: [espinoza.danny5@gmail.com](mailto:espinoza.danny5@gmail.com)

Vice President: Beth Mahan - 417-818-5338 - Email: [beth.mahan@yahoo.com](mailto:beth.mahan@yahoo.com)

Treasurer: Diane Killion – 417-773-3545 – Email: [stixs74@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stixs74@sbcglobal.net)

Secretary: Laurie Price – 417-830-0212 – Email: [laurieprice23@yahoo.com](mailto:laurieprice23@yahoo.com)

***(Please contact these people for answers to your questions or to volunteer to help in the areas listed below)***

## BOOSTER MEETINGS:

Booster meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month during the marching season, then as needed the remainder of the year. The first meeting of the year will be ***Tuesday, September 7th at 6:30 in the Band Hall***. At this meeting, you will be able to get information about the many volunteer opportunities that are available during the marching season.

## COMMUNICATION:

In an effort to keep everyone informed of upcoming events:

1. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram (The links are available on our website [www.phsband.com](http://www.phsband.com))
2. Sign-up for Remind text messages for the Class of 2025 by sending the message @2025vikbnd to 81010
3. Send us your contact email by sending us a message to [parkviewvikingbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewvikingbandboosters@gmail.com)
4. Contact PHS Band Office at 417-523-9291 or email at [ctipton@spsmail.org](mailto:ctipton@spsmail.org)

## VALHALLA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

The Parkview Band and Boosters will host the 20th Annual Valhalla Marching Band Festival on Saturday, October 2nd. This is one of the largest band festivals in the state. Each year 30-35 bands from the area come to compete for awards in their division. This is an all day event and many parent volunteers are needed to help make it a successful day. All band students are REQUIRED to work a 4 hour shift during the day, as well as perform in exhibition between preliminary and final competition. There will be more information as well as sign up sheets at the Concert on the Green and at the first booster meeting. By volunteering, you can enter your students name into a drawing for \$100 towards their band fees. One entry per person for each shift worked. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to volunteer. The drawing will be held at the November booster meeting.

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child is diabetic, has asthma, food allergies, or any other medical condition that requires daily medication or special needs, ***please make sure that they have their needed medication and any needed items on competition days.*** If we have prior knowledge of food allergies, we will do our best to accommodate a meal option for those students.

## DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE?

We are hoping to find a few parents willing to bake cookies and or brownies for the competition season. We have found the homemade items to be a big hit with the kids! If you would like to help, please contact the band boosters.

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition season is a busy time and knowing what to expect and bring can be helpful for the first time band parents and students. We have a group of parents that ride the busses as chaperones. Others drive their vehicles to the competitions. Competitions begin this year the

third weekend of September and usually go through the middle of October. These will be every Saturday, so please plan accordingly so that your band student can be there. It is very difficult to march “holes” when someone is not there. The weather can be very interesting. It can go from hot to cold all in the same day. It is a good idea to bring a sweatshirt, jacket, sunglasses, umbrella, stadium seats, cushions, blankets and sunscreen. Tennis shoes and socks are a must! Sometimes there is a lot of walking between the busses and the competition field. Many times there are long gaps between performance times and awards ceremonies. Lawn chairs, coolers with drinks and snacks are frequently needed and appreciated by the students. During these times, the kids play Frisbee, throw a football, listen to iPods, watch other bands, or take time to relax. We need help loading and unloading equipment, setting up food area, serving kids, cleaning up and miscellaneous things that may come up during the season. In addition to loading and unloading, we also help the pit get their instruments on the field. More information will be provided about this. Just be thinking now what you can do to help make this year the best we have ever had! **Without parent involvement, it makes it very tough to do what we do.** We also need the students to be on their very best behavior and represent Parkview at its very best. **It takes all of us doing our very best to accomplish great things!**

## **PHS BAND BOOSTER COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Game Prep** – Place seat covers on bleachers for band to sit on, transport water coolers, cups and ice to stadium. Fill cups of water for band after pre-game and half-time. Clean up after game.

**Uniform** – Responsible for checking the uniforms in and out for games and competitions. Also check to see if there are any repairs that need to be made to the uniforms.

**Chaperones** – Ride bus with students to competitions, take attendance and assist students when needed. ALL Chaperones must apply to be an OFFICIAL SPS Volunteer.

**Food** – Assist with preparation, assembling all needed supplies such as grills, coolers, supply box to be loaded on trucks, transport food if needed, set up serving area, serve/supervise meals at competitions. Clean up.

**Equipment/Props/Maintenance** – Assist in loading and unloading of equipment trucks at school before, during and upon return from competitions. (Large instruments, pit and guard equipment, props, etc.)

**Fundraising** – Plan and implement fund raising activities. To help organize the fundraisers to help students pay their band fees.

**Equipment Trucks** – Parents are needed to drive large box trucks for competitions. No special license is required. All drivers must submit paperwork to SPS to be officially allowed to drive and for insurance purposes.

**Please look over these committees and start thinking now what you would like to do to help make our band the best Parkview has ever seen!**

## **PARKVIEW VIKING BAND CONCERT ON THE GREEN FRIDAY AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> AT 8:00 PM**

Come watch the band go through their marching drills and see what they have accomplished during their long days at camp. Get information on upcoming events, performances and how to volunteer to be a part of the band boosters. Ice Cream and Drinks will be provided by the Band Boosters. Please bring a dessert to share.

**Each student is asked to bring a 24 pack of bottled water AND the following items to be used during marching season:**

**Freshmen: 20 oz plastic cups, chips or crackers**

**Sophomores: Pre-packaged cookies or snack items, plastic utensils**

**Juniors: Pre-packaged cookies or chips, 20 oz plastic cups**

**Seniors: 20 oz plastic cups, paper plates or napkins**

You can bring these at any time during band camp, Concert on the Green, or to the first booster meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend this event. Invite your friends and family to see what this amazing group of young people have worked so hard on during these band camps!

### **MARCHING SEASON FYI**

- Students will have 6:30 AM rehearsals (*based on a 7:30 AM school start time for the 2021-2022 school year*) on M/T/Th/F and will have a 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM rehearsal on Tuesday evenings during marching season (until mid-October). (*If school start time remains at 8:00 AM we would have 7:00 AM rehearsals on the same days - still waiting on final word about this...*)
- Band expenses total \$150 for band members and \$300 for color guard members. **WE DO NOT WANT MONEY TO BE A REASON YOUR KIDDO IS NOT IN BAND!** We have lots of fundraising opportunities as well as the Viking Endowment Fund (which pay up to half of expenses).
- Students are transported on school busses to and from competitions. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the school and required to report at designated time and place.
- Students are not allowed to leave the competition site. If a parent is present and wishes to transport student home, the parent will be asked to sign the student out.
- At least one meal will be provided for band students at each out of town competition.
- Bottled water is provided to students with meals following all performances at competitions. Water is also provided at football games after the pregame and half-time.
- Many students bring snacks along on the busses; please remember to clean up any crumbs or wrappers when arriving at destination. Busses will be checked upon arrival back to school, students are not permitted to leave the busses until they are clean.
- Students are responsible for their own uniforms and instruments. Uniforms are to be hung neatly in uniform bags with shoes in the shoe compartment. Gloves and **BLACK** socks should be

kept in the bag. Instruments are transported in bins on the equipment trucks. Upon return to school, students are expected to help unload trucks and put instruments and uniforms away.

- One pair of black gloves are provided to each student, if gloves are lost, replacement gloves can be purchased from Mr. Tipton.
- Parents are encouraged to attend ALL performances, there are many volunteer opportunities to help with, or you may prefer to watch the other bands perform.
- An itinerary will be provided to students each week for the upcoming Saturday competitions which will include report time, performance time, directions to site, and any additional information necessary. This information will also be available on the band website [www.phsband.com](http://www.phsband.com)
- Parents may prefer to caravan behind the busses to ensure arrival at the correct location of the band. Most competitions we attend have a large attendance and each band has a reserved area where the buses park and our food serving area are set up.
- At the end of the long days of competitions, it is very important for students to be picked up in a timely manner. Please be patient with the traffic, it can be very congested on bumpy road.
- Students need to be very respectful to the directors, the other staff members, and the volunteers who give of their time to help them at every event.



# PHS Viking Band

Visit our website at [www.phsband.com](http://www.phsband.com)

417-523-9281 or [ctipton@spsmail.org](mailto:ctipton@spsmail.org)

## **2021 Summer Camp Dates:**

**May 10-14** Percussion Camp (3:30 PM to 5:30 PM) &  
Colorguard Camp (3:30 PM to 5:30 PM)  
*(This camp is only for ALL Percussion and Color Guard band members)*

**June 22** Student Leadership Training #1  
(6:00 PM to 9:00 PM)  
*(This camp is only for section leaders and drum majors)*

**July 23** Student Leadership Training & Work Day #2  
(12:00 PM to 4:00 PM)  
*(This camp is only for section leaders and drum majors)*

**July 23** Freshmen Night Band Camp 1 (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM) (Band Hall/Outside)  
*(This camp is only for FRESHMEN, NEW Band Members, & Student Leadership Team)*

**Jul7 26 - 30** Band Camp 1 (*This camp is for ALL band students*)

- Music Rehearsal – 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM (Band Hall)

**August 2 - Aug 6** Band Camp 2 (*This camp is for ALL band students*)

- Music Rehearsal – 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM (Band Hall)
- Dinner Break (Students will be PROVIDED dinner by the Band Boosters)
- Setting Drill/Learning the Show – 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM (Band Field/JFK)

**August 6** Concert On The Green & Ice Cream Social @ **JFK** at 8:00 PM

**August 16** Full Band Marching & Playing Rehearsal @ **JFK** from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM

These camps are very important so that our band can get the jump start necessary to be competitive and successful in the fall. If there are any questions or conflicts please give me a call or email and we will work something out. We do not want a student to miss out on a performance spot by not attending. We are very excited about the upcoming marching season and the great things that lie ahead for your students.

Sincerely,

Curtis Tipton - Director of Bands



Parkview High School

## Viking Band

### Band Expenses Information for 2021-2022:

- ✓ This year, more than ever, we understand the need to not be a financial burden to your family.
- ✓ We want to offer you an easier way to pay for your student's band expenses that will not hit you all at once.
- ✓ We are going to offer *TWO payment options* for this year's band expenses:
  1. **All expenses must be paid IN FULL before Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021** (1st Home Game).
  2. We are also going to offer a payment plan, that you will see below, that will hopefully help spread out some of the costs associated with participating in this worthwhile activity.
- ✓ This year's band expenses are as follows:
  - PHS Band Expenses: \$150 (**THIS IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BAND.**) *This money is used to help cover the costs of traveling, food at competitions, and general expenses associated with running a band program. We are very fortunate at PHS to have one of the LOWEST band fees in the city (the other comparable programs in Springfield have band fees that range between \$300 - \$600).*
  - Marching Shoes: \$30 (**THIS IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BAND.**) *This expense only applies to NEW band members that do not already own marching shoes. The shoes that we purchase are made to last ALL FOUR years of your student's high school career and are a ONE TIME expense. If you prefer, we have a select number of used marching shoes that can be utilized for free.*
- ✓ We want EVERY student to participate and don't want band expenses to keep students away. PHS offers the Viking Endowment fund for qualifying students in need of financial assistance. Please contact Mr. Tipton for more information or to make alternate payment plans.
- ✓ Please make checks payable to "PHS Band" and mail ALL payments to:  
Viking Band – Attn. Mr. Tipton  
Parkview High School  
516 W. Meadowmere  
Springfield, MO 65807

### Payment Plan Tickets:

(Cut these out and send them in with each payment.)

Payment #1: Due June 15, 2021	Payment #2: Due July 15, 2021	Payment #3: Due September 10, 2021
<b>\$50 –or–</b> <b>\$60</b> (If shoes are needed)	<b>\$50 –or–</b> <b>\$60</b> (If shoes are needed)	<b>\$50 –or–</b> <b>\$60</b> (If shoes are needed)





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### Color Guard Band Expenses Information for 2021-2022:

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  2. We are also going to offer a payment plan, that you will see below, that will hopefully help spread out some of the costs associated with participating in this worthwhile activity.
- ✓ This year's band expenses are as follows:
  - PHS Color Guard Band Expense: \$150 (**THIS IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BAND.**) *This money is used to help cover the costs of traveling, food at competitions, and general expenses associated with running a band program. We are very fortunate at PHS to have one of the LOWEST band expenses in the city (the other comparable programs in Springfield have guard fees that range between \$600 - \$1500).*
  - Custom Uniform Expense: \$150 (**THIS IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BAND.**) *This money is used to order a custom made uniform for each member to wear during the entire Fall & Winter season.*
  - Marching Shoes: \$30 (**THIS IS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BAND.**) *This fee only applies to NEW band members that do not already own marching shoes.*
- ✓ We want EVERY student to participate and don't want band expenses to keep students away. PHS offers the Viking Endowment fund for qualifying students in need of financial assistance. Please contact Mr. Tipton for more information or to make alternate payment plans.
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### Payment Plan Tickets:

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Payment #1: Due June 15, 2021	Payment #2: Due July 15, 2021	Payment #3: Due September 10, 2021
<b>\$100 –or– \$110</b> (If shoes are needed)	<b>\$100 –or– \$110</b> (If shoes are needed)	<b>\$100 –or– \$110</b> (If shoes are needed)