

Grassfield HS Marching Band



Information Packet 2021

Welcome to the Grassfield High School Band! We are very excited that your family wants to learn about one of the most successful band programs in the state of Virginia. The Grassfield Bands have a tradition of excellence spanning over fourteen years. This will be a unique and rewarding experience for both you and your student.

The time commitment for the Marching Grizzlies is similar to that of a fall or spring sport. Rehearsals take place after school, with performances at football games on Fridays, and competitions on some Saturdays in September and October. During the summer, we will have camps, as well as weekly rehearsals, to come together as a group and learn to march and play the show.

The four summer camp rehearsal blocks are a new member session (9th and 10th graders) on June 22nd - 24th, to catch up on / learn skills needed for the new season, then full band rehearsal the week of July 19th - 23rd, then our traditional band camp weeks of August 16th - 20th and August 23rd - 27th, all at Grassfield High School.

In addition to the camps, we will have rehearsals throughout the summer to better prepare for the season. Winds and percussion will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, if you are in town, beginning June 29th. Please do not avoid vacations or travel during these times. If you are out of town, enjoy! If you are in town, we will ask you to be here. Color Guard will follow a different schedule from winds and percussion during the summer until the start of band camp in August.

We look forward to an outstanding season and will be happy to answer any questions you have as we all get ready to continue our pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donny Allen and Mr. Keith Dublin - Directors

2021 – 2022 Fee Schedule

The Marching Band Fee is assessed for all students who participate in the 2021-22 GFHS Marching Band to cover associated costs. Examples of associated costs are Summer Band Camp (clinicians, food, supplies), bus transportation, clinicians during marching season, competition fees, guard uniforms, drill design & music rights/supplies.

The fees below are for each student participating and do not include any fees associated with District Honor Band, All State, Jazz Band, Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion or any other special or optional programs that may be offered after marching season, and do not include any required concert clothing, apparel, instruments, lessons, or travel related expenses (outside of scheduled band competition events).

All Marching Band Students

1st Deposit (\$150) due June 4, 2021

- A deposit and regular attendance to rehearsals ensures your spot in the marching band.

2nd Payment (\$150) due July 2, 2021

3rd Payment (\$125) due August 6, 2021

4th Payment (\$125) due September 3, 2021

Equipment fee of \$100 due, if applicable

Additional Costs

The items below are to be purchased on an *as-needed* basis by each member of the Marching Grizzlies.

- Marching shoes "Dinkles"- (Approximately \$35)
- Marching gloves for winds (\$3-\$5) and guard (\$15)
- Guard Windsuit (\$100)
- Extra Uniform Undershirt- (Approx. \$20) *all new marchers receive one free Uniform Undershirt
- Red Uniform Jacket (\$40) *will be worn on all trips, pep band events, and over the regular uniform jacket

All Marching Band payments are non-refundable. All payments may be dropped off in the band room in the payment box, or may be mailed to the school, c/o the GFBPA.

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Payment Information

All checks for fees, etc. should be made out to GFBPA. Checks should then be placed in a clearly labeled envelope and deposited in the Drop Box in the Band Room.

Explanation of Marching Band Fees

In order to be a competitive marching band, our funds are designated and must be spent throughout the season on music arrangers, drill, show design, instructional staff, copyright fees, competition fees, transportation, and instrument repair and maintenance.

Marching Band Fee	\$550
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The member fee does not cover the full amount that must be spent for every participating student. Even with all member fees paid, GFBPA will be left with over a large financial difference that must be paid over the course of the season. The fee is designed to help offset the cost of purchasing and maintaining GFBPA provided equipment, such as wind instruments, percussion instruments, drumsticks, drumheads, other percussion instruments, as well as rifles, sabers, and flagpoles.

Scholarships

It is our goal for every student to be able to participate in Marching Band, regardless of financial situation. We do offer need-based scholarships to help students who might otherwise be unable to participate in marching band. Please contact Dr. Allen and Mr. Glosser for information on the scholarships.

Scrip Giftcard Sales

Scrip Gift card sales offer families an opportunity to reduce and/or eliminate out of pocket expenses for any band related fee. Scrip can be ordered through the band parents or through the Scrip website (including instant gift card downloads and printing). Profits from sales go into a band credit account known as "Grizzly Dollars". Please see the band website, www.grassfieldbands.org, for more information.

Grizzly Dollars

Grizzly Dollars are the affectionate name for band credits with the Grassfield Band Parents Association. Grizzly Dollars are earned by students as they participate in fundraisers. The requirements for earning Grizzly Dollars will be announced per fundraiser. Grizzly Dollars can be used to pay for any band-related expense, from extra gloves to member dues.

Grassfield HS Bands Participation Permission Form

Thank you for your interest in joining the award-winning Marching Grizzlies! Please complete this permission form and return it to Grassfield High School bands or turn it into your current band director by May 28th to reserve your spot in the Marching Grizzlies for 2021!

Student Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Instrument: _____ Current School: _____

Student Phone/Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Phone/Email: _____

By signing below, I confirm my intention to join the Marching Grizzlies and participate fully in all rehearsals and performances.

Student Signature _____ / ____ / 2021
Date

By signing below, I give my permission for my child to participate fully in the Marching Grizzlies, including ensuring my child's attendance at all required rehearsals and performances.

Parent Signature _____ / ____ / 2021
Date

Grassfield High School Band Program Medical Form

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Is the student currently on or carry any medication? If so please list: (including inhaler and insulin)

Does the student have any food or drug allergies? If so please list all.

Does the student carry an epi-pen? Yes or no. _____

Do the directors and chaperones have my permission to administer headache/pain relief medicine to my student? Yes or no. _____ Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen? Please circle if you have a preference.

I hereby agree that medical personnel may administer first aid treatment as needed to the above named student in case of emergency and/or refer and/or transport named student to a local clinic or hospital for treatment.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Grassfield High School Band Program Photo Release Form

The Grassfield Band Program has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly to promote, fundraise, document, etc. for the program. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____