

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTEMEN MARCHING BAND

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ROOKIE SURVIVAL SHEET



Welcome to the Minutemen Marching Band! We hope that this coming season will be one of excitement, learning and fun! This survival sheet is intended to give you and your parents/guardians an overall “heads up” as to what to expect within the first few weeks and throughout your first marching band season.

Summer Rehearsals:

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on 7/5 from 6:30-9:15 p.m.
- Communicate with Mr. S AND your section leaders regarding absences**
- Dress in light, comfortable and loose fitting clothing especially for warmer evenings
- Sneakers or comfortable shoes are required for all rehearsals (flip-flops or loose fitting shoes are simply not safe when we march and are not allowed to be worn)!
- Bring WATER to every rehearsal. Frequent breaks will be provided for water throughout the rehearsals
- Wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Ask questions if you don't understand something (don't be afraid to ask for help!)

Expenditures:

Unfortunately, there are several expenses that go along with being a first year member. These include purchasing items that will be a required part of your uniform. Specific information and order forms will be distributed around mid-summer before band camp.

- Gloves: Will be approximately \$2.25 per pair. It is suggested that you plan on ordering 2-3 pairs per year. Certain sections of the band require that the fingertips be cut off for ease of playing. Your captains and section leaders will tell you if you need to do this.
- Dinkles: These are the official marching shoe of the Minutemen band. They will run approximately \$33.95 and you may only need one pair for your four years, provided you take care of them. Instructions for ordering will be distributed at a later date.
- (FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, NO BAND CAMP THIS YEAR 2016)
Band Camp: The final cost of camp will be available in July. We will offer a fundraiser over the summer for band camp. You can start budgeting about \$225 for band camp.
- UNDERGARMENTS*: Musicians should have something lightweight to wear under the uniform during warm weather and long underwear during cold weather. Full length black socks must be worn with the uniform at all times.

**For Colorguard members: specific uniform details will be announced at a later date.*