



DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND OF VIKINGS MARCHING BAND 2011-2012 SEASON

What is the BOV (Band of Vikings)?

The DHS Marching Band is an all-volunteer, extra-curricular music group that serves several purposes. This volunteer group will draw only the most dedicated and motivated students, resulting in a marching band that has the desire to strive for the next level of quality performance.

The Band provides half-time entertainment at all home varsity football games, as well as acting as a spirit unit. The Band also travels to a number of marching band competitions throughout the fall. Furthermore, the Band supplements community events with its participation in local parades and functions. The Marching Band plays a vital role in raising morale throughout the Danville Community.

Why should I be in the DHS Marching Band?

The real question should really be: Why *shouldn't* you be part of it? The Band provides positive experiences musically, socially, and on a personal level. It provides students with the opportunity to perform in a quality ensemble and to be challenged both musically and physically at the same time. Few activities teach you as many concepts at once as the marching band. As a member, you will learn to improve yourself in the areas of musicianship, personal responsibility, discipline, social interaction, and physical coordination. The BOV is an award winning organization. Last year we took first place out of five bands in our class at the Effingham H.S. competition!

As an incoming freshman, the band provides the chance for you to get to know sophomores, juniors, and seniors before the first day of school. The older students are extremely willing to help out their fellow band members find classes, find lockers, with homework, and any other problems you may encounter along the way. The band provides you with a STRONG social support group right from day one to help ensure your success at Danville High School.

In addition, you may qualify for a one semester P.E. waiver with your participation in the BOV.

What time commitments are involved?

Attached in this packet is a list of performance and rehearsal dates. Most rehearsals are right after school from 3-5PM, although some are until 6PM. Attached is a *tentative* calendar for the fall. We perform at all home football games and 4 to 5 competitions. As a member of the band, we expect the commitment from you to attend ALL performances, as the success of the ensemble depends on the contributions of everyone. In addition, your attendance at rehearsals is vital to your success because new material will often be learned. This is a TEAM activity in which all members are essential. All members have a place and a function in creating a complete performance.

What is the attendance policy?

You are expected to attend everything on the attached schedule. There will be days that rehearsals are **not** scheduled. Please take care of doctor appointments, senior photos, etc. on those days.

The following point system will be used to determine PE Waiver status. When a student reaches a total of 26 points, their PE Waiver will not be approved. Points will be assigned to absences under the following guidelines:

Unexcused rehearsal absence	12 points
Excused rehearsal absence	5 points
Unexcused performance absence	26 points
Excused performance absence	9 points
Late to rehearsal (missing no more than half) excused	3 points
Late to rehearsal (missing no more than half) unexcused	5 points

An absence or tardiness is considered excused under the following conditions:

1. The student's absence from school that day is an excused absence
2. The parent/guardian has notified Mr. Leeb by phone, email, or written note concerning the absence
3. A teacher or coach provides phone, email, or written notice that they are working with a student

An example of an absence or tardiness that is not excused is:

1. The student's absence from school that day is an unexcused absence
2. The student is serving a detention or is suspended
3. There is no notification from the parent/guardian concerning the absence

Parents and students should be aware that an absence from a performance will only be excused under the following conditions:

1. Mr. Leeb has been notified by the first day of the school year that there is a conflict with an already scheduled event
2. The student is ill (and the parent/guardian has notified Mr. Leeb by phone, email, or written note)
3. There is a legitimate emergency
 - a. The parent/guardian will notify Mr. Leeb by phone, email, or written note
 - b. Mr. Leeb has the final say in deciding what constitutes an emergency, and the student may be required to submit evidence documenting the emergency

If a student is academically ineligible, or is suspended from school, the absence from the performance will be considered unexcused!

Parents/guardians should be aware of their responsibility to make sure that students are prompt and in attendance, and to their responsibility of notifying Mr. Leeb of absences. Notification by students will not result in excused absences without further documentation from the parents.

What if I have a conflict with a rehearsal or performance?

We all realize and understand that sometimes, unavoidable conflicts occur, especially with other school events and activities. The DHS Bands have a very good working relationship with the Administration, Athletic Department, and Faculty, and we are always willing to work together to compromise on conflicts. By signing the Marching Band Commitment Form, **we are expecting that you have checked the attached calendar with your personal calendar, and will retain the calendar for future reference.** Use the calendar well in advance to help *avoid* conflicts. Please schedule appointments at other times. The Band Department respects your time and will *rarely* change from this schedule that is issued MONTHS in advance. In return, please respect the Marching Band's rehearsal and performance times and make it a point to be at every rehearsal from beginning to end. If a conflict arises, solutions can be worked out with plenty of *advance notice*. The Band Department strives to be organizationally efficient. Please do not make the Band Department suffer because of others' poor planning. Respect prior commitments and attend scheduled rehearsals.

We want to work with all of the students to help them resolve conflicts, and help each student become more organized in scheduling their busy lives. We expect students to fulfill their commitments to the marching band, and we *expect the parents to help teach their children about keeping a commitment*. **Since all circumstances are different please do not assume that an absence is excused without discussion with the director.**

How much does it cost?

The fee for marching band is \$135.00. You will also be asked to buy specific marching band shoes (ordered through us) that will cost approximately \$25. This is potentially a one time purchase (depending on your growth). Along the way there may be additional costs for extra trips or events. Percussionists may be expected to pay fees for sticks or mallets, and guard members may be expected to pay some additional uniform costs. This cost is expected to be paid by the start of Band Camp. Special arrangements for payment of fees can be made with discussion with Mr. Leeb and our IMB Treasurer.

What if I don't know how to march?

Well, you didn't know how to walk at one point in your life, but you learned how! The Band has a number of top-notch instructors along with experienced veterans of the Marching Band. You will be taught through methodical instruction all the necessities of becoming an expert marcher.

Do I have to audition?

Plain and simple, the answer is no. As long as you are a member of the DHS Music Department, we've got a spot for you, although drum line and guard do have placement auditions. Wind players must be enrolled in a curricular band class, percussionists and guard may be in orchestra or choir as well.

When is the deadline?

The commitment form is due on Friday, May 13. Only those students that return their registration packet and signed commitment form will be guaranteed a spot. The show must be written for an EXACT number of students, and therefore we must know our numbers at that time.

I hope this has answered your questions about the 2011-2012 season for the DHS BOV. If you have any questions, please call the Band Office at 217-444-1541, or e-mail Mr. Leeb at MaestroLeeb@danville.k12.il.us

Everyone wants to be a member of an organization where he or she has value, is wanted and needed, plays a vital role in the success of the group, and is recognized for his or her contribution. With your participation, you are helping to set the stage for years to come. If you haven't been a part of it before, now is the time to start. *If you were a member of the Marching Band last year, then we need your skill and expertise to help give others the experience you've already had!!*

Danville High School

Band of Vikings

2011-2012 Marching Band Schedule

This calendar is tentative at this point and is subject to change! Please note that this calendar differs from last year and changes from week to week, so please keep this calendar handy!

THIS CALENDAR WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT: WWW.DHSIMB.COM

Thur., May 26	6PM-8PM	Rehearsal (all rehearsals at DHS Band Room)
Thur., June 2	6PM-8PM	Rehearsal
Thur., June 16	6PM-8PM	Rehearsal
Thur., June 23	6PM-8PM	Rehearsal
Thur., June 30	5PM-9PM	Rehearsal
Thur. July 12	5PM-9PM	Rehearsal
Thur. July 26	5PM-9PM	Rehearsal
Mon., Aug. 8	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Tue., Aug. 9	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Wed., Aug. 10	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Thur., Aug. 11	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Fri., Aug. 12	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal (Optional trip to DCI in Indy)
Mon., Aug. 15	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Tue., Aug. 16	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Wed., Aug. 17	8AM-12PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Fri., Aug. 19	3PM-5PM	Band Camp Rehearsal
Fri., Aug. 19	5 PM	Parent Preview
		Band Dance TBA
Tue., Aug. 23	3-5	Rehearsal
Wed., Aug. 24	3-5	Rehearsal
Thur., Aug. 25	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Aug. 26	TBA	Home Football Game vs. Urbana
Mon., Aug. 29	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Tue., Aug. 30	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Aug. 31	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Thur., Sept. 1	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 2	No Rehearsal	
Mon. Sept. 5	TBA	Labor Day Parade
Tue., Sept. 6	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Sept. 7	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Thur., Sept. 8	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 9	No Rehearsal	
Mon. Sept. 12	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Tue., Sept. 13	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Sept. 14	No Rehearsal	
Thur., Sept. 15	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 16	TBA	Home Football vs. Centennial
Sat., Sept. 17	TBA	Watseka Competition

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Mon., Sept. 19	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Tue., Sept. 20	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Sept. 21	No Rehearsal	
Thur., Sept. 22	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 23	TBA	Home Football vs. Normal West
Sat., Sept. 24	All Day	Viking Invitational
Mon. Sept. 26	No Rehearsal	
Tue., Sept. 27	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Sept.28	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Thur., Sept. 29	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Sept. 30	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Sat., Oct. 1	TBA	EIU Competition
Mon., Oct. 3	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Tue., Oct. 4	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Oct. 5	No Rehearsal	
Thur., Oct. 6	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Oct.7	TBA	Home Football vs. MacArthur
Mon., Oct. 10	Columbus Day, no rehearsal	
Tue., Oct. 11	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Oct. 12	3PM-6PM	Rehearsal
Thur., Oct. 13	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Oct. 14	3PM-4PM	Rehearsal
Fri., Oct. 15	TBA	Effingham and/or Newton Competition
Mon. Oct. 17	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Tue., Oct. 18	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Wed., Oct. 19	3PM-5PM	Rehearsal
Thur., Oct. 20	Early Release Day, rehearsal right after school	
Fri., Oct. 21	Parent Conferences, no classes/no rehearsal	
Sat., Oct. 22	TBA	U of I Competition

Retain this calendar and place it someplace where EVERYONE in the family will have access. It is incredibly important that family members communicate with each other so that BOV members can follow through on their commitment. Write these dates in your personal calendar so that you DO NOT schedule on top of these dates! In addition, these dates will be posted on the calendar at: www.DHSIMB.com

**On Friday, August 12, we will be taking a voluntary trip to Indianapolis to see the Drum Corps International semi-final competition. These drum and bugle corps are among the best marching and musical units in the world and set a great example for the type of excellence we are trying to achieve. It is a great learning experience and a fun trip as well. The first 50 students to submit their commitment form and payment will be guaranteed a reservation. If necessary, we will order more tickets so that as many students as possible can go, but those who purchase early will have better seating for the event.

*2011-2012 Danville High School
Marching Band
Commitment Form*

By signing this form, it is understood that BOTH parent/guardian and student have read, in its entirety, this packet, including the calendar. By signing this form, you are committing to your participation in the 2011-2012 Danville High School Marching Band

Name _____

Instrument _____ '11-'12 grade _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Student Email _____

Parent Names _____

Parent Email _____

T-Shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Please see the following page for fee information

I have read through the BOV Marching Band info packet, and I understand that in registering for marching band I will agree to abide by the stated policies, as well as the rules that exist in the Danville High School Handbook

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Please return no later than May 13, 2011

Name _____

Fees - Check all that apply

Marching Band Fee _____ \$135.00 (all members pay)
Shoes (indicate size) _____ \$25.00 (new members need these)
Color Guard _____ \$150.00 (all guard members/all inclusive)
T-Shirt (worn by all members to all contests) _____ \$0 (Size S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL – circle one)
DJ Tickets _____ \$25 (optional)
Apparel (please enclose order form) _____ (optional)
TOTAL _____
Entire amount enclosed _____ (checks to “DHS Instrumental Music Boosters”)
Monthly payments? _____

NOTE: If you choose monthly payments, those payments will be due on the 1st day of June, July and August. A deposit of \$75 must accompany this intent form. The entire amount can be paid off at any time. Payment of fees is very important towards the support and maintenance of our group. Items not paid for (such as shoes) will not be distributed until paid for. It is our intent that all fees should be taken care of by the start of marching camp on August 8, 2011.

Payments and fees can be either sent to Mr. Leeb at DHS or mailed directly to:

DHS Instrumental Music Boosters
P.O. Box 2353
Danville, IL
61832

*All arrangements for fees MUST be taken care of by
the beginning of Band Camp!!*

Danville High School Band of Vikings
Medical Authorization Form

Student Name _____

Should it be necessary for my child to have any medical treatment while participating with the BOV, I hereby give Danville School District #118 personnel permission in obtaining service for the child/student. I give my permission to the physician or attending medical technicians selected by the school personnel to render needed medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate. In addition, the following information is accurate and up to date and I will notify the Band of Vikings Director, *in writing*, of any changes or updates to this information.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

ALLERGIES

SPECIAL MEDICATIONS

PLEASE STATE ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MEDICAL TREATMENT

MEDICAL INSURANCE _____

POLICY/GROUP# _____

FAMILY DOCTOR _____ **DOCTOR PHONE** _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE - MOTHER _____ **WORK PHONE - FATHER** _____

CELL PHONE - MOTHER _____ **CELL PHONE - FATHER** _____

EMERGENCY PHONE _____ **NAME AND RELATIONSHIP** _____

Marching Band Waiver

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a result of a school code amendment, high school students may be granted a waiver the fall semester for Physical Education under the following circumstances:

1. The student is participating in the Marching Band Program during Marching Band season.
2. The Band Director and parents sign to confirm that the student is actively participating

Students who receive a waiver and select a class, or study hall, in lieu of P.E. and then quit Marching Band, are removed for disciplinary reasons, or who fail to fulfill the attendance expectations will be required to make up the physical education requirement prior to graduations, but not in the same semester that the waiver is issued.

THIS WAIVER MUST BE REQUESTED BEFORE THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK OF CLASSES, FIRST SEMESTER!!

Please sign below, indicating approval of your child to take a course or study hall in place of P.E. for first semester.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Course Name or Study Hall requested _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Band Director Signature _____