

North Marion High School Band Program



2026 Band Camp at NMHS

July 22nd – July 24th 2026 (Half Days) – 8:30am – 5pm

July 27th – July 31st 2026 (Full Days) – 8:30am – 9pm

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Students and families,

This year we excited to offer an on-campus band camp experience for members of the North Marion High School Colt Stampede. At this camp, our students will not only have many hours each day to perfect a marching band show and perform at a high level, but will also sharpen their leadership skills and grow together as one band family. Our staff and Boosters have been planning this event for many months to ensure that safety, high quality education, and fun are part of each minute at camp.

Please read the following information very carefully and more than once. In order to make use of precious camp hours, every band member must be prepared to follow our schedule carefully, and also remain flexible for the many contingencies that could change our plans. We ask that parents and guardians place full trust in our staff and band Boosters – we will follow safety and behavioral protocols established by Marion County Public Schools as though this were another day of school.

Thank you for supporting music education in our school, and providing our students with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to develop and perfect their art form in a unique and focused setting.

Mr. Janosa, Director of Music

Please retain this page for communication info

CAMP LOCATION – STUDENTS ARE ONLY ON CAMPUS DURING THE DAY, NO OVERNIGHT

North Marion High School: 151 W Hwy 329, Citra, FL, 32113

Main Office: (352) 671 – 6015

*Please note – band camp rehearsals are not open to visitors or spectators. The campus must be treated like a secure day of school. if you need to drop off something for your student, please take it to the front office only. If you would like to volunteer with us, you will need to fill out an electronic volunteer form. Email Mrs. Tank at **Alicia.tank@marion.k12.fl.us** for information*

EMERGENCY CONTACT ONLY

Band Room Phone Number: (352) 671 - 6015

→ This number will ring directly to Mr. Janosa's office phone. Please use it ONLY in cases of emergency. Due to the nature of a busy camp, we will not be near this phone all day – leave a message if need be. Students will have access to their phones during lunch and dinner breaks for calls/texts as they wish.

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT

Email Mr. Janosa at: aaron.janosa@marion.k12.fl.us. I will check my emails several times a day, depending on internet service in the area.

UPDATES/COMMUNICATION

Please refer to the following sources of official communication while we are gone. Internet/cell signal availability will determine how often we update these sources.

- CutTime: **You may receive texts/emails from this service – it is is our most efficient method of communication year-round, and is your student’s personal “hub” for events, announcements, and fee payments**
- Website: **nmhsmusic.com**
- Facebook: Search **NMHS Music Department**

BAND STAFF

- Mr. Christopher Morin – *Assistant Director*
 - Designs and teaches the marching band program, and is an employee of Ocali Charter High school. Mr. Morin is “clinic trained” meaning that he is a first responder for medical incidents.
- Mr. Justin Morin – *Percussion Director*
 - Designs and teaches all aspects of the percussion section and front ensemble. Mr. Morin is a full-time paraprofessional at NMHS.
- Mr. Jacob Condit – *Color Guard Director*
 - Designs and teaches all aspects of the color guard section.

LEAD PARENT VOLUNTEERS/CHAPERONES

- Dr. Diana Atkins
 - Booster President – Clinic Director and Occupational Therapist at the Morris Center, Ocala.
- Alicia Tank
 - Booster Vice President – Teacher and Theater Director at North Marion HS, and primary contact for parent volunteers.

All MCPS staff are background checked as you would expect of any educator in our school district. Non-paid volunteers also will have a volunteer form and background check on file with the school.

If you would like to volunteer with us, you will need to fill out an electronic volunteer form. Email Mrs. Tank at **Alicia.tank@marion.k12.fl.us** for information!

PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

We have one request for all parents: let your band member enjoy their experience! ☺

Our staff and parents will be highly attentive to safety and behavior at all times. There will be 4-8 adults (many of them full time educators) constantly monitoring just 50 students, a far higher ratio than what they are used to experiencing on an average day of school. We have also created a culture where students monitor themselves and report concerns consistently and professionally. Please, enjoy a few days of peace with your student working hard at our band camp. They will have access to their phones during meal breaks.

BAND MEMBER RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

You are the primary representation of our band program on and off campus, even with no uniform on. It is expected that you maintain model student behavior at all times while at Band Camp. Other students, parents, administrators, etc. will see you hard at work each day. Be a positive example for our school!

Failure to follow our expectations may result in calls home to parents and/or school administration. Serious infractions may result in a call for your parents to immediately come pick you up from camp with no “second chances”.

General Camp Rules

- Follow the schedule (will be posted daily) set by your staff very closely. Wake-up, lights out, and meal times are not suggestions.
 - Students must stay in the rooms/bunks assigned to them – there is no switching (even temporarily) for any reason.
 - After lights out, there should be no students outside unless you are going to/from restroom facilities. Students found anywhere else will be sent home immediately (yes, even at 3:00am).
 - Horseplay, running around, parkour, etc. are not permitted. You can't march very well with a sprained ankle.
 - Treat every word from a parent, band staff member, or leadership student as though it came directly from Mr. Janosa. We have a network of trusted adults and student mentors to ensure this process works right.
 - Eating three times a day is not a suggestion. You risk your health by going outdoors in the heat without adequate food and hydration.
 - If a personal possession is not allowed on school campus, it is not allowed here either.
 - If an outfit is not allowed on school campus, it is not allowed here either.
 - If it is not a word or gesture allowed on school campus, it is not allowed here either.
 - [Please review the MPCS Secondary Code of Student Conduct if you are unsure about general school rules.](#)
- ➔ Students are responsible for keeping track of times. Schedules may change, staff and leadership will communicate clearly. STUDENTS must keep track of their time expectations.

Rehearsal Rules

- Cell phones will be collected before drill and music rehearsals. Students do not need them during these times. They will be returned when we have free time after rehearsal.
- Only select leadership students should be talking during a rehearsal, drill or music. Otherwise, all attention should be directed to band staff.
- Restroom breaks should be kept to a minimum.
- Water breaks mean you must drink (not chug) water. Dehydration is a one-way ticket to an ambulance ride.
- Must be prepared for every rehearsal: instrument, reeds/oil/towel, music (even if you aren't using it), music stand, water, pencil.
- If you don't know “what, where, or when” – ask your leadership first.
- Must be in designated area/block BEFORE posted time. Late = group consequences.

MEALS

- Students are provided (free!) meals according to the following schedule:
 - **July 22nd – 24th (Half Days): Lunch only**
 - **July 27th – 31st (Full Days): Lunch and Dinner**
- Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to donate healthy snacks to our Booster team throughout camp. If you would like to donate snack items, they should accommodate all students (50 people is our estimated number). Healthy snack suggestions include: granola bars, Propel/Gatorade drink packs, and fruit trays. Please reach out to Mrs. Tank at Alicia.tank@marion.k12.fl.us if you plan to bring food items!
- Students with dietary restrictions will be accommodated to the best of our abilities. Please communicate dietary restrictions ASAP – food purchases are made BEFORE camp actually starts!

WEATHER SAFETY

- Per Florida law and MCPS policy, we will not have outdoor rehearsal during hours of extreme heat. Mr. Janosa will regularly check the “Wet Bulb Temperature” – a complex weather reading which takes into account heat, humidity, and air movement – to determine safe rehearsal conditions.
 - Again, students must drink water on every water break. No exceptions.
- We will move indoors during any signs of nearby lightning; we also have an app which monitors lightning strike distance.
- A little rain by itself is NOT a safety concern. Per the packing list, bring more than the minimum number of shirts/shorts/socks to survive the week. Harmless rain is possible in Florida and a change of clothes may be necessary.

GENERAL MEDICAL SAFETY

- If a small first-aid kit can handle an injury/accident, we will provide treatment, make record of it, and contact the parent as necessary.
- For any injury/illness more serious, we will immediately contact those listed on our emergency contact form, and/or 911 as appropriate. Please check your phone regularly while we are away at camp.
- Staff cannot administer over-the-counter medication “just because”. Those with a prescription for OTC/prescription only medication must be registered through the school.
- *Exception: If a student needs a rescue inhaler or Epi-Pen, they are expected to have it at arms-reach at all times. (Not in their cabin, not in the cafeteria, not in their bag on the sideline. It must be on their person).*

BAND CAMP CHECKLIST

To be comfortable, healthy, and safe throughout camp, we suggest each member has the following items ready to go each day at home or with them as appropriate.

- ☐ CLEAN Cotton socks for each day...including lots of extra pairs
 - ☐ Athletic shoes/marching band shoes
 - ☐ One set of athletic clothes *for each day* – MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE
 - T-shirt, shorts, socks, undergarments
 - 100% cotton is the best
 - ☐ An extra set of athletic clothes on hand
 - There is a high chance that clothes or shoes will get dirty and/or wet in the middle of the day. Spares are very important! You may leave a labelled bag in the band room if need be.
 - ☐ Did I mention socks? Seriously, bring extra socks
 - ☐ Hand towel for drying off
 - ☐ Prescription medications (if on file with the school)
 - ☐ Sunscreen (the cheap white stuff is the best. Spray-on sunscreen does not last long)
 - ☐ Bug spray
 - ☐ Sunglasses (dollar store sunglasses work just as well as expensive pairs)
 - ☐ Wide brimmed hat
 - ☐ Cell phone and charger
 - ☐ Your instrument and supplies (reeds, valve oil, swabs)
 - ☐ Mechanical pencils
 - ☐ All music provided this summer
 - ☐ Dress-up day attire, if participating
 - To be announced on Facebook and nmhsmusic.com
 - ☐ Fanny pack or small cross-body bag (bags cannot inhibit marching technique)
- ➔ Concerns with this list/unable to provide certain items? Please contact Mr. Janosa ASAP. Your concerns or needs will be kept confidential.
- ➔ ALL bags are subject to search by an adult staff member or MCPS employee. Inappropriate items may be held for parent pickup, thrown away, or reported to school administration/law enforcement as necessary.

Sample Schedule, Day 1

Before 8:30 – Arrive early! “Early is on time, on time is late”

8:30am – 8:45am: Short intro meeting

8:45am – 12:00pm: Visual basics and learning drill (indoors and outdoors)

12:00pm – 12:45pm: Lunch

12:45pm – 2:15pm: Sectional Time

2:15pm – 4:15pm: Full ensemble music

4:15 – 5:00pm: Music with visuals

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Dinner and fun activities!!

6:00pm – 8:30pm: Drill rehearsal outdoors

8:30pm – 9:00pm: Wrap up, clean up, fun activity, etc.

Performance Day Schedule (July 31st)

- **Family and Community Preview Show in the NMHS Football Stadium**
 - **Parking in Stadium Parking Lot, not front of school**
- **Gates open at 6:00pm, show begins at 6:30pm.**
- See nmhsmusic.com/communityshow for future updates
- Concessions will be available!

FINAL DISCLAIMER

All aspects of our schedule, policies, and expectations are subject to change according to MCPS mandates, weather changes, or any other unforeseen incident which requires us to use our best professional judgement. Safety and education are our number one concerns – we must all remain flexible to keep these priorities.