

2018 Trojan Marching Band

This letter is your invitation to become a member of the **2018 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 cannot tell you how excited I am to begin the 2018-2019 season of TMB. You are about to become a part of an incredible ensemble. 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 season! 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 2018-2019!

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

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Dear TMB Members and families,

All sophomore TMB members will need to come to uniform fittings. Any juniors or seniors who need a uniform or need a different size will also need to come to uniform fittings. We will be offering two different days for you to get your band uniforms: August 7 and August 8.

Many juniors and seniors signed the uniform paper and chose to keep their uniform for the summer. If this is you, try on your uniform and make sure it fits. Remember that you must DRY CLEAN YOUR OWN UNIFORM before the first performance. Plan ahead, it usually takes 1-2 weeks for the item to come back.

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 fit! You must also provide your own tall black socks.

Seniors will have their picture taken for the senior page in the Argus Press when you get your uniform.

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 2018-2019 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.

Dates for Uniform Outfitting:

Tuesday, August 7th9AM - 2PM
Wednesday, August 8th5PM - 8PM

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

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!

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The following is a calendar of events for the upcoming TMB season. This includes fall events only. A complete OHS Bands schedule can also be found in this packet. Please keep all calendars for future reference and remember to mark your home/google/iPhone/Android (Did I miss any? ☺) calendars.

2018-2019 TROJAN MARCHING BAND FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>GROUPS INVOLVED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 7-8	Uniform Distribution/Fitting	All 10 th , 11 th &12 th as needed	OHS
August 13-17	Band Camp	TMB	OHS
August 17	Pictures/Meet the Teams	TMB	Willman Field
August 20-22	Band Camp	TMB	OHS
August 30	OHS Football Game	TMB	Willman Field
<i>September 5, Wed.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
<i>September 10, Mon.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
<i>September 19, Wed.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
September 21	OHS Football Game (Salute to Soldiers)	TMB	Willman Field
<i>September 24, Mon.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
September 28	OHS Football Game (Senior Night/Post Performance)	TMB	Willman Field
<i>October 2, Tues.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>Willman Field</i>
<i>October 3, Wed.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
October 8	District MB Festival	TMB	Willman Field
<i>October 11, Thurs.</i>	<i>TMB Night Rehearsal (6-8:30)</i>	<i>TMB</i>	<i>OHS</i>
October 12	OHS Football Game (HOCO)	TMB	Willman Field
October 15	District MB Festival (Rain Date)	TMB	Willman Field
<i>October 29</i>	<i>Trojan Spectacular Rehearsal</i>	<i>TMB & Frosh</i>	<i>OHS Gym</i>
November 5	Band Banquet	TMB	OHS Cafeteria
November 7	Trojan Spectacular	TMB & Frosh	OHS Gym

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. 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 his/her 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!

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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. We 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.* 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.

2018 TROJAN MARCHING BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Tuesday August 7- Wednesday August 8.....Uniforms.....See Pg. 2 for details
Monday August 13 - Thursday August 17.....Rehearsal.....1:30-4:00 and 6:00-8:30 PM
Friday August 17.....Rehearsal/Pictures.....1:30-4:00 PM (tentative)
Friday August 17.....Meet the Teams.....5:30 PM Report (tentative)
Monday August 20 – Wednesday August 22..... Rehearsal..... 6:00-8:30 PM

In addition to the above schedule, the **drum line will meet more often during band camp. Watch remind and google classroom for information. **Remember – you must have Series, Quickstep and Central and the drum feature ready to go before camp. All of this music is available on google classroom.**

In addition to the above schedule, the **majorettes will meet *Monday August 6-Thursday August 10 from 8-11 AM and 12-3 PM*. Be sure to wear tennis shoes and have your hair up. Don't forget your baton!

All TMB members: remember that good attendance at all sectionals in and out of school practices are required and essential to our success. We realize this is an ambitious schedule, but once regular classes begin, our opportunities for extra rehearsals become quite limited. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are not taking part in the band this year. Routines are based on enrollment and last minute changes can make it quite difficult to teach the shows. YOU matter to this ensemble, your directors and peers are depending on YOU. 😊
-To make the most out of every rehearsal, get yourself back in “band shape” **NOW!** If you haven't already done so, get your instrument out and start doing a few simple warm ups every day. It's important to get those muscles back in shape. Also, walking, running, biking, etc. outside will help you get in shape for camp.
-During band camp and all extra rehearsals, please use the parking lots on the east side of the school. Do NOT park behind the school. Generally, plan on using the main entrance to the school. Much work has been done and is still going so please be courteous and respectful and avoid areas where custodians and contractors are working. Also, please thank the custodial and grounds staff for taking care of our field and band room.

-Gum, snacks and drinks (besides water) will not be allowed in the band room so please plan accordingly.

Looking forward to another great season! See you in August!

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Band Booster Information and Events

The current list of Owosso Band Booster sponsored events are listed below. All band parents are invited to participate by helping with some of the following areas. Please indicate the activities that you would be most interested in by checking the corresponding box below:**

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Email(s): _____

Parent Phone #: _____

Student Name(s): _____

- Chaperoning** (Please circle which event(s) in which you are interested)
 - District Band Festival, Perry, March
 - Other band trips

- Uniform Distribution**

- Spring Uniform Check- In**

- Apples for football games**

- Water and clean up for games/parades**

- Marching Band Festival (October 12)**

- Trojan Spectacular (October 29)**

- Band Booster Craft Show (November 14)**

- Concert Assistance (programs, hall monitoring)**

- Other Projects as needed**

****All volunteer positions will be confirmed by event coordinators prior to the actual event ****

THANK YOU!