

# Millennium High School Band Program

## A Tradition of Excellence

Hello Future Tigers,

I hope that you are enjoying your last years at your middle school. Our marching, concert, and winter programs have become one of the best in the state, and now with the addition of our jazz programs we are becoming a complete program. It will be a pleasure to have you as a member of our high school band program. I have been watching most of you grow as musicians for the last three years and think that you will be able to step up the level of excellence in our programs.

We do ask that all students take both concert and marching bands. In fact most students that do not come back in the spring and regret not taking that class.

**Here is what you will need to fill out on your course selection sheet.**

### Class Schedule

If you are a wood wind or brass player, you will register for

*Marching Band (Fall Semester)*

*And*

*Beg/Int Band (Spring Semester)*

If you are a percussion player, you will register for

*Percussion Ensemble*

*And*

*Percussion Ensemble*

**YOU WILL NEED TO WRITE X2 on your sheet next to percussion ensemble. If you do not than you will not be registered for both semesters.**

### Note for parents –

I do recognize that we need to prepare these students for college, so I am including a four year plan that we use to make sure students are academically ready for the next step. Your guidance counselors will also go over this information with you as well. Please note that due to the course requirements and scheduling we do not recommend an international language until their journey year. Please note, this is different from what most of us did when we were in high school.

### Freshman

Fall Semester

1. English
2. Math
3. Science
4. Band

Spring Semester

1. English
2. Math
3. Personal Development
4. Band

### Sophomore

Fall Semester

1. English
2. Math
3. Science
4. Band

Spring Semester

1. English
2. Math
3. History
4. Band

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### Junior

#### Fall Semester

1. English
2. Science
3. International Language I
4. Band

#### Spring Semester

1. History
2. Math (Elective)
3. International Language 2
4. Band

### Senior

#### Fall Semester

1. English
2. Elective \*
3. Elective \*
4. Band

#### Spring Semester

1. History
2. Elective \*
3. Elective \*
4. Band

For the senior year I would strongly suggest taking math and science electives so you are prepared for the ACT and SAT tests. Examples would be physics, AP Calc, AP Chem, Pre Calc.

### Freshman Informational meeting

On Monday February 25, 2012 at 6:00 PM, I invite all freshman and freshman parents to an informational meeting just to go over more about the band program. This will be a great time for you to ask additional questions about the program without the older students. This is different than the future freshman night for the school.

### Marching Band Schedule

I will include a schedule with this letter concerning the marching band season. We do start in the late summer and also have practices over the fall break. Please plan accordingly. FYI - All the sports programs at Millennium have practices over the fall break.

- Band Practice Schedule
  - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 3:30-5:30 PM. We start at 3:30 PM to allow all students to attend tutoring prior to practice

### Costs for band

Band costs range from \$400-2000 depending on if it is a trip year. Please do not let financial reasons discourage you from participating in band. The best way to raise these funds is through the Arizona Extra Curricular tax credit program.

### Extra Instruments needed for band

We do have a special need in the following areas for new players. Please have Ms. Fortier contact me and we will arrange to interview and possible set up free private lessons.

French Horn -3

Tuba -2

Oboe -1

Bassoon – 1

### School Instruments

We do have a limited number of school owned instruments. They are in the following areas

French Horns

Tuba

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Percussion

All Marching Brass except trumpets

Euphonium/Baritone

Any other instruments will need to be rented from a local music store

### **Sports, academics, and band**

A major question I get every year is can we handle sports or academics and band. The answer is yes. It depends on how much you are willing to work and if the classes conflict. You have to be very organized and it will be able to be done. It will be hard work. In fact most of the students in the top 5% of the previous graduating classes were in band.

### **Band camp**

Band camp is mandatory and will be both at home and at Camp Shadow Pines. We learn most of the opener at the camp. One the schedule you will see the days listed for band camp. Please make sure to block out this time. We ask you to take all vacations in June as any practices are optional at that time. Once July hits we are going full throttle through for the next year.

### **Future Freshmen Practice nights**

We are adding a few practices in April to help freshmen be ready for the marching season. We will get you all a head start on marching and playing in our program. Please know that all middle school events take priority and just let us know if you are unable to make it for a school event.

The dates are

April 9, 2012

April 11, 2012

April 16, 2012

April 18, 2012

April 23, 2012

April 25, 2012

Times are from 4:30-6:30 PM.

### **Spring Meeting**

We will do a spring meeting on Saturday May 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM. This is for all marching band members and their parents. During this meeting we will get final numbers for the drill writer and check in with changes and how we are doing things for the upcoming year. This is a mandatory meeting. We are doing a Saturday do to the fact that we have had too many conflicts with the school day schedule!

### **Mini Camp**

May 31 5:30-8:30 PM

June 1 8:00 AM– 12:00 PM

Hope all is well, if you have any questions please contact me at the numbers below.

Musically,

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