



SNIDER MIGHTY PANTHER

MARCHING BAND

2023

BAND MEMBER NEEDS

During Practices (camp and beyond)

- LARGE jug of water
- good shoes
- loose light-weight clothing,
- sunscreen and bug spray
- hat and sunglasses
- clear scotch tape
- sturdy binder with plastic page protectors*



Class B Band Uniform (Summer Uniform)

- Snider band shirt (provided)
- black shorts
- black socks
- drill masters (part of full band uniform)



*Binders

Every marching member will need a **STURDY** binder. It will need to have a strap. The strap can be a belt, shoe-laces rope, luggage straps, etc. They will also need plastic page protectors starting with 75. The pages will be taped at the top of the pages. This will prevent the pages from falling out. It is a requirement that each member wear their book every single day. Due to use, the binder might need repair during the season. Instead of replacing, use duct tape. It works great.



BAND CAMPS

BASICS AND PARADE

All students are requested to attend the basics and parade camp. This camp preps the band for the Three Rivers Parade but also helps condition the members for their time in band camp.

The band will learn daily routines, stretches, musical warm ups, and music. They also begin team building exercises.



BAND CAMP

Students will work towards learning this year field show. This includes music and drill. They continue to build the team concept.

Band camp is held Monday - Friday 8am-4pm and is held at Snider. Drill is learned on the band practice field which is located on the end of the main parking lot.



BAND PERFORMANCES

FOOTBALL GAMES

The band is expected to play at all home games. Our home field is Spuller Stadium beside Northrop High School. All band students must ride the bus to and from the games.

Fast pass meals

During the football games the concession stands are very busy. In order to ensure our kids are fed we offer fast-pass meals to them. They can order and purchase a meal earlier in the week and it will be ready for them during the 3rd quarter of the game which is when the kids get a break. Mr. Hissong will often have treats for the band at the game. His treats include hot dogs and chips.



BUS TRIPS

During band season the bus becomes a 2nd home to the band. Band members can bring pillows, blankets, snacks, etc. on board. This is when the band has down time. They sleep, play cards, socialize and chill out. Each bus has at least 2 chaperones who are known as "bus mom" or "bus dad". These parents are truly like parents to the band whether they are fixing uniform, comforting a student or jumping for joy with them after a great performance. Bus chaperones carry a first aid kit and supplies to ensure that the trips go smoothly. Every member is responsible for cleaning the bus at least ONCE during the season. This is done after the bus returns to the school and unloads. Attendance is taken every single time the bus leaves an area and will not leave until ALL students are accounted.

ALL members must ride the bus to and from football games and competitions or they MUST get a form filled out by the principal, the band director, and the parent.

COMPETITIONS

Competitions are held on most Saturday during the season. As we do well in the competitions, we move on to the next level (Prelims, finals and then state). There is always a practice in the morning before we leave. These are all-day events. Practices begin early in the morning and we don't arrive back at the school until late in the evening.





UNIFORMS

The marching band uniforms (Class A) for wind and percussion members consist of a shako, plume, vest, bibs, long sleeve shirt, long black socks, drill masters, and black gloves. Shorts and Class B shirt (black shirt with snider band logo) must be worn underneath to make changing easier. Guard uniforms will be determined by the guard directors. No jewelry, no hair colors. Student's hair MUST be worn up. This includes all students as applicable.

For competition rehearsal, members will need to wear a plain white t-shirt during practice. This may be expanded to other rehearsals as required by directors.

Both the long black socks and white t-shirts are provided by members. Consider keeping an extra pair of black socks and white t-shirts in the band locker or car. This way if forgotten, a spare is closeby!!

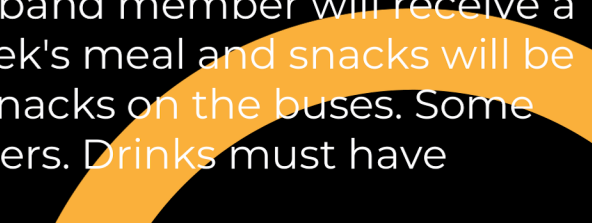
Class B (summer uniforms) will be worn for all performances until directors tells them otherwise.

POOP SHEETS

Poop sheets are information sheet that will be created each week during the band season. It contains valuable information about schedules, changes to schedules, meal information, maps and timings of football games and competitions. They will be uploaded each week to the website and GroupMe announcement group. If you need a paper copy, please request one from Mr. Crabill.

SATURDAY MEALS

Each week on a competition day, each band member will receive a meal at no cost. Donations for each week's meal and snacks will be requested. The kids also usually bring snacks on the buses. Some bring a few snacks and some pack coolers. Drinks must have closable lid to deter spilling.



MARCHING BAND CULTURE

Sections



The band is divided into several sections (trumpets, saxophones, front ensemble, flutes, guard, etc.). Each section develops its own personality and pride. Each section will create section shirts and each member has the option to purchase but not required. Color Guard also may have the additional expense of warm-up suits.

Sections usually arrange their own get togethers throughout the season (game night, bonfires, etc.). These promote section unity. Some of them have regular traditions that are carried out each year. These are student organized and led.

Senior Buddy

During band camp each freshman and new band member will be assigned a senior buddy. This person will guide the new member through band camp. It is a fun partnership for all and ensure all members feel welcomed. There are senior/buddy activities. The senior buddy is a great resource for help and guidance throughout the season.



Fire-up Buddies

Fire-up buddies is a student led activity. If a band member chooses to participate, they will be assigned a fire-up buddy. It is similar to a "Secret Santa" including a monetary limit. Each week during the competition season, participating members will purchase small, fun, inspiring gifts to "fire-up" their buddy for the competitions. These gifts should be small such as a candy bar, a poem, a card, a dollar store treat or something similar. The Fire-Up Gift is delivered anonymously. As the season progress, the gifts can be more meaningful but not more expensive. After the final competition, there is a reveal to the buddy! This is well loved tradition. If a member chooses to participate, they need to FULLY participate. If a situation comes up and the member has any issues on either side of the giving, please reach out to a drum major.

Friday Dress-Up Days

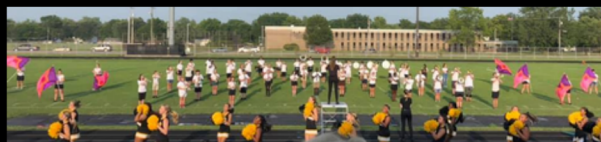
The Friday before competitions the entire band dresses up at school. It is a long standing tradition. Examples are a nice outfit, Class B shirt (summer band shirt), or Show Shirt



MARCHING BAND FAMILY

Carry-In Dinner

This is a band tradition. At the end of band camp, we will have a get together. Each family brings their own meal (something homecooked or take out). The extended band family eats in the cafeteria or parking lot depending on weather. Families receive a preview of what the band has learned during camp. This is just a preview of the band has learned, not the complete band show.



Fall Pep Rally

There will be a fall pep rally which all fall sports are recognized including band. Each student's name is announced. Come and cheer for the band!!

Football Games

Families are encouraged to attend and have a special section reserved in the bleachers for them behind the band. Families wear gold so the band can see the fans from the field. This shows families support of the band at games (and competitions). Sitting together gives the band one large cheering section.



Competitions

Families are encouraged to attend competitions. Directions to the events as well as all the information families need are given in detail in the poop sheets. DO NOT call out any individual kids' names as the the band enters or during the performance. There is a Snider Cheer, please participate! There will be a lead caller and the rest of the Snider families join in. The students look forward to hearing this cheer each and "We Love You Panthers!" The Snider Band is a class act and we support ALL other Fort Wayne bands as they perform so we clap and cheer for those band also!

Parents meet back in the parking lot at Snider as the buses are returning so the band is met with horns honking in support of their hard work. At the end of the season, as the band get off the buses, families make a "tunnel" for the band to walk through before they unload their instruments and go into the band hall. Please come back to the school and cheer on the band!



MARCHING BAND FAMILY (CON'T)

Posters

During the competition season the parents of each class (freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors) are responsible for decorating the band hall to fire-up their section for Saturday's competition. The posters should list the names of each student in the section and can include pictures of the section members or words of inspiration. Feel free to look at the posters the previous week for examples. If you choose to provide candy, please provide candy for each member of the section and it can range anywhere from a lollipop to a large treat bag. Posters are hung by families. Time TBD. The band comes into the band hall and are excited to see the hall decorated. The week of finals families create individual posters for each band member. They can be simple or elaborate. Some include baby pictures and highlights the member's lives while some only include this season. Be creative! The idea is to let each member know how proud the family is and how much they support their efforts.



Candlelight Dinner

Near the end of the season before finals the marching band family has a Candlelight Dinner. Similar to the carry in at the end of band camp, families bring in a meal to enjoy while surrounded by the marching band family. Some families go all out and have elaborate table setting with tablecloths and candles while other bring in fast food. It is meant to be fun for your family so feel free to join forces with other families and have a potluck. How you celebrate is up to you. The band will perform of the show and the seniors will have an extra bonus run!



Car Parade

Early Saturday morning of finals the families all meet at a specified area and parade via car through the neighborhood around Snider led by the semi. Families decorate their cars and blow their horns in support of the band. The parade ends at Snider while the band is practicing and watch one final run through of the show.

Band Banquet

The final event of the season is the band banquet. Held in November, it is the highlight of the season. It is a family affair and a formal dress-up event. It is about \$25 per person and well worth the cost. Details to come.



OTHER INFORMATION

Pictures

During band camp pictures will be taken of each band member in uniform with their instrument/equipment. There will also be a full marching band pictures. Pictures can be ordered. One of the popular items is a button family members can wear to competitions.

Band Video

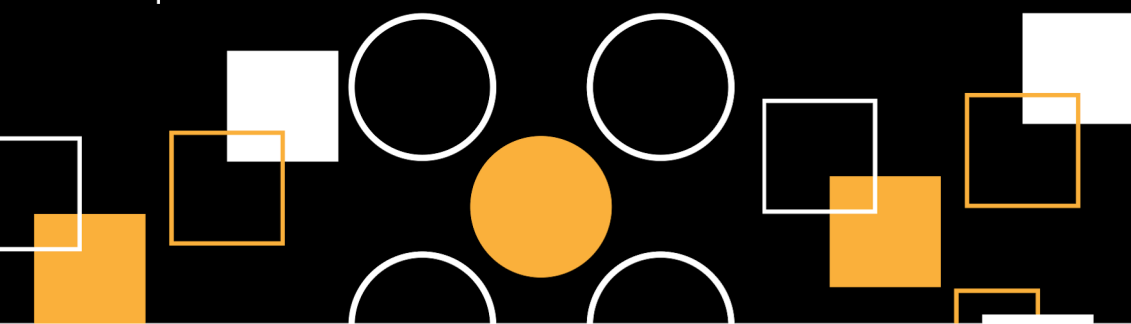
There will be an opportunity to purchase a video of the entire season filmed mostly by families. It starts with the very first practice through the final competition. It especially honors the seniors, but it is for everybody with silly and heartfelt moments as well. Order forms for the video will be handed out near the end of the season. Cost of the video is typically \$15. Picture and video contributions are welcomed. Please watch for details in upcoming communications.

Band Trip

Every four years Snider takes a trip. The next trip is scheduled for 2025-2026 school year. Band fees must be paid in full to attend the trip. The last trip was 2021-22 to Disney World.

Spirit Wear and Show Shirts

The PAB will be selling show shirts and other Snider merchandise to help you show your Snider Pride. Spirit Wear can be purchased at sniderperformingarts.com. Information on show shirts will be shared when available. Band members will need to purchase a show shirt if desired.



WHAT WE **NEED** FROM YOU

BE PART OF OUR MARCHING BAND FAMILY

Read through the entire marching band packet.

VOLUNTEER

FWCS requires all volunteers to complete a background check. Please see Laura Ulsh. She will help give you the correct route so your background check will be completed beforehand. Get it started ASAP! We need families to help with the band! Areas are bus chaperones, pit crew, Saturday meals, uniform fitting, uniform washing,

CONCESSIONS

We grossed around \$95,000 last year in concessions! To continue to run concessions smoothly and have those funds for Snider Performing Arts. Snider Performing Arts Boosters need families to work concessions. It is a great way to get to know other Snider families and support Snider Performing Arts. All funds raised goes directly to support all performing arts programs.

Concession events include football, basketball, as well as, all other indoor sporting events. Concession managers are being sought. A manager would oversee one sporting season (i.e. Football). They would report to the director of concessions.

STAY INFORMED

Stay in touch with the directors and the Performing Arts Boosters. Join GroupMe, Follow PAB on Facebook, Instagram, and watch you emails. If you have questions, ASK! Marching Band has a lot of components and we understand that details may need to be checked. The directors, Drum Majors and PAB are here to help!



HOW YOU CAN **SUPPORT**

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

You must have a valid comprehensive background check to volunteer.

Please call 260-467-8810 to receive a link.



BUS CHAPERONES

Bus chaperones take care of band members during bus trips and throughout the event. Bus chaperones wear many hats throughout the trips. They prep the water coolers, bus bags and snacks before the bus trip and clean up afterwards. They also help anyway necessary while at football games or competitions. Bus chaperones oversee bus attendance and report to the directors with any issues or concerns.



PIT CREW

The pit crew helps the band with building props, fixing equipment, loading and unloading equipment, moving props and equipment on and off the field as well as help with transport.



SATURDAY MEALS

Band members are provided meals on competition days. Families are asked to help coordinate, donate and serve these meals. These meals ensure each student receives a fresh and healthy meal on competition days.



UNIFORM FITTING

The uniform fitting committee starts fitting uniforms during camp. The committee is tasked with fitting each member, tagging the uniform, and documenting uniform assignments.



UNIFORM WASHING

Throughout the season, uniforms will need to be washed. The uniforms are machine washable. A group of volunteers are asked to wash a set of uniforms.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

DRUM MAJORS

LYDIA ROTH
LUKE ULSH
OLUWADARASIMI ADEOSUN

This is a lot of information to absorb. All of the class reps and board members are available to answer ANY of the questions you may have! Please feel free to contact any of us anytime. Also be sure to join GroupMe. At one time or another we have all been in your position - not knowing what in the world is going on. It does get easier!

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The band directors, drum majors, section leaders and bus mom and dads are always there for band members and families. Feel free contact them at any time for problems or concerns. Remember, we have all been new and remember the feeling.



PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS CONTACT



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Performing Arts Boosters
(Group)

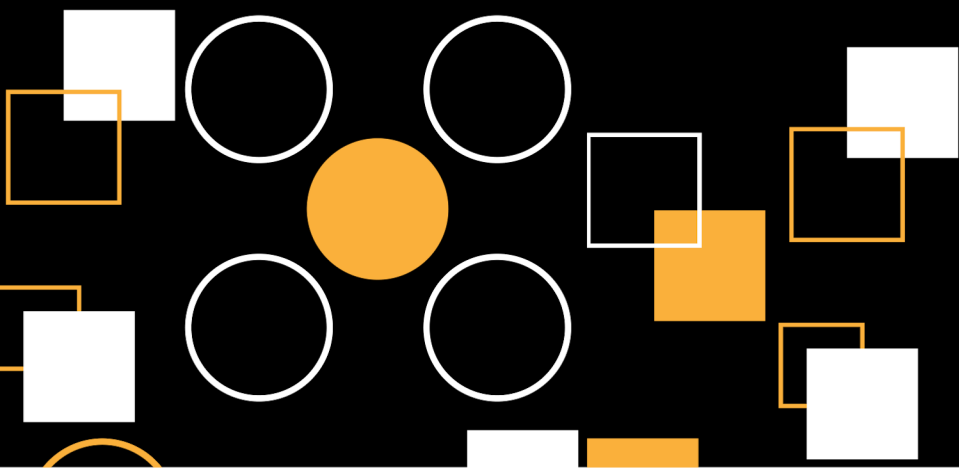


Announcements:

https://groupme.com/join_group/94498107/qeJJrSus

Chat:

https://groupme.com/join_group/42694839/JTYpL5





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