

Dear Panther Band Students and Parents,

It has been a loooooong time since we have seen and talked to and with one another. I am so excited to begin making music with all of you as the school year begins.

I want to give you as much information as I have at this current time. I have purposely not sent out any form of schedule or plans for the coming school year due to the COVID-19 crisis and the nature of an ever evolving situation. I do think that at this point I have enough information to give everyone some concrete info. Please take time to read all of the information below; I apologize in advance for its length!

SUMMER BAND

Summer band has not changed. It will be the week of August 3 and August 10. Exact schedule details can be found on the calendar attached. In general, please plan on 4pm-8:30pm Monday through Friday during those weeks. There are small variations to this depending on teacher in service scheduling so please be sure to check the calendar.

Remember that summer band is more important this year than any previous. Not only have none of us been together for almost 6 months, but, the incoming freshman did not have an opportunity to experience fish camp. Our show this year is meant to be fun and crowd pleasing, however, it is a very different style of music then we have done in the past.

Please stay tuned for more Summer band info. In regards to dress code, wearing of masks, supplies, etc.

NECESSARY MARCHING SUPPLIES FOR UNIFORMS AND INSTRUMENTS

As is our custom there will be personal items that need to be purchased in order to be in proper uniform and to be able to perform in the show. Please see the Band Fees document emailed separately. All purchases of band supplies for marching must go through the band booster for the best prices as well as for uniformity's sake. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Fricker.

It is important to note that a student's supplies will not be ordered until all payments are up to date. If a student does not have the necessary items they cannot march in the competitive show. With that being said we do not want any student to be left out due to financial difficulty. If this is a reality for you and your family our treasurer, Rebecca Harris, will be happy to speak with you and work out a solution. We will not turn anyone away. Rebecca's contact is: 520-275-3889 –or- rparm9250@hotmail.com.

PHYSICALS/PARENT AKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Any marching band student entering the 9th or 11th grade must obtain a physical. This is a new state requirement that began last year. A separate email will be sent with the physical form attached. If a student is in athletics and has already obtained a physical for the 2020-2021 school year it WILL count

for both marching band and the sport being played. All that needs to be done in that case is to provide a copy of that physical.

Students must also submit a UIL marching band parent acknowledgement form. This is a simple signature and it will also be in the separate email.

POST SUMMER BAND (REGULAR SCHOOL) REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

This year will see the fewest minutes of after school practice for HS band in the history of Danbury. The administration and the directors have worked hard to provide a schedule that helps students participate in multiple activities in a realistic manner. Here is what it will look like!

MONDAY (1 hr. and 30 min.): 5:30pm-7:00pm (or) 6:00pm-7:30pm [This is dependent on the outcome of conversations with the AD in regards to the end time of football practice.]

TUESDAY: No after School rehearsal

WEDNESDAY: ***In the beginning of the year there will be no rehearsal after school. As we get close to contest we are reserving this day to add a short rehearsal in case it is needed to be prepared for contest. This will be communicated at least 2 weeks in advance and only be used if absolutely necessary. If we use this time it will be 3:45pm-5:00pm. This time has been given to us by Coach Hermann.

THURSDAY (1 hr. and 20 minutes): During Class [This year the administration has placed band students in band during Panther time so that after school rehearsals are minimal. This period is right before the band period (6th period is band). Panther time will be 47 minutes and Band class will be 45. This gives us 1 hour and 32 minutes. With travel, set up and breakdown, etc. we should be able to go outside for 1 hour and 20 minutes of rehearsal.]

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***Having an outside rehearsal on Friday means we will not have to have an afterschool run through rehearsal as we have had to do in the past! This will help athletes with their pre-game meals etc.

****UIL gives Marching Bands 8 hours for after school rehearsal. We are only using 18% of the allowable time this year!

*****Because we have the use of panther time every day once Marching Season is over there will be no after school rehearsals for HS band for the remainder of the school year. The only exceptions would be scheduled help sessions, auditions, and concerts. We will have enough time during the school day to accomplish all the goals we have set before us!

WEB SITE:

The Panther Band is updating and using a web site for student interaction and resources. We are adding to and creating it each day. I would encourage all students to save this address in their phones and computers. We are going to an all-digital format for most band related items. They will be able to find music, instructional helps, calendar, forms, etc. on the web page. Please check it regularly.

<https://sites.google.com/view/pantherband/home>

CALENDAR:

You can always view the most up to date band calendar on the Charms website:

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms2/login.asp>

Also you can sync the band calendar to your device by following these instructions:

IOS Devices

1. Go into the Settings app
2. Touch "Accounts & Passwords"
3. On the Accounts & Passwords screen, touch "Add Account"
4. On the Add Account screen, touch "Other"
5. Under Calendars, touch "Add Subscribed Calendar"
6. For the Server value, enter the URL for the teacher calendar:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=DanburyMPB>
7. Touch "Next" in the upper right corner.
8. It will verify the server then show a subscription page. Change the description if you like.
9. Touch "Save" to save the subscription.

ANDROID Devices

To sync with Android devices, you will need to use your Google account and have a Google calendar created.

In your Google calendar on a real computer:

1. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
2. Select "Add by URL"
3. Enter the following URL:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=DanburyMPB>
4. Click "Add Calendar"
5. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
6. Click "Settings"
7. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
8. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
9. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync. You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.