

April 12, 2017

To New and Returning Members of
The Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania!—MU Marching Band

It's that time again - time to start making your plans to be a part of the 2017 edition of the *Spirit and Pride of Pennsylvania*. We have an exciting year planned a dynamite show based on all original music once again! All I can tell you right now is that we are going to have one exciting, hot show!! Also- we have plans to march a pre-game show again (just five minutes, like last year) which will feature a Big 10 marching and maneuvering drill guaranteed to be VERY COOL! We will introduce some new in the stands tunes as well. All of the music should be available to you by July 15th and we will let you know how to find it. Please note: because band camp starts August 15th, it is imperative that we have all member registration forms in not later than **July 10th** to insure you have a spot in our drill. We are also pleased to be moving ahead with a WGI Winds unit and an indoor drumline. We will prepare this during the fall marching band times, but will continue into the Spring. All members are welcome to be in this group, but not required!

Regarding our 2017 season, I want to take a moment to personally invite you to be a member of this outstanding organization. This season will be exciting as always, with numerous opportunities to showcase our student talent. In addition to our home football games, we will travel to three exhibition performances to feature our band. Enclosed is a **TENTATIVE** schedule so you can plan ahead. We will update this schedule and post these on the music department web page where you found this letter. Be aware that this schedule is subject to change and that a final schedule will be given to you at band camp. All members are expected to attend all events. Contact the directors immediately if you discover a conflict so that this can be resolved quickly.

Our band staff this year will consist of myself, Dr. Adam Brennan, Director of Bands and Dr. Nathan Rinnert, Assistant Director of Bands. A band alumna, Ashley Jackson, will be returning to serve as our color guard instructor.

Regarding securing your music: we will update you when selections are written and are ready for you to download from our website. Of course, there will be other music as well for in the stands performances and parades. Music should be ready by July 15th. Again – we will update you on the process for acquiring this music once we get into the summer. You can, of course, always contact me and I will update you when possible. Music will be posted to the Marching band course D2L site. Be sure to provide me your name if you are not registered for the course and I will add you to the site so you can access your music! All students must register for credit or be enrolled in an audit status. Contact Dr. B if you need assistance!

A note to our prospective members: the *Spirit & Pride* rehearses three times per week for a total of just four hours and on some Saturday mornings before events. This organization continues to grow musically and in size each year. We perform unique musical arrangements and drill custom designed for our group. We have a great deal of FUN because we WORK HARD and PERFORM TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. The organization is open to all MU students regardless of major. If you play an instrument, spin flag, rifle, or dance, you can be a member of our group. By all means, if you have questions, feel free to call the numbers given below or e-mail us directly. Don't be caught like many students thinking that you won't have time to participate in the *Spirit & Pride*. Our organization is like an instant family away from home. Most of our members remain in contact well beyond their graduation dates and most students regret not participating during their freshman year to see how things work. Make the

commitment, stick to it, and be a part of something spectacular! It is hard work, but it is the best feeling to perform when it all comes together!

All band members receive one credit for participating in the organization by signing up for MEN 3331 (undergraduate level) or MEN 5531 (graduate level only). Be sure to register for this course under the appropriate number to insure you receive the credit! As in the recent past, returning marching band members can count this course for one General Education requirement each time it is taken. For new members, under the new General Education Model, participation in marching band can count for one *Unity & Diversity of Humanity* credit (in *Strand 2: Environmental, Economic, Social, and Personal Sustainability*). All members should be signed up for band for insurance purposes when we travel. If you have not registered, you may add the course in the first week of classes. New freshmen should request this course be added during their orientation visit. Over 18 credits? Write to the director and we will help you but starting this Fall, **ALL MEMBERS MUST EITHER REGISTER OR AUDIT THE COURSE!**

One crucial note to everyone: it is important that you make a commitment to the band that lasts the entire season. When one member quits unexpectedly, or if a member has to be removed because of a negative attitude, it impacts the entire group. **Individuals who sign up for band and quit during camp will be assessed an additional fee for meals during camp.** There is a simple solution, and that is to make your mind up that you are going to be a proud member of our marching band. If you start in the group, we expect you to finish the season. If you have doubts, it may be better to not get involved in something you are not committed to doing. Be assured our staff and members help each other. Our membership is diverse in their experience and we will help every member achieve their absolute best. What we need from you to be successful is a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard to achieve excellence. Do you want to be excellent? Then we want you in our organization!

Regarding class conflicts: There are no single section courses that conflict with marching band or overlap the class. Because of this, all students are expected to arrange their schedules appropriately so that they can be at all rehearsals. If you have a conflict and cannot resolve it, see Dr. Brennan for assistance. It is possible to arrange your schedule to fit band!

All new and returning members should fill out the enclosed information form (for office records in the band area) and also register for the class. This will assure your place in the band. **We cannot accept members who do not return this information form** even if you have registered because the drill and music are written and selected before you even arrive for band camp and are based on the forms we received. Also, this form reserves your dorm room and meals for the camp, so be sure to fill out the form completely and return it by July 10th, 2017.

Please note the check-in dates for various parts of the band. **Student Staff and Drum Majors will arrive on Tuesday, August 15th and check into their housing between 1:00-pm and 3pm. First Staff meetings and training will begin at 3:30 pm and continue through August 19th. Percussion, will check-in Wednesday, August 16th between 1-3 pm. Color Guard check-in is Wednesday, August 16th between 1-3pm. Brass and Wind member check-in is Saturday, August 19th between 1-3:00pm. YOU MUST CHECK IN DURING THESE HOURS. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO YOUR ROOM PRIOR TO OR AFTER THESE TIMES.**

All members will receive music via a class D2L web site. Please go to Desire2Learn no sooner than July 10th, 2017. Go to the course content section of the website and click on your instrument (tenor sax and treble clef baritone are the same!) We will notify you by e-mail when music for the 2017 season is available, so check your Mansfield University e-mail regularly and send in the registration form immediately. **Don't count on music being ready to distribute until July 10th at the earliest but feel free to visit the web site anytime for other updates!**

Regarding meals: members will have lunch and dinner covered Monday through Friday during the main week of camp. Early arrivals (Percussion, Staff, Guard) will have lunch and dinner meals provided Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **All weekend meals for the early arrivals will be the responsibility of the individual members.** As these meals are very expensive, please eat in the cafeteria Monday through Friday for lunch and dinner. One weekend meal (probably the first Sunday) will be a cookout for the entire band in the upper parking lot of Steadman Theater. Weekend meals can be purchased through the university cafeteria with cash if you choose. Follow the university schedule for meal plan start-up. Once university meal plans start, all members are responsible for their own meals.

NEW MEMBERS: All new members must have the black DINKLES marching shoes. We will post information on the student resource page of the music department web site under the marching band tab. Please refer to this information when ordering shoes. **Shoes will be sent to MU and be ready when you arrive, but you must order by July 15th!** Cost will be roughly \$30.00. **Color guard members should buy Dinkles shoes as well. Go to www.allthingsband.com** to order your shoes. Look for the MU Band group and order from those selected.

One last item: marching band is a *physical activity*. Show up for camp in good physical shape. Camp will be hot and the days will seem long; however, this is where we do the biggest chunk of our drill and music instruction. We can really “hit the ground running” if everyone will make plans to increase your own strength and endurance and prepare mentally and physically for this activity. Be sure to print off and complete the health form found on the music department web page. Also, please attend to the “what to bring” to camp page in this letter/packet.

We look forward to seeing you this season. Enjoy your summer and remember to *strive for the highest!*

Best Regards,

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TENTATIVE 2017 Marching Season Schedule

Band Camp:	August 15	Staff check in* 1-3pm and training
Band Camp	August 16	Percussion and color guard arrival/check in 1-3pm*
Band Camp	August 19	All winds and Brass arrive 1-3pm check in*

**Check in window is solid and may not happen outside of the 1-3pm window. Report to assigned residence during that time. Report to Butler Music Center for instructions and meetings at 3:30 pm on check in days. Dinner is on your own the night of check in and will go from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Report back to Butler Center at 6:15 pm.*

August 28- Classes begin. Marching Band at 3:30 pm!

September 23 Saturday Home Game Family Weekend/LUM - all day event
September 27 Wednesday Marching Band to Athens County Field Show 5:00 -11:00 pm
September 30 Saturday Home Game – HC and LUMA Weekend – all day event

October 7 Saturday Home Game – all day event
October 21 Saturday Home Game BUT SPRING BREAK _ NO BAND!!!
October 29 Sunday Exhibition performance at TOB Champs TBA
in Hershey, PA

November 4 Saturday Marching Band to Central Dauphin TBA
November TBA Sunday Band Banquet 5-8pm

Dates will be confirmed by the beginning of band camp. We will make every effort to coordinate outside performances with game weekends so you have free weekends when possible. **Do not schedule trips or work for dates marked as tentative until the director has officially cancelled them. All band members are expected to participate in all performances.**

Band Fees

All new members of *The Spirit & Pride* pay a \$55.00 fee. Returning members pay a \$45.00 fee. This fee should be enclosed with your band camp registration form. Checks should be made payable to the MU Marching Band. Fees cover the costs listed below:

- Band shirt for new members. This is worn under the uniform at all performances.
- To defray travel
- Defray costs of the band banquet and awards
- Instrument repair and maintenance

Instruments

MU has some instruments for student use. Contact Dr. Brennan or Dr. Rinnert for information and reservation of instruments. We encourage music education majors to explore areas like color guard to gain valuable experience for when you become a band director!

What to Bring for Camp

- ♪ All personal belongings for the year to move into the dorm rooms!
- ♪ Water bottles or canteens for rehearsals
- ♪ Sun block or tanning lotion, etc.
- ♪ Hats, sweatbands, sunglasses, etc.
- ♪ Shorts and other cool clothing
- ♪ Comfortable and sturdy shoes for marching (NO BARE FEET OR SANDALS ALLOWED)
- ♪ Instrument and equipment (Unless you need one from us!)
- ♪ Music Flip Folder (We have a limited supply for purchase)
- ♪ Excitement, Energy and a Positive Attitude!!!!

All freshmen and new band members must purchase flat black, Glide Style Dinkle's Marching Band shoes. All new members must have the flat black DINKLE'S marching shoes. **Order on the Web by: JULY 15, 2017. Instructions are available on the music department web page. Click student resources, then visit www.allthingsband.com and click on the MU Logo/button. Select shoe size and the shoes will be at camp for you!**

YOUR ORDER WILL BE SHIPPED TO MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY AND WILL BE HERE WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR CAMP. NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JULY 15, 2017.

Tentative Band Camp Schedule 2017

Tuesday, August 15th, 2017

1:00 pm – 3:00pm Select staff, drum majors and graduate assistants arrive, check into housing.
3:30 pm Staff training and meetings begin and continue until 10 pm

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

Staff training continues 9:00 am to 4 pm in Butler Music Center

1:00-3:00pm **Check-in for Percussion and Guard/Dance**

5:00-6:00pm Placement Auditions and dinner on your own

6:00pm- Dinner/Staff Meeting (Directors, Graduate Assistants, Drum Majors, Color Guard Instructor, Dance Captains and Drum Captain) Butler Music Center 136

7:30pm Warm up Manual, Cadence and Technique Session

Percussion Schedule for Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be given at camp-
expect all day rehearsals and technique building!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

1:00-3:00pm **Wind and Brass Check into Residence Halls.** No students will be allowed to check-in before or after these times.

5:00pm Dinner on your own with family

6:30pm General meeting in Steadman with all Band Members

7:00pm Instrument Check-Out, Stage; Music Distribution, Room 136

Drum Line Auditions: Room 136; Color Guard Basics, Behind Steadman Theatre

8:00pm Music Rehearsal in Theatre

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

12:00pm Full Band Basics, Recreation Field. Bring ALL Equipment.

Pit on Steadman Theatre Stage

5:00pm Dinner

6:15pm Music Rehearsal- Steadman Theatre. Color Guard: Steadman Parking Lot.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

8:30am All Brass and Winds Marching Fundamentals: Recreation Band Field (with instruments). All Percussion to Loading Dock Area for Fundamentals.

All Auxiliary to Steadman Lot for Fundamentals.

10:30am Break

10:45am Full Band: Drill Instruction; Individual Coordinate Reading and Commands

11:45am Lunch

1:00pm Full Band-Butler 136 for Music Reading and Rehearsal. Guard to Steadman Lot.

3:00pm Break

3:15pm Drill Sets 1-10 Full Band on Field

4:45pm Dinner

6:15pm Drill sets 11-20 Full band on Recreation Field

8:00pm Reading Session: Full band at Steadman Theatre

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017

8:30am All Brass and Winds Marching Fundamentals: Band Field (With Instruments)
All Percussion to Loading Dock Area. All Auxiliary to Steadman Lot.
10:45am Full Band: Drill Instruction: Opener sets 21-30
11:45am Lunch
1:00pm Full Band: Butler 136 for Music Reading and Rehearsal. Guard to Steadman Lot.
3:15pm Sectionals outdoors for all segments
4:45pm Dinner
6:15pm Full Band to Band Field for Drill Review (instruments and music)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

8:30am Percussion, Winds, Brass and Guard to field for warm up: Drill review
11:45am Lunch
1:00pm Fundamentals with band:
2:15pm Full Band at Field with equipment: Drill Review and new sets 31-50
3:30pm Break
3:45pm Return to Drill Rehearsal,
5:00pm Dinner
6:30-9:00pm Full Band Rehearsal at Band Field (Mainly Music)

**** Music majors are REQUIRED to audition. Etudes are on the music web page. All others invited and encouraged to play for possible seating in Jazz Band, Orchestra and /or Wind Ensemble.**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017

8:00am Full Band, Marching Basics Rehearsal at Band Field
9:30am Drill review and new sets: Full Band at Field
12:00pm Lunch: **** Auditions for Flutes interested in Orch and Wind Ensemble BC 136**
1:00pm Mountie Move –in: **** Auditions for Double Reeds interested in Orch and Wind Ensemble BC 136**
2:00 –pm Mountie Move in Continues: **** Auditions for Clarinets interested in Orch and Wind Ensemble BC 136**
3:30 -5:00pm Drill Review
5:00 PM – Dinner **** Auditions for French Horn interested in Orch, Wind Ensemble, & Brass Band BC 136**
6:30pm Music Rehearsals. *Sax Auditions for Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble, Butler Rm. 136

**** Music majors are REQUIRED to audition. Etudes are on the music web page. All others invited and encouraged to play for possible seating in Jazz Band, Orchestra and /or Wind Ensemble.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2017

8:00am Full band, Marching Basics Rehearsal at Band Field
9:30am Prep for performance in Steadman Lot (Freshman at UNV 1100 activities and convocation) ****Auditions for Trumpets looking for Jazz, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, & Brass Band BC 136**
12:15pm Lunch
1:00pm Performance at convocation

3:00 pm Drill Sets at Band Field. ****Auditions for Trombones interested in Jazz, Orch, Wind Ensemble, & Brass Band.**

5:00pm Dinner ****Auditions for Tuba and Euphonium for Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, & Brass Band BC 136**

6:30pm First Run of Entire Show!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

8:00am Full Band, Music and Drill Rehearsal at Band Field (with Pit)
Drill Sets/ Cleaning

12:00am Lunch

1:15-5:00pm Music Rehearsal, Band Field.

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Evening free (Floor Meetings, Required orientation activities!)

6:30 pm **Auditions for music majors not in ensembles begin at 6:30 pm and continue until 8:30 pm. All non-marching band music majors must complete their audition during this time.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

10:00-11:30am ***Percussion Auditions for Ensembles, Butler Rm. 136**

Auditions for Percussionists interested in Wind Ensemble and Orchestra will begin at 10:00am. Music for audition is enclosed with this mailing. If you did not receive it and would like it, please contact the Music Office. All members are welcome to audition for these groups. Music majors, however, are required to audition.

12:30pm Full Band on Band Field

Very Simple Drill Runs of Show

5:00pm Dinner

6:00pm Final Camp Rehearsal

2017 The Spirit & The Pride of PA!
Marching Band Member Information Sheet

Name _____ Instrument/Section _____

Home Address _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Parent(s) Names _____

Campus Address _____ Campus Phone _____

Social Security Number ____ - ____ - _____

Year in School: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

I will register for credit _____ I am at 18 credits and cannot register for credit: _____

I will audit: _____ I have a class conflict (list course, times and days) _____

Prefix: ____ Number _____ section ____ times _____

Brass Players- Indicate Low and High Range (Include Clef!):

Do you need a school-owned instrument? Yes No

_____ I am a new member of the band. I am enclosing the \$55.00 Registration Fee, payable to the MU Marching Band. Please reserve an MU Band Shirt for me in the following size: (circle one) M L XL XXL

_____ I am a returning member and have enclosed my \$45.00 registration fee, payable to the MU Marching Band.

_____ I am a returning member and need a new band shirt. I have enclosed an additional \$15.00. Please order the following size shirt: M L XL XXL

NEW MEMBERS: Did you order your DINKLES Marching Shoes? See the marching band letter for the website to order shoes from. YES NO

MEALS: Just a reminder that weekend meals and breakfast throughout the week are the responsibility of the student members of the band. We recommend bringing breakfast items to keep in the dorms to make mornings easier. The band will cover lunch and dinner through the cafeteria Monday through Friday. Do you plan to eat the meals provided by the band through the cafeteria:

____ YES, I WILL EAT MEALS PROVIDED ____ NO THANKS, I'M ON MY OWN

Return this form by July 10, 2017 to:

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