

**This letter is your invitation to become a member of the 2021-22 TROJAN MARCHING BAND. By accepting this invitation, you will also be accepting the obligation and a commitment to make the TMB the best band in the land. This is your opportunity to contribute to a long and distinguished tradition of marching band EXCELLENCE and SUCCESS. It is our pleasure to lead you on this journey.**

**Hey TMB members and family!**

**I am SO looking forward to starting the 2021-2022 TMB season with you! We have some great shows and fun things planned for this year. Remember, TMB is not just about being a part of one of the most reputable bands in the state. The friendships and memories you make this year will be part of you forever. You are a talented and hard working group - this is going to be a great adventure! You are about to become a part of an incredible ensemble. Enjoy the rest of summer break, see you soon!**

**Proud to be a Trojan!**

**Mrs. Kowalczyk**

**Dear Owosso band members and families,**

**First off, I hope you are all having a fun, relaxing and safe summer! Secondly, I would like this opportunity to say *welcome* to our new members of TMB and *welcome back* to our veteran members; I am very much looking forward to working and learning alongside each of you once again. Speaking on behalf of the other directors, I would like to say that we greatly appreciate your commitment to the Owosso Bands. We know how busy and crazy your schedules are and we do not take that for granted. Remember, EVERY one of you is important and make the TMB the successful team that it is.**

**I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and I am looking forward to another great year with all of you!**

**- Mr. Sterk**

**Hello TMB 2021-2022!**

**I hope that you are having a fun and relaxing start to your summer! I hope that this summer gives you time to relax, rejuvenate and get excited for the upcoming school year. This next year promises to be an outstanding year! We have exemplary leadership at the top with our Juniors and Seniors and an outstanding incoming group with our Sophomores. It is going to be a great season and I can't wait to see you on the first day of camp (after a few more mornings of sleeping in of course)! Enjoy the rest of your summer break and I will see you in August!**

**- Mr. Tolrud**

## UNIFORM INFO

Dear TMB Members and Families,

We will be fitting uniforms the same week of band camp this year. If you currently have a TMB uniform that fits, you do not need to come to uniform fittings. If you do not currently have a TMB uniform that fits, you need to come to uniform fittings ONCE during this week. I will be here all week during these times. Please plan to attend one of the days during one of the time slots listed. This will take about 15-30 minutes, not the whole time.

August 9-12.....11:30 AM-12:30 PM, 3:30-4:30 PM

Just a reminder, marching shoes need a small heel to keep spats in place and to keep from ruining the spat straps. We have many pairs of donated band shoes—we might have the size you need. Check to make sure yours still fits! You must also provide your own tall black socks.

Gloves are available to purchase at a cost of \$5.00 when you get your uniform. They are also available for purchase at every TMB event.

Plumes will be issued at every performance, not with your uniform. Be sure to get a plume at each performance and return it *immediately* after the conclusion of that performance.

During the school year, *IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY* to keep your uniform clean. Raincoats can be washed and hung up to dry. Concert and marching uniforms must be dry cleaned, when needed. Please keep your uniforms looking nice for the 2021-2022 school year.

If your marching uniform gets wet due to rain, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that you hang your uniform and allow it to air dry to prevent MOLD and MILDEW and permanent damage to the uniform. *If your uniform is permanently damaged, you will be charged with the cost of replacement.*

If you are not able to make it during the scheduled times, it is YOUR responsibility to call me to make other arrangements. *However, please make every effort to come during the scheduled times.*

You can reach me by phone or email: (989) 277-2001 or [irelan@owosso.k12.mi.us](mailto:irelan@owosso.k12.mi.us)

Volunteers are needed for these outfitting times. OF SPECIAL NOTE: I especially need volunteers who can help with simple alterations, such as sewing hems and buttons. Please call me and let me know if you are available on one or more of these days or if you have ANY sewing abilities and can help us in that way.

Thank you for your help making the TMB look great!

Brena Irelan - Uniform Chair  
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# Trojan Marching Band 2021-2022

Below is our tentative schedule for the 2021-2022 season.  
Check back later and watch REMIND for possible changes.

For your convenience, the calendar is in several different formats:

- All fall events (fridge note)
- Camp only
- Performances only
- Rehearsal only

## Please sign up for REMIND.

Remind is how you will get announcements out if we need to communicate fast (We will NOT spam)! Please text the appropriate code for you to the number 81010.

TMB Woodwind Students - @tmbww

TMB Brass Students - @tmbbrass

TMB Percussion - @ohs-perc

TMB Family Members - @tmbfamily

BE HERE WHEN YOU CAN BE HERE, AND WHEN YOU'RE HERE.....**WORK HARD!**

**COMMUNICATION IS KEY!** We *want* you to be involved in as much as you can - that is important!  
Help us help you by communicating scheduling concerns thoroughly and early. BE PROACTIVE!

## 2021-22 TROJAN MARCHING BAND Fall Schedule

### ALL EVENTS "Fridge Note"

All events will be graded and required. Please plan ahead NOW!

This calendar is a list of all events for the Fall 2020 TMB Season. Though we try to avoid changes, we appreciate your flexibility and communication should any changes become necessary.

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| August 9-13  | Band Camp and Majorette Camp - See camp schedule for times and details   |
| August 16-17 | Band Camp PM only (tentative)  |
| August 18    | Meet the Teams?  |
| August 24    | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| August 31    | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| Sept 7       | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| Sept 10      | OHS Football Game  |
| Sept 14      | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| Sept 17      | OHS Football Game  |
| Sept 20      | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| Sept 27      | Rehearsal 6-8:30 @ Willman   |
| Sept 28      | Rehearsal 6-8:30 @ Willman   |
| October 1    | OHS Football - HOCO  |
| October 4    | District MB Festival @ SJHS  |
| October 5    | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| October 11   | Rehearsal (if festival happens 10/5) OR District MB Festival (Rain Date) |
| October 12   | Rehearsal 6-8:30 (Only if rain date is used)                             |
| October 15   | OHS Football - Senior Night  |
| October 19   | Rehearsal 6-8:30   |
| November 1   | Trojan Spectacular Rehearsal   |
| November 3   | Trojan Spectacular   |
| November 8   | Band Banquet   |

## 2021-22 TROJAN MARCHING BAND Camp Schedule

The following is the complete schedule for the upcoming band camp and performances within those weeks. All rehearsals are at OHS (unless otherwise indicated) and are required! If you do not contact us or do not report for the first rehearsal, we will assume that you will not be with us. Illness and some extenuating circumstances may be considered legitimate excuses for absence and will be assessed on an individual basis per director discretion. **Be sure to discuss any scheduling concerns with your director VIA EMAIL ASAP.** We are happy to accommodate fall athletes but it is your responsibility to communicate any conflicts with us and do your best to share the time between any two conflicting practices. Work schedules, extended vacations, appointments, etc. will be considered unexcused and may mean sacrificing your permanent spot in the band block. In order for us to plan for the season, we must have your commitment. Remember that our performance schedule may require additional evening rehearsals. Though we have included our current evening rehearsal schedule, we thank you in advance for your flexibility and attendance should this calendar change.

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As requested by band members this spring, we have adjusted the camp times from our traditional schedule to better accommodate student schedules.

We will learn marching basics as well as music and drill for our first performances. Your attendance is not only required but *vital* to the success of the TMB. Help your band to uphold the tradition of excellence and long standing success record by attending and giving every rehearsal your all!

**August 9-13 .....9-11:30, 1-3:30.....Band Camp\***  
**August 9-12.....11:30-12:30, 3:30-4:30....Uniform Fitting\*\***  
**August 16-17 .....6-8:30.....Band Camp/Night Practice?\*\*\***

***Please put this schedule on your personal calendar and share it with your family, boss, coach....etc. to avoid scheduling conflicts.***

IF you have a scheduling concern, CONTACT YOUR DIRECTOR NOW.  
We will help you find a solution but can only help if you COMMUNICATE!

*\*We hope to have pictures during rehearsal time sometime this week. More to come!*

*\*\*If you currently have a TMB uniform that fits, you do not need to come to uniform fittings.*

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*\*\*\*Probable that we will not rehearse both days.They are both listed because we are still waiting on several other district calendars to solidify before we can finalize ours*

## 2021-22 TROJAN MARCHING BAND Fall Performance Schedule

These performances will be graded and required. Please plan ahead NOW!

|                    |                                       |                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| August 18.....     | Meet the Teams.....                   | Willman Field          |
| September 10 ..... | OHS Football Game.....                | Willman Field          |
| September 17 ..... | OHS Football Game.....                | Willman Field          |
| October 1.....     | OHS Football (Homecoming).....        | Willman Field          |
| October 4 .....    | District Marching Band Festival....   | St. John's High School |
| October 11.....    | District MB Festival (Rain Date)..... | St. John's High School |
| October 15.....    | OHS Football – Senior Night.....      | Willman Field          |
| November 3.....    | Trojan Spectacular.....               | OHS PAC                |

Football game report time: 5:30 @ NCG Theater in full uniform with instrument \*plumes will be distributed and collected each game\* Instruments must travel in their cases to and from OHS

Tubas and Percussion will be loaded after class and brought to the performance venue by TMB trailer whenever possible.

Remember that all public performances are not only an obligation but also a requirement of the band as an accredited course. Failure to meet the requirements of the course would mean jeopardizing your grade and possibly your status in band. Please be sure to check the attendance policy in this packet (also in the OHS Band handbook on the Owosso Bands webpage) if you have any questions or concerns about attending an event.

The calendar is subject to change; however we will do our best to give adequate notice of any modifications. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and flexibility.

Students will perform in full uniform at all events, unless otherwise stated by the directors. All uniform parts will be issued and provided as indicated above *except shoes and socks*.

It is the responsibility of each band member to maintain a clean and polished appearance for each public performance. It is also each member's responsibility to take good care of their uniform and equipment. (Do not leave uniforms at school!) Anyone losing, misusing or abusing such school-owned articles will be held financially responsible if found to be negligent while the equipment is in their care. Uniforms are to be worn ONLY by band members FOR BAND FUNCTIONS. While appearing in public, a member will always wear the *complete* uniform unless otherwise instructed. Let's make sure that the TMB is always dressed for success!

## **2021-22 TROJAN MARCHING BAND Night Practice Schedule**

**These practices will be graded and required. Please plan ahead NOW!**

All rehearsals 6-8:30pm at OHS unless otherwise noted

|            |                                 |                                    |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8/16 ..... | Rehearsal(tentative).....       | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 8/17 ..... | Rehearsal(tentative).....       | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 8/24 ..... | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 8/31.....  | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 9/7.....   | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 9/14.....  | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 9/20.....  | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 9/27.....  | Rehearsal (@ Willman?).....     | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 9/28 ..... | Rehearsal (@ Willman?).....     | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 10/5.....  | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 10/11..... | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm - if not a rain date   |
| 10/12..... | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm - if rain date is used |
| 10/19..... | Rehearsal.....                  | 6:00-8:30pm                        |
| 11/1.....  | Trojan Spec Rehearsal(PAC)..... | 6:00-8:30pm                        |

**A few notes about night practice:**

- We will be outside. Dress in layers and wear appropriate clothing and footwear for marching
- Remember to bring your instrument, drill and music to the field
- Practices are subject to change times or be cancelled with short notice. This will be communicated via REMIND. Please make sure you are signed up for the appropriate group so that you can receive announcements instantly.
- Remember - if there is a scheduling conflict please refer to the attendance policy and communicate any concerns/proposed solutions to the parties involved so that we can work together to resolve the conflict.

# OHS Band Absence Guidelines

Absences from performances and dress rehearsals are severely detrimental to student musical organizations. Preparation time that may be counted in weeks could be wasted by having student absences that create performance problems, and could result in an inadequate performance. The musical qualities of blend, balance, musicality, and performance ease can be seriously jeopardized. When one member is missing, all are affected. The absence of one student could destroy a performance.

As such, absences from outside rehearsals and performances are viewed by conductors as extremely harmful to the music group and are discouraged as strongly as possible. It is also recognized that extenuating circumstances sometimes arise, and must be treated with compassion and understanding. Each absence will be treated individually by the teacher involved, and will follow the following guidelines.

Criteria for excused absences from performances and/or outside school rehearsals are as follows:

- A. Death in the immediate family. A signed note from student's parent/guardian will be required upon student's return and other documentation of attended event.
- B. Severe illness of the student. A signed note from student's doctor and parent/guardian will be required upon student's return.
- C. Extenuating circumstances (situations such as conflicts with other OHS school activities/games or other director approved once in a lifetime circumstances, such as the wedding of a sibling). These are cases where teachers, coaches, students and parents should be able to resolve the conflicts with appropriate scheduling. These conflicts must be communicated with at least two weeks notice so that ample time is available to resolve the calendar conflict and make ensemble adjustments as needed. Failure to notify your director of a conflict in a timely manner could result in lowering of grade or loss of performance position. Students are expected to be at rehearsal whenever possible. In general:
  - i. conflicts with two practices should be split
  - ii. conflicts with performances/OHS school activities/games and practices – students should go to their concert/OHS game/match/event and attend whatever part of practice that they can whenever possible.
  - iii. Conflicts with band performances and OHS school activities/games - teachers, coaches, parents and students should work together to resolve the conflict.
  - iii. Conflicts with student jobs will not be excused. Appropriate scheduling involving teachers, parents, students and employers should be able to resolve the conflicts with communication and proper scheduling.

In the case of an excused absence from a musical event, a make-up assignment will be offered to the students who follow up with the director and complete the assignment within one week of the student returning to school. This make up assignment will be to perform the music from the performance as advised by the director. The performance grade will be the student's grade. Though students may be able to earn back some missing credit, **full credit for a missed musical event will not be available.** All assignments must be completed within one week of the missed event. **Students with unexcused absences will not be given a make-up assignment.** Unexcused absences from performances and rehearsals may result in the lowering of the grade.

