

Jupiter High School Band

Q & A

- 1) What is the time commitment involved for marching band?
 - As in every band, the major time involved is homework: practicing daily at home!
- 2) When are practices for marching band?
 - The Competition Band will rehearse the same schedule as the last year: Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm to 8:30pm. There will be the usual Saturday competitions and practices plus about 7 football games.
 - The Marching Warriors will rehearse on Friday afternoons.
- 3) What happens if I cannot be at a practice?
 - If you are absent from school and it is an excused absence, you will be excused from band practice. Other than that, you must submit your absence request in writing at least a week in advance for rehearsals and 2 weeks in advance for performances.
- 4) What band camps am I responsible to attend?
 - See the Band Camp and Competition Schedule at www.mynewvibe.com
- 5) How do I prepare for band camp?
 - There are practice materials on the web site www.mynewvibe.com for woodwind, brass, percussion and percussion. In addition, practice marching with a “roll step” and 22.5 inch steps. This can be done by putting tape down at 22.5 inch intervals. The tape should line up with your instep (arch).
- 6) Do I need a different instrument to march?
 - Double reed players, bass clarinetists and certain others will need to play a secondary instrument (like tenor saxophone or bass clarinetists) or will be placed in the percussion section. The Front Ensemble or “Pit” stands in front of the band and plays the mallet instruments, cymbals, timpani, etc.

- 7) What items do I need for band camp?
- You will need to wear an all-white t-shirt, shorts, socks, and very comfortable sneakers (cross trainers are great), and a light-colored hat. Also, you **MUST** bring at least a gallon of water. Sunscreen and snacks are important as well.
- 8) How long is marching season?
- Marching season begins with band camp and ends after the last football game for the Marching warriors and after FMBC Championships (November 22) for the Competition Band.
- 9) What should I be working on musically to prepare for band camp?
- There are warm-ups and skill building exercises on www.mynewvibe.com . Also, practice your show music! Please have it memorized by the first day of band camp! There are recordings available on www.mynewvibe.com.
- 10) What is involved in the audition for the competition band?
- The Competition Band Auditions will be held at the end of Rookie Camp. Don't worry, we understand that the rookies know nothing about marching at the beginning of camp! They will be taught everything they need to know.
- 11) Do I need to be able to play an instrument to be in Color Guard?
- **NO!**
- 12) Is there a class for Color Guard?
- **YES! ALL COLOR GUARD MEMBERS MUST BE IN COLOR GUARD CLASS.** It is a Fine Arts credit needed for graduation and is labeled "Intermediate Band" on the course selection sheet.
- 13) Is there travel or weekends involved in Marching Warriors?
- Yes. To the football games (usually 2) that are hosted at other schools ("Away Games") on Friday nights.

Competition Band?

- Yes. To the football games that are hosted at other schools ("Away Games") and several competitions. See the schedule.

- 14) What is the cost to be in the Marching Warriors?
- The Fair Share cost is \$250 and should be fundraised by the beginning of school. See “Fundraising” on www.mynewvibe.com

Competition Band?

- Fair Share is \$750 for this band. This includes the Marching Warriors Fair Share. This Fair Share does not include the trip to the BOA Regional in St. Petersburg. \$250 should be raised by the beginning of school and the rest according to a schedule that will be out soon.
- 15) Is fundraising mandatory?
- NO. But, it is a great way to experience band and all of the exciting extras that we do for FREE! See “Fundraising” at www.mynewvibe.com
- 16) My teen is not a great student and good organizer of time. How will they balance homework & marching band in the fall?
- We have devised some strategies for you. a) JHS Band Mentors. A team of students that will help your child with strategies to organize their time and manage their responsibilities. We will assign each new member a Mentor.
 - b) There will be a new member guide provided each member with simple steps each new member can take to help them in their first year.
 - We have a Freshman Representative to help bring issues to staff and student leadership that affect the freshman class.
- 17) Can I be in a magnet program and band?
- ABSOLUTELY! The MAJORITY of our marching band members are also in a magnet or academy program!
- 18) Can I have a job and be in marching band?
- YES. BUT, it is imperative that you communicate your band dates and times with your employer so that you do not miss a band rehearsal or performance.
- 19) Can I participate in sports and in band?
- YES. Many of our band members are on various team sports. It is very important that you read the calendar and address any conflicts WELL in advance.

- 20) Does the band have a web site?
- Yes. www.MyNewVibe.com and https://www.edline.net/pages/Jupiter_High_School/Activities_Clubs/Band
- 21) What band classes are offered?
- Intermediate Band (Color Guard only)
 - Concert Band
 - Symphonic Band
 - Wind Ensemble
 - Jazz Band

There will be additional information posted here along the way. If you have other questions, please check all of the info on the Edline website above or www.mynewvibe.com.

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