

2017-2018 Savannah Chatham County Honor Marching Band

Greetings and Congratulations! You have been selected for a chance to be a part of this outstanding marching ensemble, The Savannah Chatham County Honor Marching Band! Through hard work and extracurricular dedication, we plan on making this experience not only the best it can be for you, but for the entire ensemble. This is an elite group, comprised of the best band students from high schools across the county, for the sole purpose of putting challenging music together for parade performances, as well as other performances, across the county, state, and country.

To ensure your success in this ensemble, and furthered success of the ensemble as a whole, we have put together a brief set of policies and procedures for you to abide by. The rules and policies are set forth in this packet to assist us in developing the best program possible for musical and athletic achievement. This also serves as a Q & A for parents regarding what is expected of everyone. Remember that we have a short amount of time to put together a lot of music, and that you have been selected because you have demonstrated to your director the ability to abide by these rules.

Every rehearsal will also serve as a *continuing audition* for this ensemble. Students who do not demonstrate the necessary attitude, dedication, and rehearsal etiquette will be evaluated and further involvement in the ensemble is based on this. You may be asked not to return if the following cannot be adhered to. If you abide by the rules and policies below, you maximize your own experience, and ensure your continued success not only within the ensemble, but in all other areas of your life!

The rehearsal and performance schedule is as follows:

2017-2018 Honor Marching Band Calendar

SCCPSS STEM Festival/FAST Expo on Jan 6

Rehearsals on Jan 2 and 4 from 6-8 pm

*Note that Jan 2 is before the 3rd 9 weeks begins for students

Georgia Day on Feb 9

Rehearsals on Jan 16, 23, 30, Feb 6 and 8, from 6-8 pm

Stand Up for America Day Parade on April 29

Rehearsals on April 17, 19, 24, and 26, from 6-8 pm

Wild Adventures Trip, Date TBA (Eligibility based on student attendance)

1.) Arrive *ON TIME!*

Because we have such a limited amount of time, every second of rehearsal is valuable. Neither the instructors, nor the other members of the ensemble, can afford to wait on you to arrive to rehearsal. Excessive tardiness will not be tolerated and is dependent on the student's continued audition.

2.) *All Rehearsals and Performances are 100% mandatory!*

You must be in attendance at every rehearsal. The *only* exceptions that can be made are death in the immediate family, and serious illness. If there is a schedule conflict with your home band program, please tell your director to contact Mr. Graham, Mrs. Graham, or Mr. Whitehead to explain the situation. Constant absences will not be tolerated and may result in the loss of your position.

3.) *Practicing your music outside of rehearsal is MANDATORY!*

We have very limited time to review notes and rhythms. Most of rehearsal will be spent going over "big picture" things like balance, dynamics, and musical style. **It is imperative that you are already familiar with your part before rehearsal.** As a marching ensemble, we also have to *memorize* all of our music. Practice outside of rehearsal is imperative.

4.) *All Performances are 100% mandatory!*

The only exceptions are listed above.

Please find attached three important forms that need to be completed and signed by both the student and the student's parent/guardian. Attached is also a rehearsal schedule, along with our performance dates. Please mark these dates in your calendars. Transportation to these rehearsals will be the responsibility of the student and/or the student's parent/guardian. Transportation to and from performances may be provided by the district. Please read the following forms carefully and return these to the directors of the SCCPSS Honor Marching Band by the ***second rehearsal***.

Once again, Congratulations! You are on your way to being a part of something great here in Chatham County! We can't wait to work with you and the ensemble! If there are any questions/comments/concerns regarding the above policies, rehearsal schedule, or performance dates, please contact the directors via email, listed below:

Mr. Mathew Graham, Band Director

Mathew.Graham@sccpss.com

Mrs. Emily Graham, Band Director

Emily.Graham@sccpss.com

Mr. Mel Whitehead, Fine Arts Coordinator

Mel.Whitehead@sccpss.com

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to receive important communication updates from the Honor Marching Band directors.

2017-2018 SCCPSS HONOR MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION FORM

**** All forms must be completed and turned in to the directors by the 2nd rehearsal, Jan 4th.**

Date: _____

Student: _____ **Grade:** _____

Instrument _____

Male: _____ **Female:** _____ **Age:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** Georgia **Zip Code:** _____

Home Telephone #: _____

Student Cell #: _____ **Student Email:** _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parents' Cell or Work #: _____

Parent(s) Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name(s) / Telephone # (s):

1.) _____

2.) _____

Please List any existing medical conditions or allergies below:

PARENTAL CONSENT STATEMENT AND STUDENT AGREEMENT

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the activity listed as the SCCPSS Honor Marching Band. I further acknowledge and understand the potential dangers of his/ her participation in interscholastic athletics caused by participation in the activity or negligence by the coach or school including possible death or disability and I assume any medical responsibilities beyond that covered by my insurance in the case of injury to my child. I also authorize responsible medical authorities to perform necessary emergency care in my absence.

I give my consent for my child to be transported by Savannah Chatham Public School System Board of Education vehicles while he / she is involved in a district sponsored activity.

I also give my consent for my child to stay overnight in a motel with proper adult supervision during the course of district – sponsored activities if such accommodations are necessary for participation in the activity.

I understand that my child's conduct will be held to the highest standard. This means on / off campus or in / out of season. If negative conduct takes place, whether at an athletic event, during school or out of school, this could result in dismissal or discipline as deemed necessary by the director(s).

I give permission for my child to be videotaped/ photographed in performance and rehearsal settings. I also give permission for the videos/ photos to be posted on social media outlets such as TeacherTube, YouTube, board website and any other positive outreach for the community to see.

Lastly, I understand and agree to the terms outlined in this handbook and letter and realize that as the directors of the ensemble, Mr. Mel Whitehead, Mr. Mathew Graham, and Mrs. Graham have the final say in terms of discipline and any decisions made in regards to the ensemble, my child's participation, and any other aspect of the group.

I have carefully read the SCCPSS Honor Marching Band Policies and Procedures. I agree to abide by the rules and policies therein.

Parent Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____