

Pride of Kathleen Band Information

Mr. Hinton and the members of the Pride of Kathleen band program are thrilled you will be joining us, and cannot wait to get to know you as we work and grow together to make great music!

As a member of the Kathleen High School band program, you will be participating in the Pride of Kathleen Marching Band as well. This exciting experience will add an amazing spin to your high school experience that most students never get to try. The work can be challenging, but students will tell you the effort is fun and rewarding as well.

Here are some things you need to know as you prepare to enter the band program at KHS next year:

To kick off the year on the right foot, marching band rehearsals begin before the school year begins. Attendance at these rehearsals is mandatory – for the band program to be successful, we need all students to ALWAYS be present. If a student misses these band camp rehearsals, they may lose their spot in the half-time show and be considered an “alternate,” which would involve still participating in all rehearsals and attending all performances but sharing a spot on the field with a student, and thus not performing as often.

Please dress in school appropriate, cool clothing (T-SHIRTS, NOT TANK TOPS OR SPAGHETTI STRAPS,) eat a good breakfast, and bring water to drink during rehearsal! We will be in the sun! We will also provide water for you to refill your bottles.

The dates and times for band camp are as follows:

COLOR GUARD

Monday, August 1 – 8-12 @ KHS Band Room
Tuesday, August 2 – 8-12, then 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room
Wednesday, August 3 – 8-12 @ KHS Band Room
Thursday, August 4 – 8-12, then 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room
Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 – 8 AM-4 PM @ KHS Band Room
Tuesday, August 16th – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room
Thursday, August 18th – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room

BAND

Monday, August 1 – 8-4 @ KHS Band Room (OFFICERS ONLY)
Tuesday, August 2 – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room (New members and officers only)
Wednesday, August 3 – 8-4 @ KHS Band Room (OFFICERS ONLY)
Thursday, August 4 – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room (New members and officers only)
Friday, August 5 – 8-4 @ KHS Band Room (OFFICERS ONLY)
Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 – 8 AM-4 PM @ KHS Band Room
Tuesday, August 16th – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room
Thursday, August 18th – 6-8:30 PM @ KHS Band Room

Please also be aware of the fees associated with participation in the Pride of Kathleen Band Program. These fees help cover the cost of purchasing music, food for some meals throughout the year, marching choreography, uniforms, instrument repairs, transportation, and other expenses associated with the success of the band program.

The fees are as follows:

COLOR GUARD

\$75 to KHS Band Boosters (Split into 3 payments due October, February, and April corresponding with fundraisers)
Approximately \$70 maximum for Uniform

\$35 for Shoes (only need to be purchased first year unless they are damaged or student grows)
\$10 for Gloves (only need to be purchased first year unless they are damaged or student grows)
\$25 for Silk Maintenance
\$10 Band T-shirt

The shoes, gloves and t-shirt fees (\$55) are due when band camp begins. Fundraisers are offered throughout the year to help students meet the remaining expenses.

BAND

\$75 to KHS Band Boosters (Split into 3 payments due October, February, and April)
\$50 to KHS Band (Uniform Maintenance Fee)
\$25 to KHS Band (Instrument Rental Fee) for all students using a school instrument
\$25 for marching shoes (One time fee unless shoes are too small or damaged in future years)
\$10 for marching band t-shirt

The shoes and t-shirt fees (\$35) are due when band camp begins. Fundraisers are offered throughout the year to help students meet the remaining expenses.

We hope you are excited about joining the KHS Band. We look forward to having you with us.

Questions? Contact Mr. Hinton, the band director, at: gabriel.hinton@polk-fl.net
or you may try the band office at 863-499-2777