

Penncrest High School Band

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Dear Band Members and Parents,

On behalf of the Roaring Lions Staff, I am excited to welcome band members, families, and friends to the 2022 marching season. We have a great year ahead of us, full of fun, challenges, and exciting opportunities. Please read this entire letter carefully as it describes how you can best prepare for a successful and healthy camp experience.

What You Need to Know and Do for Band Camp:

Mandatory Activity: All marching activities are mandatory for all band members unless otherwise specified. See further guidelines on page two.

Location: Band Camp will be held at Penncrest. Daily specifics will be on the band room board.

Paperwork: Bring your completed medical form to your uniform fitting (see enclosed camp schedule for uniform fitting information) or send electronically to csnyder@rtmsd.org. Returning members do not need a new form unless your medical situation has changed. Forms can be downloaded at www.penncrestband.org. We must have your completed medical form in order for you to participate in band camp.

Pre-Band Camp Preparation: Start getting up early and being physically active outdoors if you are not already. Have your school songs memorized and be able to play the show music. If you are driving to camp, please do not park in the numbered spots that are reserved for Penncrest staff.

Early = On Time: 7:50am is a good time to arrive to be on time for 8:00am. Give yourself time to swing by the band room and make it to the attendance block before the whistle blows. Put on your sunscreen before you leave the house, not at 8AM, so it has time to work into your skin.

Parent drop-off and pickup: Parents can drop off and pick up their children in the bus lane outside of the band room. We do our very best to start and end our practice at the scheduled time, however due to the distance we need to walk to return, amount of equipment, and individual walking pace, your departure times may vary.

Lunch: All students are responsible for bringing their own non-refrigerated lunch. Healthy choices that will refuel you are: energy and granola bars, fruit, nuts, sandwiches with lean meat or peanut butter, and pretzels in addition to your drink.

What to Wear: Comfortable athletic clothing and comfortable athletic shoes. RTM dress code is in effect during camps; please follow all guidelines. Wear sunglasses and a hat or visor to protect you from the sun. Above all else, wear SUNSCREEN and apply it before you leave the house. Check forecasts as sometimes temperatures are cool in the morning, and we will march in the rain.

What to Bring: Your instrument and equipment, lyre and flip folder containing all your music. Your phone or device with the UDB App installed. Two dot markers that are unique to you (your section leader will give you suggestions). A gallon water jug filled with ice and water or a sports drink. Everyone is to have water! Medical supplies such as inhalers, epi-pens, and allergy meds. You may keep these in your pocket or in a "fanny pack." Sunscreen so you can reapply. You will get a name tag on day one – wear it until you are told not to.

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If You Are Playing a Fall Sport: Let your coach know you're in band and let me know the sport you play no later than Monday, August 8th. Athletes will split their time between sports and band each day, except for Monday 8/22 when rookies will be required to be in band the entire day. Expect to split your time during the evening practices. Talk to other band members that will be playing the same sport to work out schedules and carpooling. See page two of the calendar for more information on working out conflicts. The key is flexibility and communication.

Bring your best attitude! This IS NOT boot camp. This IS going to be the most fun you have ever had working hard. Take it one step at a time and be the best version of yourself. You can do this, and we will help you.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols

The Penncrest Band will continue to follow the Health and Safety Plan of the Rose Tree Media School District. We may implement additional precautions as is necessary for our unique activity. Be mindful of the changing health environment and follow all guidelines, which can be found at www.rtmsd.org.

CONFLICTS WITH BAND AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

All band activities are mandatory for every band member. Band members are to arrange their personal schedules so as not to conflict with the schedule. Senior portraits, medical appointments, jobs and other conflicts should be scheduled so as not to interfere. Unexcused absences from activities will result in no credit towards a band member's grade and shows a lack of commitment which can result in a reduced role with the band, up to and including dismissal from the group. Band members who are unable to attend band camp in its entirety are not guaranteed a spot in the show.

If your school sport and band practice schedule conflict, you will split your time in a way that is agreed upon by both your coach and your band director. You will not miss a game or performance for a practice.

The key to avoiding and working out conflicts is COMMUNICATION. Band members are expected to handle this responsibility and honor their commitments to all organizations. Give as much advance notice as possible, as early as possible, and ask for excusals as seldom as possible. Requests for excusal must be submitted at least one week in advance to be considered and must include the specific reason for the request.

[See Camp Schedule on the following page](#)

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(Full schedule is on the Google calendar at www.penncrestband.org)

PRE CAMP DATES			
Thursday, August 11	4-7 PM	Seniors and juniors uniform fitting	Band Room
Monday, August 15	6-8 PM	Pre-season pool party for all band members	
Tuesday, August 16	4-7 PM	Sophomores and freshmen fitting	Band Room
WEEK 1			
Monday, August 22	8AM-5PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All band members will report at 8AM ● Bring your phone with UDB app & two dot markers ● Anyone who was not fit for a uniform will receive one ● Bring your picture order form home 	Practice Field
**Rookie athletes are requested to spend the first day with no sports split			
Tuesday, August 23	8AM-5PM	Regular camp schedule Sport Splits begin	
Wednesday, August 24	7:30AM	Report to band room IN UNIFORM (No shako, gauntlets, or gloves). Hair can be worn down. Performance for RTM staff followed by pictures	
	10AM-11:30AM 11:30AM-1PM 1PM-2:30PM 2:30PM-4PM	Color Guard Sectional Woodwind Sectional Brass Sectional Percussion Sectional	
	4PM-8PM	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	
Thursday, August 25	8AM-10AM 10AM-12PM 12PM-2PM 2PM-4PM	Percussion Sectional Brass Sectional Woodwind Sectional Color Guard Sectional	
	4PM-8PM	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	
Friday, August 26	8AM-12PM	FULL BAND REHEARSAL	
	6PM	Home game vs Sun Valley – Pep Band performance: Informal Uniform = Red Band Shirts. Optional Performance	
WEEK 2 – FULL BAND REHEARSALS THIS WEEK			
Monday, August 29	4PM-8PM	Evening Camp	
Tuesday, August 30	4PM-8PM	Evening Camp	
Wednesday, August 31	4PM-8PM	Evening Camp	
Thursday, September 1	4PM-8PM 5:30PM 7:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evening Camp ● Parent Meeting ● Parent Preview Performance. All are invited to see our first show! 	Library Stadium
Friday, September 2	8AM-12PM 6PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of band camp ● Home game vs. Marple Newtown: Informal Uniform ● Optional performance 	