

# **GMC PREP** **BULLDOG BRIGADE**



**2024-2025**

*Through musical excellence, we  
"Develop the Intellect" and  
"Elevate the Character!"*



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Hello Bulldog Brigade Band Parents and Students!

Congratulations on completing a successful school year! In this packet, I want to share some important information with you for the upcoming Marching Band Season.

This year's Marching Band show is titled "*Black Gold*." As we begin learning the show in July, please keep the Band Camp dates in mind:

<b>2024 SUMMER DATES</b>			
 <b>GMC PREP</b> <b>BULLDOG BRIGADE</b> <b>BAND</b> Regular rehearsal schedule begins August 6. Tuesdays + Thursdays 3:45 - 6:00 pm	DATE	TIME	SECTIONS
	July 5	9 am - 1 pm	Leadership Only
	July 8-11	8 am - 12 pm	Percussion & Guard
	July 9	6 pm - 8 pm	WW/Brass/Perc
	July 9	9 am - 12 pm	1st Time Marchers
	July 15 & 17	8 am - 12 pm	All Sections
		1 pm - 4 pm	Guard Only
	July 16 & 18	8 am - 4 pm	All Sections
	July 22 & 24	8 am - 12 pm	All Sections
		1 pm - 4 pm	Guard Only
	July 23 & 25	8 am - 4 pm	All Sections
	July 30	6 pm - 8:30 pm	All Sections

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**Items you need to bring to band camp include:**

- Instruments (including extra reeds, mouthpieces, neck straps, etc.)
- 3 Ring Binder and sheet protectors
- Flip Folder
- Pencils
- Tennis shoes (NO sandals/flip-flops/Crocs)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Appropriate/athletic clothing
- Water Cooler

**\*\*\*Guard will rehearse 8am – 4pm on July 8 & 9\*\*\***

Once the school year begins, normal rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45-6:00 pm. The marching band will perform at all football games and participate in band festivals/competitions and local parades. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. High School Band students: Remember that participation in Marching Band (including band camp) is mandatory to be in Band Company/Concert Band except extenuating circumstances previously discussed with the Band Director.

Please read all documents and complete all forms in this packet. These forms are to be turned by July 8 along with the Marching Band Fee of \$200 if it has not already been paid.

I'm looking forward to an exciting band year. Stay active and hydrated and I look forward to seeing you soon!

GO DAWGS!

Clint Raburn

*Assistant Principal & Director of Bands, Georgia Military College Prep School*

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**Band Camp General Information**

Band camp is **MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHING AND FLAG CORPS (Color Guard) STUDENTS**. Band camp is a time to learn the show music and drill. Camp is held at Georgia Military Prep School in the band room and on the practice field (Baseball outfield). Students should report to the band room at the start of each practice unless otherwise instructed. Show music will be distributed at band camp but it will also be available digitally on our band web page – [www.gmcfinearts.com/band](http://www.gmcfinearts.com/band) . Students need to be on time to practice since there is a lot to learn in a limited amount of time. Practices are closed to anyone that is not a marching band student, helping with the band camp, or approved by the Band Director.

Since rehearsals are outside in the summer heat, students are required to bring a water bottle for their own use. Sunscreen, appropriate clothing, and hats are also recommended. Athletic shoes are a must (no sandals or flip flops). Students should also bring a three-ring binder for storing their music & drill charts for use during rehearsals.

### **ATTENDANCE AND COMMITMENT**

Attendance is mandatory for rehearsals, games, contests, parades, etc. Marching band shows are specifically designed for the number of students in the marching band, and when you are not there, there is literally a hole in the show.

Weekly rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 6:00 pm. Planning ahead can help keep you from getting behind on schoolwork and help achieve and maintain good grades. When you receive your full Band Schedule, please mark your calendar to keep conflicts to a minimum. If you know you have a conflict that cannot be changed, please notify the Band Director immediately.

### **INSTRUMENTS**

Each student is responsible for the loading, unloading and care of his/her own instrument (including harnesses, mallets, drumstick, reeds, etc.). Do not use or borrow another student's instrument or supplies without the owner's permission. Those students furnished with a school-owned instrument will be charged with any costs associated to damage to the instrument. The school assumes responsibility for normal wear and tear on the school-owned instrument.

### **ATTIRE / UNIFORMS**

Until the weather cools (about mid-September) the marching band will wear the Summer Uniform. The Summer Uniform is this year's Band T-Shirt, Black Shorts (appropriate length), Black Socks, and Black Tennis Shoes. Thereafter, the Official Band Uniforms will be worn with Black Marching Drillmaster Shoes and Black Socks. Uniforms are to be kept in the band room and are dry cleaned during the year. If any uniform is lost or damaged by a student, he/she will be responsible for the replacement cost.

### **BAND FEES**

Operating costs of a marching band include music, drill writing, specialty instructors, school instrument repair, band camp meals as well as snacks and meals during other events, uniform cleaning, and other miscellaneous expenses. As a result, each student is asked to pay their "fair share" to participate in the band and help offset these costs.

This year's Marching Band fee is **\$200.00**. This is a mandatory fee for every student who participates in marching band and is necessary for the band's operation. Since most expenses are incurred before or during band camp, we ask that total band fee is paid no later than the first week of full band camp (July 18-22). This can be paid through the GMC Prep portal at the beginning of July. Color Guard fees will be **\$250** to cover extra items you will receive and costuming.



# Fall Schedule 2024

**ALL GAMES START AT 7:30 PM**

**Saturday & Sunday Events are highlighted**

*Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45pm-6:00 pm*

Friday, Aug. 9 – Home Scrimmage vs. Stratford

Friday, Aug. 16 – Away vs. Atkinson Co.

Friday, Aug. 23 – Away vs. Crawford Co. (Roberta)

Friday, Aug. 30 – Home vs. Brentwood (Sandersville)

Friday, Sept. 6 – Home vs. Taylor Co.

Friday, Sept. 13 – Away vs. Creekside Christian Academy (McDonough)

Friday, Sept. 20 – OPEN

Friday, Sept. 27 – Away vs. Twiggs Co. \* (Jeffersonville)

Friday, Oct. 4 – HOMECOMING vs. Glascock Co. \*

**Saturday, Oct. 5 – Sound of Silver Marching Contest (Blackshear, GA)**

Friday, Oct. 11 – Away vs. Hancock Co. \* (Sparta)

**Saturday, Oct. 12 – South Georgia Marching Band Championships (Richmond Hill)**

Friday, Oct. 18 – OPEN

**Saturday, Oct. 19 – Golden River Marching Festival (Tallapoosa)**

Friday, Oct. 25 – Home vs. Wilkinson Co.\* (Senior Night)

Thursday, Nov. 1 – Away vs. Johnson Co. \* (Wrightsville)

**Sunday, December 8 – Milledgeville Christmas Parade**

**Saturday, December 13-17 – Disney Fine Arts Trip**

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## TRAVEL PERMISSION & PHOTO RELEASE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend all authorized football games, competitions, field trips, and off-campus parades with the GMC Prep Band for the 2024-2025 school year.

**A student who desires to participate in the activity indicated above must obey all rules, regulations, and instructions of the school and chaperones or he/she will not be allowed to participate.**

I have read and understand the conditions stated above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions of which we should be aware?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please describe.

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In case of an emergency, contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

We have read the conditions stated above and we authorize our son/daughter to leave the GMC campus to participate in the activity indicated above. I also give permission for the Georgia Military College Prep School Band to use photos and video that include my student participating in Band activities (such as, but not limited to: band camp, football games, rehearsals, concerts, parades, fundraisers, band trips, and other performances) for the publicity of the Band program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## CHECKLIST TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MARCHING BAND

### DUE TO HEALTH SERVICES BY JULY 8

*All forms are required at the beginning of each school year. If you are missing any item below you will not be allowed to participate.*

- **Current Physical (Printed Copy)**
- **Medical Consent Form (*DocuSign*)**
- **Concussion Awareness Consent Form (*DocuSign*)**
- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Consent Form (*DocuSign*)**

### DUE TO HEALTH SERVICES BY JULY 8

The physical form is located online at [www.gmcprep.com](http://www.gmcprep.com) under *student life - required forms*.