

# Sparta High School Marching Band Contract

To be a part of the 2019 Sparta High School Marching Band students must do the following:

1. Be officially enrolled in the class
2. Turn in this marching band contract with all signatures

**Students who fail to turn in the contract by Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> will be removed from the Fall Band class list and will need to find an alternative class to take. This is done to ensure our numbers in advance of the end of the school year for music and drill writing purposes. Additionally, this helps the Band Boosters plan for our activity fee and scholarship needs.**

## Why the contract?

Our marching season runs on a specific budget determined by the number of students enrolled in band. Our budget is approved based off an estimated number of students and amended based on the number of commitment forms turned in. Our music and drill is customized by professionals to our students, and each student is given a spot on the field that ONLY they can fill. The absence of a student in the show unfairly affects EVERY student performer. This contract ensures that the student and parents will give a good faith effort ensure attendance throughout the season. **Read the conditions of the contract and only sign if both the child and parents agree to the terms.** Do not sign this contract if you feel unable to keep this commitment.

1. Upon official enrollment, there will be no drops allowed after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Once May 1<sup>st</sup> arrives I understand that band will be required through the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. If a drop is requested, it will be denied until the completion of the first semester of band is completed.
3. We understand that Band Camp, running July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup> is a requirement for ALL marching band students for the entire duration of camp except in the case of a family or personal medical emergency.
4. We understand that the dates listed on the reverse of this page, and any other necessary rehearsals, are only excused by emergency situations. No rehearsals will be added to this schedule without a minimum one-week notice. Similar notice will be given for a pre-planned absence (vacation, wedding, etc...) All communication regarding pre-planned absences will be communicated via email to [jim.walsh@spartaschools.org](mailto:jim.walsh@spartaschools.org)

**I have read and understand the statements above, and I am committed to Fall Band for the entire semester. I also understand that there will be an activity fee of \$250 (\$225 for students on free/reduced lunch) and that I am responsible for paying the entire fee as follows (payment can also be made in one lump sum up front):**

**\$50 May 1<sup>st</sup>                  \$75 June 1<sup>st</sup>                  \$50 July 1<sup>st</sup>                  \$75 August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All payments can be mailed to Sparta Music Boosters, P.O. Box 223, Sparta, MI 49345**

**A late fee of \$25 will be added to any unpaid balance as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Late fees will be accepted until October 31<sup>st</sup> at which point any unpaid balance will be resolved in small claims court. Unpaid fees from previous seasons will affect your eligibility to perform with the ensemble unless payment plan is set up and adhered to monthly.**

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rehearsal/Competition Calendar**

**Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Parent meeting in HS Auditorium (MANDATORY!!!)**

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm (uniform fittings)

Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm (uniform fittings)

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> Town & Country Days Parade 11:00am-1:00pm

## **BAND CAMP**

**Thursday, July 25 9am-8pm**

**Friday, July 26 9am-8pm**

**Monday, July 29 8am-6pm**

**Tuesday, July 30 8am-6pm**

**Wednesday, July 31 8am-8:00pm (7:30pm performance)**

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm (Pictures)

Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm

MONDAY NIGHTS 6-9pm August 26- October 28 (excluding Labor Day)

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – MCBA Field Day @ Sparta (All Day)

Saturday, September 21<sup>nd</sup> – Rockford Competition (All Day)

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> HOMECOMING PARADE & GAME

Wednesday, October 9 – MSBOA District Marching Festival @ Sparta (all evening)

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Belding Invitational (All Day)

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Jenison Invitational (All Day)

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – HOME FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – West Shore Invitational @ Sparta (All Day)

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Marching Band Spectacular Concert 7:00pm

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – State Finals @ Ford Field (All Day)

## **Guard & Percussion (in addition to full band dates above):**

April 9 (T) 6-8:30pm

April 16 (T) 6-8:30pm

April 23 (T) 6-8:30pm

April 30 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 7 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 14 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 21 (T) 6-8:30pm

May 28 (T) 6-8:30pm

June 4 (T) 6-8:30pm

June 11 (T) 6-8:30pm

Tuesdays August 6 - October 22 6-9pm