

MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND
Marching Band Registration 2026



MCHS Band Mission & Core Values

Excellence - We strive for excellence in all we do both on and off the field/stage

Fun - We value having fun through collaboration, performance, and social events

Respect - We celebrate what everyone brings to the team, regardless of experience

Team - We are a team; we win, lose, succeed, fail, celebrate, grieve, and grow together

It is imperative that all the information requested is provided. Listed below are common items that are often incomplete at the time of submission.

- Parents' names, addresses, phone numbers, email
- Emergency/Alternative contact name and phone number (used when parents cannot be reached)
- Insurance provider and policy number – this information is not entered into the database. The physical forms are taken whenever the band is performing away from campus. In the event of an emergency, we absolutely need your student's insurance information. Having this completed on the form helps expedite emergency care.
- Wake County Parental Consent and Emergency Information for School Trips form filled out completely – including all emergency information
- Deposit check attached or paid (due with signed packet)
- Please keep the pages entitled:
 - MCHS Marching Band - Spring/Summer/Fall Schedule
 - Complete Fall Schedule
 - Fair Share
 - Band Booster Club and Committees

Please review the entire packet prior to submission to ensure that all information has been filled in completely.

Registration is due electronically by Fri June 5, 2026

Page Newsome, Band Director

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<http://middlecreekband.org>

MCHS Marching Band - Spring/Summer/Fall Overview

2026 Spring Training:

Tues June 2	3:30-5:30pm	All sections
Wed June 3	3:30-5:30pm	All Sections
Thurs June 4	3:30-5:30pm	All sections

- Required for all students interested in participating in marching band (woodwind, brass, guard, perc)
- Dress comfortably! Bring your instrument equipment, sneakers, water bottle, and...oh and bring a friend who is new to band

Wednesdays over the summer (Starting June 17)	5:00-7:00 pm	Band Room	Percussion
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2026 Marching Band Camp Schedule:

July 25	1st Year Marcher & Leadership	10am - 4pm
July 27 - 31	Full Band Camp Lunch break 12-1pm bring your own Dinner break: 5-6:00pm provided	8am-8pm
Aug 3 - Aug 7	Full Band Camp Lunch break 12-1pm bring your own Dinner break 5-6:00pm provided	8am-8pm

(In Person) Parental needs throughout camp include the following:

- Uniform fittings
- Setting up water and first aid
- Assisting with dinner
- Chaperone supervision throughout all weeks of camp

Fall Schedule Overview

Weekly Rehearsals

Mondays	Color Guard	5:00 - 7:30pm
Tuesdays	Full Ensemble	5:00 - 8:00pm
Wednesdays	Winds (Woodwind/Brass)	3:00 - 5:00pm
Wednesdays	Percussion	5:00 - 7:00pm
Thursdays	Full Ensemble	5:00 - 8:00pm

Home football games - Call time 5pm; dismissal usually by 10pm

8/28	vs.	Willow Springs HS	
9/4	vs.	Garner HS	
9/25	vs.	Hoke HS	8th Grade Band/Future Members Night
10/23	vs.	Cary HS	Homecoming
10/30	vs.	Holly Springs HS	Senior Night

Competitions & Parades- Plan for all day; brief rehearsal in morning → load bus → travel on activity bus

9/12	Western Wake Preview	@ Green Level HS
9/26	PCI	@Panther Creek HS
10/3	Host MCHS Mustang Classic	@Middle Creek HS
10/10	Compass Classic	@West Johnston HS
10/17	Festival of Bands	@Fuquay-Varina HS
10/24	Capital City Band EXPO	@Sanderson HS
10/31	“S”Cary Band Day	@Cary HS
12/5	Christmas Parade	@Downtown Apex
12/12	Christmas Parade	@Downtown Holly Springs OR Downtown Cary
12/12	MB Banquet	@Middle Creek HS

(In Person) Parental needs throughout the week include the following:

- Setting up water and first aid for each full ensemble rehearsal T/Th 5-8pm
- Chaperone supervision for all home football games, competitions, **and** parades
- Pit crew
- Props crew
- ALL parents helping with MUSTANG CLASSIC 10/3

COMPLETE FALL SCHEDULE

www.middlecreekband.org → [Google Calendar Tab](#)

FAIR SHARE COST

MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND 2026-2027

Per student breakdown:

\$400	Marching Band Staff Instruction at camp and each week of full season rehearsals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 weeks of camp is approximately 85 hours of instruction from professionals in each section (woodwind, brass, percussion, visual, guard)• The weekly rehearsals from Aug-early Nov equate to about 75 hours of instruction from professionals• Divide \$ by 160 hours and you'll see what a deal that is!
\$225	Competitions (6 comps this year!)
\$135	Music & Drill
\$100	Uniforms
\$80	Props and equipment
\$60	Band Camp Meals

The Fair Share dues for the 2026-2027 school year are:

Cost for one (1) student \$ 1,000

Cost for two (2) student \$ 1,900 (10% discount on students after 1st)

Cost for three (3) students \$ 2,800 (10% discount on students after 1st)

<u>Payment Schedule</u>	<u>1 Student</u>	<u>2 Students</u>	<u>3 Students</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Non-refundable deposit	\$350	\$665	\$980	July 8, 2026
First Installment	\$325	\$617.50	\$910	August 15, 2026
Second Installment	\$325	\$617.50	\$910	September 15, 2026
Fair Share TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,900	\$2,800	
**Without Volunteer Installment	\$200	\$200	\$200	November 1, 2026
Total	\$1,200	\$2,100	\$3,000	

** Fairshare assumes that a family member volunteers for 10 hours during the marching season (May-Dec), and works 1 shift at the Mustang Classic in October (per family, not per student). If the volunteer hours cannot be met, an additional installment of \$200.00 will be assessed to your account at the end of the season.

If Fair Share is a limiting factor for your student to participate in Marching Band, please complete this form
[2026 MCHS Band Fair Share Financial Scholarship](#)



Payment Options: We welcome payments in advance as well as twice a month. For example, with respect to any payment, half can be paid on the 1st of the month, and half on the 15th, as long as the total due for that particular payment is paid by the due date. Additionally, if you would like to pay more in July to reduce the amount due August through September, we are more than happy to accommodate that type of payment. If you would like to discuss alternative payment plans please reach out to any of the following Executive Board Members: Mr. Newsome, Brian Pearce – Band Booster President – at mchsbandpresident@gmail.com, and/or Jennifer Nash – Band Treasurer – at mchsbandtreasurer@gmail.com.

Paying by Check: All checks for payments should be made payable to **MCHS Band Boosters** and put in a sealed envelope with the student’s name and “Fair Share Payment” on front, and placed in the locked mailbox in Mr. Newsome’s office. It is also helpful if you send an email to the Band Treasurer notifying them of your payment. mchsbandtreasurer@gmail.com

Paying Online by Credit Card: We also offer an online payment option via Cut Time. There will be a credit card fee applied to all payments. Reminders for payments and links to make payments or view your balance will be sent monthly.

Fundraising Opportunities

There will be multiple ways for students/parents to earn monetary credit toward their Fair Share accounts this year. Running a successful, award-winning band program is very expensive; all our amazing and talented students work tremendously hard, and need our financial support as our funding from Wake County Public Schools is limited. Here is a sampling of fundraising opportunities that will be available throughout the season. More information will be sent through the Band App and our newsletter as these opportunities become available.

<p>Zeffy.com At the beginning of the school year, all band classes and Marching band will conduct an email/text campaign to raise funds to support all band programs.</p>	<p>Mustang Classic This is our longest running event, in October we will host our own Marching Band competition where 15+ and nearly 3,000 spectators attend.</p>	<p>Summer & Fall Concert Opportunities at Koka Booth Amphitheatre and Walnut Creek Amphitheatre: Adults 18+ who work beer/wine kiosks earn a percentage of sales plus all tips!</p>	<p>Chinese Lantern Festival at the Koka Booth Amphitheatre. Students and Parents have the opportunity to work concessions. Those who work receive a percentage of sales plus all tips!</p>
<p>RaiseRight shopping. Buy gift cards or shop online and the company you are purchasing from will donate a percentage of your purchase back to you! This can go directly to your fair share account, or to the general band fund, however you prefer to setup your account. Share with family and friends!</p>	<p>Another great way to raise money for your student (and the band) is through Corporate Sponsorships! For each corporate sponsor you secure, your student receives a percentage of that donation. (See more info regarding Corporate Sponsors in this packet.)</p>	<p>In addition to Corporate Sponsorships, students and families can solicit donations from family, friends and neighbors. In this packet, you will find the Friends & Family letter. Any donations you provide to the MCHS Band, your student receives a percentage of that donation.</p>	<p>There will be various fundraisers this year that go to support the General Band Fund. Those include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual Fall Car Shows ● Spirit Nights ● Spirit Wear Sales

BAND BOOSTER CLUB and COMMITTEES

MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

www.middlecreekband.org

As long as our children are involved with activities we'll never stop hearing "This can't be done without you." Please note that these volunteer opportunities are essential to both Marching and Concert bands. It would be most appreciated if each of you could find the time to become involved with our bands. All of us have many other responsibilities, but if we all pitch in, it makes it easier for all involved.

Membership- If you have a child participating in any of the band programs offered at Middle Creek High School, you are a part of the MCHS Band Booster club. The Boosters meet monthly and everyone is welcome. Please refer to the band's website for dates and times of meetings. We look forward to working with you, and appreciate your support.

Listed below are the 2026-2027 Executive Board and Booster Committees, with Chairperson(s):

Band Director	Page Newsome	wnewsome@wcpss.net
President (Pit & Props)	Brian Pearce	mchsbandpresident@gmail.com
Vice-President (Volunteers)	Tandy Kauffman	mchsbandvolunteer@gmail.com
Treasurer (Uniforms)	Jennifer Nash	mchsbandtreasurer@gmail.com
Secretary (Spirit Wear)	Yuna Kim	mchsbandsecretary@gmail.com
Communications	Allison Cannon & Cara Doyle	
Member-at-Large	Anna Talbot	
Member-at-Large	Laura Ocasio	
Member-at-Large	Jamie Cannon	

Donation Needs for Fall 2026

We have an Amazon Wish List if you would prefer to order online and have shipped directly to the school. We will send donation requests specific for the Mustang Classic with Sign Up Genius'. Common items needed for band camp:

- Bottled Water
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Gatorade Powder
- Bottled Gatorade
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Cleaning Wipes
- Instant Ice cold packs



Mr. Newsome will use the BAND App throughout the season to post reminders, updates, announcements, schedules, etc.

Student participants and at least one parent, please join so that you can stay up to date!

Scan QR Code To Join BAND App for Fall 2026 Season



MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION FORM-ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE



MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2026-2027

Check One: Returning or NEW Member

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ STUDENT'S Cell: _____

STUDENT'S Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

2026-2027 Grade Level (circle one): Eighth (8) Freshman (9) Sophomore (10) Junior (11) Senior (12)

Marching Band Instrument or Color Guard: _____

Marching Band Show T-Shirt (1 provided to students in fair share cost) Please circle **Adult** Size Below:

SM MED LG XL XXL Other _____

A minimum non-refundable deposit listed above is due by July 8, 2026. Please either send a check made payable to MCHS Band Boosters, and the Student's name on the memo line...or pay via CutTime.

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PARENT VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM
MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2026-2027

Student's Name: _____

Parent 1 Name: _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

I am interested in and willing to volunteer for the following committee(s). Please check all that apply:

Committee

- Pit Crew Transportation/Equipment
- Props
- Chaperones
- Band Camp
- Concessions
- Uniform/Attire
- Hospitality
- First Aid
- Fundraising
- Mustang Classic (Oct)
- Car Show (Nov)

Other (describe): _____

My special gift or talent is: _____

I am willing to Chair or Co-Chair this committee: _____

I am CPR and/or First Aid certified with the past year: YES or NO

You may also email this information to Lauren Chisholm, Band Booster President, at mchsbandpresident@gmail.com, or any of the Committee Chairs listed in this packet directly.

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PARTICIPATION & FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

MIDDLE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

2026-2027

Student: I, _____ recognize that I am choosing to be a member of an organization where the utmost is expected of me in terms of excellence and character. I make a commitment to this organization in terms of time, energy and focus. I will give my very best at all times, make practice a priority, and I realize that rehearsals are for the good of the ensemble. As a member of the Middle Creek High School Marching Band, I will be in attendance for all scheduled rehearsals and performances unless of family need or emergency. I further expect of myself that I must demonstrate on a daily basis maturity and good character. I am part of an organization where others depend on me and for them I will expect the best from myself.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

I understand that there is a commitment of **\$1,000** for the 2026-27 season associated with each member of the Marching Band and **10%** less per additional sibling. Parents must complete **10 hours** of volunteer service during the season and work **1** shift at the Mustang Classic in October. Non-compliance with the volunteer requirement will result in an additional **\$200** fee towards Fair Share. I understand and will adhere to the payment date schedule as delineated on the Fair Share schedule.

- I understand that any past band financial commitments must be paid in full before my student will be allowed to participate in the 2026-27 season.
- I understand that the commitments may be fulfilled by direct payment and/or by participating in fundraising activities throughout the year.
- I understand that if I anticipate any difficulties in meeting this monetary requirement, I agree to meet with the Band Director, Booster President and Treasurer to discuss the commitment. All financial matters will be kept confidential and shared only with the Band Director, Booster President and Treasurer.

Check Here:

I Request a Meeting

OR

Deposit Attached to Form or will submit by July 8, 2026

For any Marching Band program to be successful, parental involvement is a key factor in that success. As implemented in previous years, **ALL FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) HOURS, IN ADDITION TO VOLUNTEERING A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) SHIFT ON OCT 3, 2026 - MUSTANG CLASSIC.** This is a wonderful opportunity to see your child in action, as well as a chance to meet and get to know other band parents. With a growing marching band, there is a fundamental need to get all parents involved on all levels to ensure a successful season. Many opportunities will be available prior to and during the upcoming season, with multiple information sessions being held during band camp (July-August time frame). We will discuss how you can become a member of this fantastic band family for another award-winning band season!

Student and Parent/Guardian: We agree to meet the **volunteering and monetary commitments** for MCHS Marching Band in 2026-2027.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MARCHING BAND EXPECTATIONS, REGULATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT

All of the following rules and regulations must be followed to ensure a safe and successful Marching Band season. Violation of the rules and regulations may result in the student being removed from the MCHS Marching Band, sent home, disciplined by the Band Director or the school, and/or similar actions.

1. Attendance is required for all events listed on the COMPLETE FALL SCHEDULE
 - a. Full ensemble rehearsals, either winds or guard/perc, home football games, competitions, parades
2. A minimum of 2 weeks must be given for any known absences from rehearsals, events, etc. Three (3) unexcused absences will result in being removed from the ensemble. Please communicate any family or health emergencies to Mr. Newsome as soon as you can
3. "To be **early** is to be **on time**; to be on time is to be late." - Each (1) unexcused tardy equates to 0.5 absences
 - Ex) The group begins transitioning to the rehearsal spaces w/ equipment at 4:45pm, not arriving on campus at 4:45pm
4. All school rules, regulations, and dress code listed in the MCHS student handbook apply with everything that we do
5. During Band Camp, students may not leave campus for lunch.
6. No visitors are allowed except parents and guardians of Band Camp students without permission of the Band Director; MCHS Band alumni are allowed to be present in the Band Camp at the discretion of the Band Director.
7. Cell phones are for emergency use only, and must be turned off during Band Camp instructional time.
8. All instructions given by Band Camp staff, including designated parent chaperones, must be adhered to.
9. Come to rehearsals prepared and eager to grow! Be accountable to yourself, and to all around you
10. Everyone contributes to the overall success of the group

Any violations of the rules and regulations listed above may result in the student being dropped from the MCHS Marching Band in addition to being sent home, and/or being disciplined by the Band Director or school. Since this event is school sponsored, all Wake County Public Schools and Middle Creek High School code of conduct rules also apply.

I have read and understand the rules governing Marching Band.

Date:

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Registration is due electronically by Fri June 5, 2026



PARENTAL CONSENT AND STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

- BY SIGNING THIS CONSENT FORM, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION BELOW AND THAT ANY INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS ACCURATE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
- I ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTACTING Mr. Newsome (TEACHER/SPONSOR) IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE TO MY CHILD'S MEDICATIONS, NEED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, OR MEDICAL CONDITION AFTER I COMPLETE THE HEALTH INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM
- IF THIS FORM IS NOT COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY Day of trip (DATE MM/DD/YYYY), THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL REMAIN AT SCHOOL IN A SUPERVISED ACTIVITY

School Middle Creek HS

Name of Teacher/Sponsor Mr. Newsome - Band

TRIP/ACTIVITY PLANNED	DATE(S) OF TRIP/ACTIVITY*	PURPOSE OF TRIP/ACTIVITY	TRANSPORTATION (WCPSS Vehicle, Charter Bus/Contract Vehicle, Privately-owned Vehicle**)
Marching Band Competitions	See fall calendar	Performance and competition	Activity and charter bus
MPA Performance	March	Performance and adjudication	Charter bus
Winter Program Competitions	Jan-April	Performance and competition	Privately owned vehicles
Recruitment Trips	Throughout the year	Recruitment trips to middle schools	Activity bus and privately owned

*Attached is an itinerary that includes the place or places to be visited, a daily schedule of activities, and the dates, times, and places of departure and return

** When privately-owned vehicles are used for transporting students, only the vehicle owner's liability coverage is applicable to any vehicular accident. When students are transported by vehicles owned by Wake County Public School System, the school system vehicle liability coverage is applicable to any vehicular accident.

Changes/Cancellations

I understand school trips may be canceled when necessary by the principal, superintendent, or board of education. The school system cannot guarantee reimbursement when such cancellations occur. Parents/guardians will be notified of any significant change in plans prior to the school trip.

Expectations and Instructions

I understand the following is expected of the student:

- To follow instructions given by the teachers/chaperones.
- Not to leave or separate from the group without appropriate authorization from a teacher/chaperone.
- Comply with all school and district policies and rules of conduct.

In the event any of the above expectations or instructions are violated, I understand school officials reserve the right to remove the student from the trip and the student will be subject to school disciplinary consequences.

Insurance Coverage

I represent that the student has insurance either through the school system's student insurance program or through my own insurance carrier.

I request that _____ (student) be allowed to participate in the trip and/or activity planned and, recognizing the risks inherent in the trip and/or activity planned, specifically consent to the student's participation. In the event of an accident or a medical emergency, I authorize school officials to seek and consent to emergency medical assistance on the student's behalf. I will assume responsibility for all expenses. I understand that school officials will use the contact information provided below to attempt to contact me in the event of such accident or emergency.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



Parent/Guardian Name _____ Day Phone _____

Home Address _____ Evening Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

Name of Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____

School Trip Health Information

- *In the event that the routine medical needs of any student attending the school trip cannot be met by school employees, a licensed nurse may be required to attend. Parents of students with medical needs will be contacted directly by the assigned school nurse.*
- *In the event of an accident or emergency, the below information may also be provided to emergency medical providers as needed.*
- *If your child's medications, need for medical assistance, or medical conditions changes after completing this form, contact _____ (Teacher/Sponsor) and provide updated school trip health information.*

- Student has no medication(s) and/or needs no medical assistance during this school trip
- Student requires medication(s) and/or medical assistance during this school trip (*complete information below)
- Parent/Guardian will be attending the school trip and will provide medication(s) and/or medical assistance for this student

*List all daily and emergency medications (including dosage and time taken) that will be needed during this school trip

Medication	Dosage	Time

Does the student require medical assistance, other than the administration of medication(s)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, describe: _____

List all allergies: _____

This form must be kept with school officials at all times during the school trip.