MARCHING BAND 2022

We are excited to announce some changes for our marching band for next year. For the first time ever, we will have two marching band options.

We are making this change to better meet the needs of all students. Currently, we do not have any other marching band option other than being in a highly competitive group. Next year we are going to offer a non-competitive option in addition to that. BOTH bands are "The Rebel Regiment" – the only difference is that some will compete and some will not.

Both bands will perform together at football games, parades and other community events. Only those in the competitive band will perform at competitions. We have patterned this after Dobyns-Bennett High school Band. They have been very successful with a two marching band system for the past several years. We expect this to give many more students the opportunity to participate in a marching band.

The band directors have discussed this for the past couple of years and spent many hours doing research. We feel this will help give all students a group that fits them instead of a "one size fits all" mentality. Below is a chart highlighting some of the information.

We have met with administration and fine arts coordinator and they are on board with this change. We will have more details after winter break, but wanted to share the main idea. We have discussed this with each of our band classes. We met with FCMS 8th grade today and will meet with DRHMS 8th grade band Monday. Overall this can be a big positive game changer for our band program!!!

	Marching Band (Non-Competitive)	**Competitive Marching Band**
Performances	Home Football Games Optional away games Parades (usually 2-3) One Saturday event in Sept.	Home Football Games Optional away games Parades (Usually 2-3) 4-5 Saturday Competitions (Local, regional and National)
Regular After School Practice	Once a week 4-5:30pm	Extended 4th block class 3 days a week until 5:30pm (one of these three will be a practice along with marching band) All competition band students will be in 4th block class. This eliminates having to stay until 7pm on school nights.
PE Credit?	YES- this meets this course state requirements for the required PE Credit	YES- this meets this course state requirements for the required PE Credit
Elective credit?	Once you get PE credit the first year, marching band counts as elective credit	Once you get PE credit the first year, marching band counts as elective credit
Class	One block during 1st Semester (Could be 1st, 2nd or 3rd block depending on your schedule)	One block during 1st Semester (4th block)
Summer Practice	Approximately 1 week before school begins	Approximately 3 weeks before school begins
Warm Weather Uniform	Black shorts and Royal Blue Band T-Shirt (early season football games)	Black shorts and Royal Blue Band T-Shirt (early season football games)
Uniform	Traditional marching band uniform	Costume uniform that goes with the show theme for the year
Music/Program	Fan friendly halftime show for football games (closer to the type of show you would see a college band perform) Drill that will be at an easy level but still interesting to our home tow crowd.	Competition show designed to score well at regional, state and national competitions Competition band will ALSO learn the football game show. This will not be difficult since it will be easy level drill.
Cost	There will be a base fee to cover cost of music, show design, uniform expenses, summer staff, etc. – Exact amount of this fee will be determined later in the year when expenses are finalized	There will be the same base fee as the non-competitive band plus an additional travel/competition fee. Exact expense amounts will be announced later in the year when our travel schedule is finalized. Students will have the opportunity to earn discounts through fundraising.
Expected Enrollment	Approx. 300+	Approx. 200 total