



Welcome to the 2023-2024 Paris High School Band Program!

I hope that you have had a great summer and are already looking forward to the fall of 2023. It is time to have a normal school year again! You are receiving the following packet of information because you have signed up Paris High School Band. It is a great honor for me to welcome you to this prestigious group for the upcoming school year. I look forward to working with the upper classmen again, and am looking forward to welcoming all of our new members.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find information regarding summer band, the calendar of events, attendance policies, dress code, as well as other important information about the band program. **Please read and review this handbook BEFORE signing and returning the Handbook Recognition Form.**

We communicate with parents and students in many ways including e-mails, our Facebook page, and Remind101 as well as posting information on the board in the band room. Please note that all information regarding the PHS Band program can also be found at our website (<http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/>). Here you can be kept up to date on any scheduling changes, announcements, as well as find information regarding Solo & Ensemble contest as well as ILMEA auditions. Last year, PHS has also moved to the TeacherEase software, and I will be using it to communicate with you as well.

This upcoming 2023-24 school year is going to be filled with great music, challenging drill, exciting opportunities, as well as lasting friendships and memories! If you have further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the PHS Band Office or e-mail me at kpruiett@pchs.k12.il.us.

Looking forward to another great year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Pruiett'.

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*****All guardians and students asked to read and review this handbook BEFORE signing and returning the Student Pledge.*****

Paris High School

BAND HANDBOOK

2023-2024

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Introduction

The PHS Band continues to see tremendous musical growth in the program. Many students dedicate their time and effort to seeing that our band continues to be the pride of Paris, Illinois. As the school year nears, we have already begun to plan for next year's marching shows, parades, competitions, and concerts. **Practice** and **preparation** will be the two most important factors in obtaining the skills needed to perform well.

Our preparation begins in the summer during our band camps. Our week long camps grant us the opportunity to work on music and marching fundamentals, and address the issue of learning our pregame and halftime shows. During the camps, we begin to put everything together with a mixture of hard work and fun. This is the only time of the year that we have the advantage of having so many rehearsals in such a short amount of time. The success of our year is foretold by our success during band camps.

For those that are new members of the band, camps also provide the opportunity to get to know everyone. While we do work hard learning our music and show, we also have fun and work at becoming a caring, responsible group of musicians.

Staff

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Website: <http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/>

Facebook: Paris High School Bands <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pchsbands/>

Ensembles

- **SYMPHONIC BAND** – Symphonic Band begins as the marching season ends. Students will be required to take a seating placement audition. The materials for this audition will be posted online and in the band room. The Symphonic Band performs both standard and

contemporary band literature. Along with performing a Christmas, Winter, and Spring Concert, the Symphonic Band also performs at the graduation ceremony in the spring.

- **MARCHING TIGERS** - The Marching Tigers season begins over the summer with band camps and the Shrine Parade. This ensemble typically performs at four to five home football games as well as six parades throughout the area. The **COLORGUARD** is an extremely important part of the marching band program as it adds to the visual and aesthetic appeal of the drill and music. They hold all of the same requirements and responsibilities as any other band member.
- **BEACON BRIGADE** - The Beacon Brigade is an extra-curricular competition marching band that competes at high school marching competitions throughout the state, including Eastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois. The **COLORGUARD** is also an essential part of this ensemble.
- **JAZZ ENSEMBLE** - The Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned 20 piece jazz group that performs a wide variety of big band music ranging from the swing band era to contemporary big band works. Membership is earned through auditions which are held in October. The band maintains two weekly rehearsals throughout the course of the school year. Performances may vary from one year to the next, but each year concludes with a full length Spring concert usually towards the end of April.

Band Camps

Band Camps are mandatory for all band students and will be held at Paris High School. These camps will consist of music rehearsal, and fundamental marching practice. Band Camp comprises **over 50%** of the total number of rehearsal hours for the entire season.

For the benefit of everyone, we ask that you schedule vacations and student work schedules at times other than band camp. It is very difficult to “make up” time missed during band camp because the students learn by direct instruction and guided practice. Because there is no “book” for the student to read to help them get caught up, they learn by doing.

CAMP SCHEDULE

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| JUNE 5-9 | FULL BAND CAMP | 5:30PM-9:00PM |
| JUNE 10 | SHRINE PARADE | 1:15PM |
| JULY 24-28 | BEACON BRIGADE | 9:00AM-12:00PM |
| JULY 31- AUGUST 4 | BEACON BRIGADE | 5:30PM-9:00PM |
| AUGUST 7-10 | BEACON BRIGADE | 5:30PM-9:00PM |
| AUGUST 11 | BEACON BRIGADE (DCI) | 10:00AM(ALL DAY) |
| AUGUST 14 | FULL BAND | 6:30PM-9:00PM |

<http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/band-camps.html>

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES FOR CAMP

- Athletic wear appropriate for outdoor physical activity
- Athletic shoes with laces – socks are required (Do not wear sandals or flip-flops)
- Insulated thermos with ice water...LOTS of water
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat
- Energy bar or other snack

Fundraising/Band Parents Association

The PHS Band Parents Association is a parent organization that is dedicated to providing additional needed funds for the Paris High School Band and its students. All band parents are a part of the Paris High School Band Parents Association. No registration or fee is needed in order to take part.

The BPA meets monthly to discuss fundraising needs, trips, and other essential needs for the program. The Paris High School Band Parents Association offer a variety of individual and group fundraisers for the students to raise money for trips and other special events. Please visit Paris High School Band Parents [Facebook](#) page to stay up to date.

Instruments

In the PHS Band, many students provide their own instrument by either purchasing or renting them from a local music dealer. Students that play horn, baritone, tuba, and percussion will be supplied an instrument for marching and pep band season.

Each student should make sure that their instrument is in proper working condition before the start of band camps. Once a week, during the school year, a representative from The Music Shoppe in Champaign will pick up instruments in need of repair. The schedule for this will be announced at the beginning of the school year.

Music

Music will be provided at band camps (or before). It is the student's responsibility to keep track of their music and flip folder. Copies of the music are available at <http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/music.html>. Students must sign in using their Paris High School email account in order to view and download.

Drill

Marching drill will be provided at band camps. As with the music, it is the student's responsibility to keep track of their drill. Copies of the drill will be available at

<http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/drill.html>. Students must sign in using their Paris High School email account in order to view and download.

Permission Slips

When traveling to competitions and parades, students are expected to stay after their performance and watch the rest of the competing bands as an educational resource. Students may leave with their guardian AFTER an event is over; however, their guardian must sign the PHS Release Form immediately following the event.

Schedule/Rehearsals

A copy of the calendar is included at the end of this packet with dates and times of rehearsals, competitions, and performances. When a schedule change is made, it will be announced through email, Facebook, Remind 101, as well as the website.

It is essential that all students are ready to play at the call time listed on the schedule. If the call time is 6:00pm, the student should arrive early enough to be seated and ready to play their instrument.

Attendance

All performances and practices for PHS Bands are mandatory because it is a required activity in a curricular ensemble. The only exceptions for a missed performance or rehearsal are:

1. Sickness accompanied by a doctor's note. When this occurs, please try to notify the director as soon as possible by any contact necessary.
If it is not necessary to see the doctor, a guardian must call the band office or e-mail the director ASAP!!! (failure to do so will count the student unexcused)
2. Other extenuating circumstances approved by the director in advance (weddings, family emergencies, school sponsored event, etc.)

Please note that work is not an excused absence. Performances missed due to a student's job will not be allowed to make up the points missed.

Any performance or practice missed for Symphonic Band, Pep Band or Marching Band performances, ***regardless if excused or due to emergency***, must make up the points with a makeup assignment. Makeup assignments must be done within the quarter of the missed event or it is recorded in the grade book as a 0. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements for a makeup assignment.

Performance Dress

The **Paris High School Marching Tigers** recently received new uniforms. Once assigned, these uniforms will remain at the school and WILL NOT be taken home. They will be checked out

before each performance and checked in after each performance. A band parent will then check the uniform. If it is not assembled correctly, the student will be asked to redo it until it is properly hung on the hanger. Students are responsible for keeping their assigned uniform clean and in good repair at all times.

The uniform will consist of bibbers, a jacket, cape, Aussie hat, plume, marching shoes, long black socks, black gloves, and orange “Paw” shirt. The bibbers, jacket, cape, hat, and plume are provided by the school and fitted to each band member individually during the summer. Marching shoes, black gloves, and “Paw” shirt are purchased through the BPA and are included in your band fees. Students are to wear the “Paw” shirt under their uniform for all performances. Black socks are to be mid-shin length or longer. No anklets or short socks are permitted. Student fees also pay for a PHS Marching Tiger stocking cap and sunglasses.

Some musicians, depending upon their instruments, may not wear a hat or black gloves. The BPA uniform representative will let you know if you need to purchase gloves.

Students who do not have the proper uniform parts at a performance will not be allowed to take part in the performance. Section leaders, Drum Majors, staff, and BPA helpers will inspect all students prior to performances to assure that all uniform parts are correct.

Students are to be very careful when in uniforms to not stain or damage it. No food or beverages (other than water) should be consumed while in uniform. If anything happens to pieces of the uniform (ripped seams, missing button, etc.), please alert the BPA uniform representative so that it can be fixed.

Hairstyles for all musicians should be above the jacket collar. Anything longer than the collar should be tucked into the hat.

For **Symphonic Band** performances, all students will wear concert black. This means that the students will wear “black above the waist and black below”. Proper concert dress would include a nice dress button up or top and black slacks (no skirts) with black shoes.

For **Pep Band**, students will be provided a Pep Band t-shirt. This shirt is to be worn at all games. *Students who do not have the proper pep band shirt at a performance will not be allowed to take part in the performance.* Students may also wear their band hats and sunglasses at these performances.

Standards and Expectations

Members of the Paris High School Band are held to the highest musical and behavioral standards. Every PHS band member is expected to give 100% effort in all areas. All band members will follow the rules and regulations stated in the Paris High School Student Handbook as well as those included in this handbook. The PHS Band has a reputation of respect and responsibility. We have a wonderful group of students and parents who will make sure that we continue this great tradition of excellence. **PARIS PRIDE!**

Paris High School Band

Student Pledge

As a member of the Paris High School Band Program, I am responsible for the following while at any function associated with the PHS Band during the 2022-2023 school year.

1. I will follow all rules and guidelines stated in this handbook.
2. I will follow all rules and guidelines stated in the PHS Student Handbook.
3. I will adhere to all school rules regarding the non-use of tobacco, alcohol, and any other items that will impair my abilities.
4. I will conduct myself as a lady or gentleman at all times. Poor behavior will not be tolerated.
5. I will follow all instructions given by the Directors, Instructors, and Drum Majors.
6. I will perform my music to the best of my ability at all rehearsals and performances.
7. I will have my music memorized at times indicated to me by my Band Director.
8. I will be responsible for the uniform that I am assigned, and if I damage, destroy, or lose any part of the uniform, I will be responsible for the replacement cost of the uniform (up to \$500)
9. If I violate any of the rules above, I stand the chance of being disciplined. Furthermore, I understand my behavior may jeopardize my opportunity for future participation in the Paris High School Band Program and that I may be subject to further discipline by the school administration.

Student's Printed Name

Parent's/Guardian's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

Date

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2023-2024 Band Calendar

REMEMBER: ALL PERFORMANCES AND REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED

Please visit our calendar online at
<http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/calendar.html>
for the schedule, updates and call times!

A paper copy of the schedule is available in the band room.

Please note that some dates and times may change, and events may be added or deleted. To stay up to date on all schedule changes, visit <http://parismarchingtigers.weebly.com/calendar.html>

**PARIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2023-24 SCHEDULE**

| | DATE | EVENT | CALL TIME |
|------|----------|--|-----------|
| (MT) | 08/18/23 | Fall Sports Preview (Pigskin Preview) | 6:00pm |
| (MT) | 08/25/23 | Home Football Game | 5:30pm |
| (MT) | 09/01/23 | Home Football Game | 6:00pm |
| (MT) | 09/15/23 | Home Football Game (Homecoming) | 6:00pm |
| (BB) | 09/23/23 | Robinson Marching Competition | TBD |
| (MT) | 09/23/23 | Honeybee Parade | 10:15am |
| (MT) | 09/29/23 | Home Football Game (March with the Tigers) | 6:00pm |
| (BB) | 09/30/23 | Eastern Illinois University Marching Competition | TBD |
| | 10/01/23 | Mattress Sale Fundraiser | |
| (BB) | 10/07/23 | Newton Marching Competition | TBD |
| (BB) | 10/14/23 | University of Illinois Marching Championships | TBD |
| | 10/15/23 | District 5 ILMEA Festival Auditions | Virtual |
| (MT) | 10/20/23 | Home Football Game (Senior Night) | 6:00pm |
| (BB) | 10/21/23 | Illinois State University Marching Competition | TBD |
| (MT) | 10/26/23 | Marching Tigers in Concert | 6:15pm |
| (MT) | 10/28/23 | Home Playoff Game | TBD |
| (MT) | 11/04/23 | Home Playoff Game | TBD |
| | 11/04/23 | District 5 ILMEA Jazz Festival | TBD |
| (MT) | 11/11/23 | Veteran's Day Ceremony | 10:15am |
| | 11/18/23 | District 5 ILMEA Band & Choir Festival | TBD |
| (MT) | 11/25/23 | Christmas in Paris Parade | 6:00pm |
| | 11/28/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:30pm |
| | 12/02/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 1:30pm |
| | 12/04/23 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 12/05/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 12/08/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 12/10/23 | Christmas Band Concert | 2:15pm |
| | 12/11/23 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 12/12/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:30pm |
| | 12/13/23 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:30pm |
| | 12/18/23 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:45am |
| | 12/19/23 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:00pm |
| | 01/05/24 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 01/12/24 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 01/20/24 | LIC Tournament Honor Pep Band | TBD |
| | 01/22/24 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:45pm |
| | 01/25/24 | ILMEA All-State | |
| | 02/01/24 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:45am |
| | 02/02/24 | Boy's Basketball Game | 6:30pm |
| | 02/02/24 | Solo & Ensemble Entries Due | |
| | 02/05/24 | Girl's Basketball Game | 6:30am |
| | 02/10/24 | Boy's Basketball Game (Alumni Night) | 5:00pm |
| | 02/15/24 | Boy's Basketball Game (Senior Night) | 6:45pm |
| | 02/20/24 | Winter Band Concert | 6:00pm |
| | 03/02/24 | Solo & Ensemble | TBD |
| | 04/25/24 | Spring Jazz Concert | 6:00pm |
| | 05/05/24 | Spring Band Concert | 2:00pm |
| | 05/10/24 | Jazz Café | 6:15pm |
| | 05/27/24 | Memorial Day Ceremony | 10:15am |
| | 06/08/24 | Shrine Parade | 1:15pm |
| | TBD | Festival of Bands | 5:00pm |
| | TBD | Band Banquet | TBD |

MT= Marching Tigers

BB= Beacon Brigade