

Pirate Marching Band

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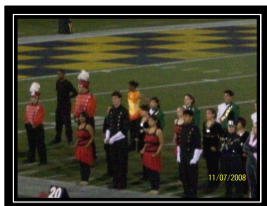
The Pirate Marching Band program was established to provide an opportunity for students to enjoy themselves while developing their musical and guard skills, self-discipline, self-confidence, interpersonal



skills and leadership. Students and staff work together in a positive nurturing way to achieve their best as a team and to perform at the highest level possible.

MEMBERSHIP

All students of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South are welcome to join the Pirate Marching Band as a musician or as a member of the colorguard.



No prior experience is necessary for color guard.

TIME COMMITMENT

The Pirate Marching Band performs at Pirate Football games, at pep rallies, community events, and competes in several local band competitions. The season runs from the much anticipated week-long band camp, held offsite at the end of August, through mid-November. There is also a two day orientation in June, following the end of the school year. Rehearsals are scheduled in the after school and evening hours.

COST

There is a fee to participate in Pirate Marching Band and in Indoor Winterguard. Parents also cover the cost of band camp. School instruments, uniforms and band equipment are provided. Limited scholarship monies are available.



BALANCING SCHOOL WORK

Pirate Marching Band members learn to improve their time management skills in order to balance schoolwork with practices. Many of our musicians and color guard members are high achieving students, taking honors and AP courses. Band



members know a combination of scholarship and extracurricular activities are beneficial to becoming a well-rounded student. Several of the Pirate Band alumni currently attend Ivy League colleges and other prominent universities

SUCCESS!

While our staff emphasizes that winning isn't always everything, the band has had tremendous success each year at USSBA competitions held across New Jersey. The Pirate Marching Band has won countless awards and honors. Some of the band's recent achievements include winning the New Jersey State Championship in 2007 and performing in National competitions.

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PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The band experience offers a rare opportunity for parents to stay connected to their teenagers. Band members actually like having their parents around! Parents attend the competitions, serve the band meals, bake goodies for the bus rides and make new friends. Band parents have as much fun as their kids!

Join the Band

Playing with the band on football fields in front of people is mega cool. If it's your first year in high school, there's nothing better than knowing a big group of kids before your first day of school.

- Dylan Cohen '10

It is crazy amounts of work and commitment, but marching band is one of the most fun experiences I've ever had.

- Pritha Dasgupta '09

The best part about the band is the camaraderie and the memories that you make. Some of my best memories and best friends are from marching band.

- Lynn Chen '07

Having a definite schedule for marching band makes you utilize your homework time more effectively, and therefore you will find that you receive better grades.

- Alex Copenhaver '09

You get to meet a lot of new people, expand your extracurricular activities and have a chance to be a student leader.

- Dan Blum '06

How do you think the quote, "This one time, at band camp..." got started? The American Pie movie says it all! Marching band is much more than practicing and marching – it's being with friends who are like family.

- Sara Levy '07

With the band, I went to Disneyworld TWICE, Baltimore, NYC and Dorney Park, and I had a blast everywhere I went!! Knowing you're part of one of the best bands in the COUNTRY is one of the best feelings in the world.

- Erin Mintz '04

You develop lots of new friendships and you get to spend so much time with your friends! The competitions are always exciting and a ton of fun. You feel so accomplished; it's such a fulfilling experience.

- Jen Principe '08