

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
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Hello Richmond Marching Band 2024!

I am so excited for the Richmond Band in the 2024-2025 school year. As we gear up for summer it is time to start thinking about marching band! The following marching band documents include many items that need attention before the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Along with the summer marching band schedule, check out the other forms and information listed below.

The marching band commitment form will once again be an online form through student's school email. The commitment form online helps me secure our numbers for the drill writer and organize the uniforms. *Be sure to read the full schedule before signing the commitment form.* The school district will still require a hard copy **permission slip** for any bus trips we take throughout the entire school year (parades, festivals, etc). This will be sent home when/if it is required. Attendance at pre-camp in June, band camp (August 5th – 10th) and summer rehearsals are required. Sports and other school-related activities will be worked around on a case-by-case basis. Please communicate conflicts as early as you can. I try to be flexible without compromising the educational value of the ensemble.

The band fee (\$120), payable to the *Richmond Band Boosters*. \$70 is due May 6, and \$50 will be due June 6. You may pay it all at once. This fee is more than just a "band camp" fee. It not only covers expenses at band camp like food and instructors, but it also covers the cost of your band shirt, uniform dry cleaning/alteration (marching & concert season), food/water throughout the year, festival medals and plaques, your spot in the drill and music for the marching season. We are supported through the school, however cannot host camp efficiently without additional funding. If you have difficulty paying this amount, please contact the band boosters for information on setting up a payment plan at richmondbandboosters@gmail.com or myself.

The Health Form must be turned in *by* pre-camp. If there is any change in your son's or daughter's health before band camp please go to the band website where you can download a new form to update it. Return it on the first day of camp.

The band purchases page helps breakdown additional costs associated with the marching band season. It also tells what you need and by when. Let me know you have any questions. Many of these items are a one-time purchase. If taken care of they should last 4 years.

If you have any questions about marching band at any time, please email or call me. I am free to talk through schedules and what is required. I want marching band to be a positive experience for everyone. You will be receiving a summer mailing packet of information and reminders after the 4th of July. Until then we hope you have a fantastic end of the school year!

Visit <http://bluedevilsmusic.weebly.com/rhs-band-info.html> for more information any time!

Musically yours,
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