2025 RHS Marching Band Registration Packet

Thank you for your interest in joining the tradition of the RHS Marching Band! Please read this packet carefully, as it will provide you with a variety of information about the marching band program/season, along with important dates from now until the end of the season. We realize that this is a LOT of information and can be overwhelming to process. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Luckenbill (Director) if you have any questions (jluckenbill@rpsnj.us).

We look forward to you joining the RHS Marching Band family!





<u>ALL</u> Members must FIRST complete the online registration form.

Go to the *Marching Band tab* on <u>rhsbands.org</u>
to complete your online registration (also linked on home page). **DEADLINE for the Online Registration Form is Friday, May 9!**

RHSMB Registration Checklist

Friday, May 1

□ NEW Member Early Registration Deadline with \$50 DISCOUNT

Friday, May 9

☐ Online Registration Form by **Friday**, **May 9** (info above)

Wednesday, May 14

You may bring them to the Registration Chair early OR to the Organizational Meeting ☐ Payment Voucher #1 (p. 3)

- Make check payable to <u>RHS Band Association</u> or pay on GroupSpot
- NOTARIZED Band Program Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment (p. 7)
 - > Possible Notaries: Banks, Attorneys, Real Estate Brokers, UPS
- ☐ Photocopy of **valid health insurance card** (both sides)
- NEW Members Uniform Measurement Form (found on rhsbands.org)

Registration Questions???

Sara and Drew Wilson

(646) 279-7498 saraywilson@gmail.com Address: 128 West End Ave. (for Payments)

Lynne Dewhurst-McBurney

(415) 305-0315 Lynnedm@gmail.com Address: 176 W Glen Ave. (for Paperwork)

School Physical Forms

To be completed **SEPARATELY** and returned to the RHS Nurse's Office by **August 11** (do NOT give these to us)

RHS School Athletic Physical, completed by a parent and physician (**required**) OR Health History Update Questionnaire

There is a <u>MANDATORY KICK-OFF & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u> for ALL marching band members and at least one parent or guardian on **WEDNESDAY**, **MAY 14**, beginning at **7:00 PM in the RHS Campus Center**. **NEW** materials, schedules & paperwork will be distributed/discussed at the meeting.

GroupSpot

We utilize GroupSpot as our main communication hub for EVERYTHING, including notifications & reminders, calendar events, volunteer signups, PAYMENTS, and more! **ALL** students and parents are required to join the group. **NEW this year**: Pay for Payment #1 & 2 THROUGH GroupSpot!

Please use the **QR Code** to the right to join the 2025 RHSMB GroupSpot group!

GroupSpot Invite Code: PQAt



2025 Registration Payment Information

TOTAL Marching Band FEE is \$925 and is divided into 3 payments. See **below** for a breakdown of the payments.

- Payment #1 (\$175) is due by Wednesday, May 14 Check made out to RHS Band Association or GroupSpot
- Payment #2 (\$350) is due by Wednesday, May 28 Check made out to RHS Band Association or GroupSpot
- Payment #3 (\$400) is due by Monday, June 9 Check (REQUIRED) made out to RHS Association

You may pay the FULL amount up front, but please use 3 separate checks as outlined on page 3.

***No student has ever been denied participation in the RHS Marching Band due to financial circumstances. ***

If your child requires alternate payment arrangements or financial assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Mr.

Luckenbill. We're happy to work with you individually to help set-up a comfortable payment option. Requests in prior years have included: monthly payments, bi-weekly payments, and varied scholarships considered on a case-by-case basis. Please make requests by May 9 – all requests will remain confidential.

SIBLINGS: If you have more than 1 child currently in the band, please contact Mr. Luckenbill BEFORE May 9 and ask about our sibling discount!

<u>Payment / Refund / Cancellation Information</u>: Since music, materials, props, costumes, flags, & drill are custom designed, written, built, sewn, and purchased prior to <u>June 30</u>, <u>NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER THAT DATE</u>. If a student chooses not to participate after the registration has been received, Mr. Luckenbill must be notified IMMEDIATELY.

What do your registration fees help supplement?

Payment #1 (\$175)

(Due by May 14 | Organizational Meeting)

Secures your spot & covers Initial Show Design Expenses

Payment #2 (\$350) helps supplement:

(Due by Wednesday, May 28 | Second Spring Rehearsal)

Meals and Snacks for Season

Band Camp Snacks & Supplies Band Camp Staff & Nurse

Show T-Shirt

Alternate Uniform Shirt

Show Equipment, Props & Supplies

Musicians: Uniform Dry Cleaning

<u>Color Guard</u>: \$50 towards Costume Fee - Total Fee **TBD**

Payment #3 (\$400) helps supplement:

(Due by June 9 | Last Spring Rehearsal)

Band Camp Fee @ Timberlake Camp

End-of-the-Year Dinner Banquet (Tides Restaurant)



Donation for RHSMB Registration Scholarship Fund

Each year, we have students who face financial hardship who would like to participate in the marching band. We are looking for donations to build up funds to help these students participate in the RHS Marching Band. If you are interested in making a donation, please turn in this payment slip, along with your donation, to Mr. Luckenbill at RHS.

Name	Donation Amount \$
Name on check	Check #

Ridgewood HS Marching Band 2025 Payment Vouchers

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Payment #3

<u>CHECK ONLY</u> – Made Payable to: <u>RHS Association</u> (NOT a typo...) **Due by Monday**, June 9

	Due by Monday, June 3			
Student Name	Payment #3 TOTAL:	\$400		
Name on Check	Fundraising Credits Used (Current RHS Students)			
Check Number	Total Check Amount Enclosed			
Payment #3 is CHECK ONLY	. Please pay attention to the MADE PAYABLE above	(it's not a typo)		
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Student Name	Payment #2 TOTAL:	\$350		
Name on Check	Fundraising Credits Used (Current RHS Students)			
Check Number	Total Check Amount Enclosed			
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NEW MEMBERS: Submit this payment by <u>May 1</u> (in addition to the online registration) and a receive a **\$50 discount** – you pay **\$125**! Please note that in the "early discount" line above.

2025 Attendance / Behavior Policy

*Attendance AGREEMENT is part of the Online Registration Process. Please read THIS POLICY before checking the box on the online registration form. *

The success of the Ridgewood High School Marching Band is dependent upon the dedication, attendance, and appropriate behavior of all members of the group. Absences and tardiness from rehearsals have a significant effect on the band's ability to move ahead, as do negative or inappropriate behaviors. This policy is aimed at providing a positive working and learning environment for all students in order to attain the highest level of achievement and performance. All rehearsals, performances, and activities listed in the calendar are **MANDATORY**, unless otherwise noted, and the following guidelines apply:

Expectations

- All students are required to attend ALL practices, sectionals, games, competitions, events and activities as
 listed on the Marching Band Calendar. When joining the Marching Band, you accept the
 rehearsal/performance calendar as your personal responsibility. Realize that successful performances can
 only be achieved through effective rehearsals. Absences from rehearsals have a significant effect on the
 band's ability to move ahead. Since we must perform as a complete group, it is therefore imperative that we
 rehearse as one.
- After school rehearsals are held from 3:45 PM to 6:15 PM, **unless otherwise specified**. Please consult the calendar for exact times and locations of each rehearsal.
- Saturday rehearsal locations and times are specified on the Marching Band Calendar and *the calendar on GroupSpot*. Times may change depending on the performance time of our competition each week. Notification will come as soon as the director is aware of the change of rehearsal time.
- Sectionals are included in the Marching Band Calendar due to field reservation considerations. All other sections will arrange their sectional for a time agreeable to all members of that section.
- It is expected that students will behave in a manner which is respectful to other students, staff, and chaperones. All school rules and expectations remain in place during all rehearsals, performances, and events.

Preparation

- You are required to be prepared for each rehearsal so that rehearsals may begin on time. That means that
 you are at the field with your instrument, music, pencil, coordinate sheets, drill binder, and other necessary
 materials ready to start at the specified time.
- You are required to wear the proper attire for all rehearsals. This includes athletic shoes/sneakers, socks and comfortable clothing that allow you to march. No sandals/flip-flops or excessively baggy clothing.

<u>Absences</u>

- You have regularly scheduled rehearsals and performances which have been given to you long in advance. Do not schedule college visits, medical or dental appointments, academic tutoring, private music instruction, or any other activity during these specified times.
- If you miss a rehearsal for any reason, whether excused or unexcused, the staff reserves the right to prohibit you from marching in the next performance, if they feel that you are not adequately prepared.
 - Several missed rehearsals may result in your expulsion from the group.
- Excused absences from rehearsal are limited to the following:
 - Personal illness which confines you at home (excused absence from school).
 - Personal illness which causes you to be sent home by the school nurse.
 - Death in the family.
 - Religious holiday (please notify the Band Director in advance).
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Unexcused absences include reasons not listed above. If you are present for a full day of school and you do
 not attend rehearsal or if you leave school without clearance from the school nurse, your absence will be
 considered unexcused. Absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the
 validity of the absence.

- Unexcused absences will result in disciplinary action:
 - 1ST offense: Student conference with Band Director.
 - 2ND offense: Parents are contacted.
 - 3RD offense: Suspension from one performance.
 - 4TH offense: Expulsion from the group.

Tardiness

- Unexcused and excessive tardiness to rehearsal will not be tolerated.
- If you have a ninth period assignment, you must bring your instrument/equipment to ninth period, then come quickly to rehearsal with a pass from the supervising teacher.
- If you are serving an after-school detention, you must also report to rehearsal immediately afterwards with a pass from the supervising teacher. Since these detentions end after rehearsal has started, your tardiness will be considered unexcused.
- Unexcused tardiness will result in disciplinary action.
 - 1ST offense: Student conference with Band Director
 - 2ND offense: Phone call to parent
 - 3RD offense: Suspension from one performance
- Subsequent offenses may lead to expulsion from the group.

Appeals

• Students wishing to appeal decisions regarding attendance must contact the Director to arrange for a conference to include the Director, student, parent, and additional staff as necessary.

Flexibility

• If you believe that a conflict which may cause you to either miss or be late to a rehearsal is unavoidable, see the Director as far in advance as possible. Options can often be worked out with other teachers, coaches, etc. that will make it unnecessary to miss marching band rehearsal. (e.g. Driver Ed meetings...with advance notice are always flexible for athletes and band members.)

Communication

- Communication of absences must be done directly through the Band Director! For example, you cannot tell someone else to tell the Director that you will be absent. Even if the reason is legitimate, this will be considered an unexcused absence.
- All absence requests due to extenuating circumstances must be provided in writing (email) from a parent, with at least one-week advance notice.
- If you are sick at home, you must call, email or GroupSpot message the Director that you will not be present at rehearsal. All communication must be made at least two hours prior to the scheduled rehearsal time.
- In the event that you are sent home prior to the end of the school day by the school nurse, you must call or email Mr. Luckenbill immediately.
- Remember that absences due to illness must be followed up with a note from home confirming the validity
 of the absence.

Mr. Luckenbill: (201) 670-2800 ext. 20744 or iluckenbill@rpsnj.us

Field Trips (Games and Competitions)

- All band members are required to travel to and from all events on buses, under the supervision of the RHS
 Marching Band Staff, since the school is responsible for the safety and well-being of the students. While at
 events, the students must also remain under the direct supervision of the staff.
- Any special requests for late arrival to an event or early departure from an event must be done in writing at least one week in advance, accompanied by the appropriate paperwork. Contact Mr. Luckenbill to obtain the correct forms.

2025 Health Forms/Medical Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

■ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ■

In addition to completing the RHSMB registration materials, all Marching Band and Color Guard members are required to complete and submit the following medical forms by the start of our season in August. Students who do not follow the guidelines listed in the packet could miss valuable practice time or performances.

1 RHS Band Program Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment (p. 7) *Bring to Organizational Meeting*

The form on the following page contains a consent for emergency medical/surgical treatment and includes information that is used by the nurse or a health care professional in the event that a student needs medical treatment either at the camp, at an office, or at an emergency or urgent care facility. Information regarding food allergies and dietary requirements is used to plan menus that are appropriate for all students. This form must be **NOTARIZED**. *Possible Notaries*: Banks, Attorneys, Real Estate Brokers, UPS store in Ridgewood. We WILL have a notary on hand at the Organizational Meeting (just make sure everything else is filled out and ready to go!)

2. Authorization for Medications to be Given During Band Camp at Timber Lake Camp

If a student is currently taking any kind of medication (prescription or over-the-counter) the "Medication Authorization" form must be completed by the physician and submitted to the school nurse prior to Band Camp. This authorization form will be available at the May 14 meeting. All medications must be in their original containers and include the original prescription label. **Given to nurse before band camp departure**

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This is available from the Nurse's Offices at BF, GW, and RHS, on the RHS Health Services website, will be distributed at the **mandatory** Marching Band Organizational Meeting on **Wednesday, May 14**, and will available on our website (www.rhsbands.org) on the Marching Band page.

Please note: On Part B, Page 3 (Clearances) Marching Band is considered a "strenuous, non-contact" sport. Color Guard/Winter Guard are considered "limited contact" sports.

Along with the Athletics/Physical Exam packet, all participants must submit a copy of a current physical examination given within 365 days of the start of this marching band season (August 11, 2025). Therefore, please check the date of your child's last physical immediately.

We recommend that you contact your insurance company before making an appointment for a physical exam. Many companies will permit one physical examination each CALENDAR YEAR, meaning that scheduling an exam prior to summer vacation MAY be permissible. Again, this will simplify the health clearance process SIGNIFICANTLY. It is suggested that you make an appointment for a physical examination *NOW!*

These forms must be submitted IN PERSON prior to the end of the school year or during the posted times by the RHS Nurse's Office for the summer months. Forms submitted prior to the end of the 2024-2025 school year will simplify the process significantly. More info will be available at the Organizational Meeting.

Questions?

For further information regarding physical examinations or medications, please contact:

Mrs. Morgan (RHS Nurse) | 201-670-2800 ext. 20520 | mmorgan@rpsnj.us

THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

Ridgewood High School Marching Band Program CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

Authorization to consent to treatment of a minor temporarily separated from his/her parent(s).

*Please complete all of the following health history and medical information.

(First)

Sex: _____ Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

(M.I.)

Student Name: ___

(Last)

Date of Birth:

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PLEASE ATTACH A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD (BOTH SIDES) Physician: Phone:, a minor, do hereby authorize the Ridgewood Public Schools Staff, as our agent(s) to consent to any diagnostic procedure or medical care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of, any licensed physician, surgeon, or qualified personnel at an accredited hospital when such diagnosis or treatment is rendered. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific need for treatment, but is given to provide authority on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care which the physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable. I/We understand that there is no accident or health insurance program and that any medical bills incurred by my/our son/daughter will be paid by me/us. This authorization shall remain effective through June 30, 2026 unless sooner revoked in writing delivered to said agent(s). **AUTHORIZATION** State of New Jersey, County of Bergen** Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared					
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Common Marching Band Questions

Doesn't Marching Band consume your life because of the time commitment?

You're right- the Marching Band is a big commitment, but it is far less of a commitment than many of the sports programs! Also, the RHSMB DOES NOT practice every day. Students learn time management skills as part of being in the band, which is an important life skill that students carry with them for the rest of their life. While the calendar does look overwhelming at first, know that most of the season is during September/October. The schedule lightens up greatly by November!

I'm way too involved in other activities (clubs or dance, etc.); I'm involved in something different all year long! Can I still do other activities and be in the Marching Band?

Other activities and Marching Band are actually a great mix. There are many students who participate in the New Players theater company, take private lessons, or are involved other school activities. Fall is really the toughest time to juggle and it is true that if a student plans to participate in a RHS Fall Sport, Marching Band is not an option. Most other activities are compatible with the Marching Band schedule. Feel free to reach out and ask about your particular activity and how it would balance with Marching Band.



What if I play an instrument that's not offered in the RHSMB?

There are many opportunities within the marching band. Opportunities included playing in the sideline percussion section (the stationary percussion section), Color Guard (see below!), as well as learning a new instrument. We'll teach you everything you need to know and no experience is needed! You can continue to play your primary instrument as part of a curricular ensemble (band, orchestra, choir during the school day).

What is Color Guard?

Color Guard is an attached unit of the RHS Marching Band whose members represent the music visually. Members interpret the music by using various flags, sabers, rifles, or other props, as well as dance and movement. The marching "season" lasts from August to November, with many Saturdays committed to band activities. After November, students may continue by participating in our award-winning Winter Guard. The Winter Guard activity runs from mid-November to mid-April, and is an indoor color guard activity where they perform in a gym! Winter Guard is an optional, separate activity.



How does participating in the marching band affect my grades?

Like all arts, music has a profound effect on the academic success of the student. The network of experienced students one meets in the band can help with other academic classes. The saying goes, "If you want the job to get done, give it to a busy person." Throughout life, we must juggle various activities, whether it is work, school, family, hobbies, or other interests. Students who learn to balance and prioritize their time commitments end up being more successful later in life. Band should not be the only reason grades suffer, if a student takes the time to get organized. Being in an active group gives the students the opportunity to learn how to balance school, extra-curricular activities, and other interests. Most Marching Band members find that their grades are actually higher during the Marching Band season than at any other time during the school year.



What will I get out of Marching Band?

Every person's contribution is vital to the success of the RHSMB. In Marching Band, it is the one "team" that NO ONE sits on the bench – and whether a 9th grader or a 12th grader, the band is strong because of all participants. Because of this, band members often become a tightly knit group of friends regardless of grade. Musicians improve their playing abilities at an accelerate rate while color quard members learn the art of dance and movement.

2025 Uniform Distribution & Additional Expenses

MUSICIANS

Keeping over close to 100 musicians looking their best in the Marching Band Uniforms takes lots of time and effort by many volunteers on the Uniform Committee. Your adherence to following the instructions below will help those volunteers keep the uniforms looking great and to ensure the band members always look their best!

NEW MEMBERS of the Brass, Percussion, Woodwind sections must complete the *Uniform Measurement Form* (located on rhsbands.org) which is used to assign a uniform to each member of the band. Please bring this form with you to the **May 14 Organizational Meeting.**

- * Uniforms, shakos, garment bags and uniform instructions will be distributed on the following dates:
 - * All Returning Members: Tuesday, May 20 | 3:30-6:30 PM
 - **NEW Members:** Tuesday, May 27 | 3:30-6:30 PM

Your child will be given <u>2 pairs</u> of white gloves for use during the <u>ENTIRE</u> season. **Gloves can be washed as they become soiled.** You will be charged an additional \$5.00 for every extra pair of gloves given to your child.

To be purchased separately:

More information will be given at the May 14 Organizational Meeting.

- * All MEMBERS must purchase a ½ gallon water bottle (specific link will be given)
- * All musicians must purchase the MTX Marching Band Shoe in WHITE: approx. \$40.00
- * All musicians must wear **WHITE** athletic socks, **crew length or higher**, with the uniform.
- * All musicians must wear **WHITE** shorts or similar underneath their uniform pants.
- * All musicians must wear a **WHITE** shirt underneath the uniform jacket (*this will be your 2025 show shirt*)
- * All Woodwind and Brass musicians must purchase a flip folder for use with our football stands music.

Questions? Musicians Contact: Lisa Faris | Ifaris729@yahoo.com

COLOR GUARD

- * All color guard members will be fitted for costumes on May 19, at the first full band spring rehearsal.
- * Also available: assorted Color guard apparel. More information will follow.

To be purchased separately:

- * All color guard members must purchase the required shoes, est. \$50.
- Costume Fee: est. \$150 (\$50 is included in Payment #2 and will be deducted from final costume fee)
- * Also, any required undergarments and accessories (to be determined by costume design).

Questions? Color Guard Contact: Jake Montanaro | rhscolorguard@ridgewood.k12.nj.us



2025 RHS Marching Band Spring/Summer Calendar

Spring and summer rehearsals/performances are listed below. Any additional percussion and color guard rehearsals will be communicated to students in those sections at the interest meeting. All rehearsals will take place at the RHS Band Room, unless otherwise noted. Please note: EVERYONE is expected to attend the dates listed below (including rookie members). Please communicate any absences with Mr. Luckenbil!

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Friday, April 4	3:30-5:00 PM	Percussion Interest Meeting (RHS Band Room - 150) (Bring sticksMore dates will be shared during this meeting)
Monday, April 7	5:30-6:30 PM	Color Guard Interest Meeting (Meet @ RHS Band Room - 150) (More dates will be shared during this meeting)
<u>May</u>		
Thursday, May 1		NEW MEMBER EARLY REGISTRATION Deadline \$50 Discount on Payment #1 if Paid by May 1
Friday, May 9		ONLINE REGISTRATION DUE
Friday, May 9	3:30-5:30 PM	Percussion Placement Auditions (RHS Band Room 150)
Wednesday, May 14	7:00-8:30 PM	2025 Kick-Off & <i>Organizational Meeting </i> RHS Campus Center ***MANDATORY for student <u>and</u> a parent/guardian*** Payment #1 DUE (Voucher #1 on p. 3) & Notarized Medical Form (p. 7)
Monday, May 19	5:30-8:30 PM	Full Band Spring Rehearsal #1 RHS
Tuesday, May 20	3:30-6:30 PM	Returning Member Uniform Fitting (come anytime)
Tuesday, May 27	3:30-6:30 PM	NEW Member Uniform Fitting (come anytime)
Wednesday, May 28	5:30-8:30 PM	Full Band Spring Rehearsal #2 RHS
June		
Monday, June 2	3:30-5:30 PM	Leadership Summit (Leadership ONLY)
Tuesday, June 3	3:30-5:30 PM	Leadership Summit (Leadership ONLY)
Monday, June 9	4:00-9:00 PM	Full Band Spring Rehearsal #3 RHS (Dinner Break 6-7 PM)
July		
Tuesday, July 1	6:00-8:00 PM	July 4 Parade Rehearsal #1 (If you're in town)
Thursday, July 3	6:00-8:00 PM	July 4 Parade Rehearsal #2 (If you're in town)
Friday, July 4	9:00-11:00 AM	July 4 th Parade Our portion of the parade ends by 11AM!



Band Camp Schedule

Band Camp is vital to the success of our season and are where we learn the basic fundamentals of marching band! ALL students attend ALL weeks of camp. Note: the second week is a sleep-away camp.

Band Camp @ RHS

Exact Daily Schedule will be available at the May 14 meeting

Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15

Band Camp @ TLC (Timber Lake Camp)

Sunday, August 17 – Friday, August 22

Depart from RHS Parking Lot at 10:30 AM (Aug. 17) Return to RHS Parking Lot by 3PM (Aug. 22)

Post Camp @ RHS

Tuesday, August 26 – Thursday, August 28 (4-9pm)

2025 RHS Marching Band FALL TENTATIVE Calendar

This page contains the **TENTATIVE** Marching Band Calendar for the 2025 Fall Season. Students are required to attend ALL rehearsals, performances and activities. Any conflicts for the season should be communicated ASAP.

TYPICAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Full Band
Rehearsal
3:45-6:15pm

TUESDAY
Sectionals
3:45-6:15pm

WEDNESDAY
Full Band
Rehearsal
3:45-6:15pm

THURSDAY OFF FRIDAY
Full Band
Rehearsal
3:45-6:15pm
OR Football
Game

Full Band
Rehearsal
9AM-4PM

OR Competition
(Timing dictated by performance time and location)

* Saturdays are an important day for the RHSMB. Please block out the ENTIRE day, every Saturday during the marching band season, as we don't know the times of our competitions until a few weeks before. *

Rehearsals take place at two locations: (1) Kenilworth Field is located across from Somerville School on South Pleasant Ave (2) The RHS Main Football field is the main turf field at RHS.

In the event of inclement weather, rehearsal will be held in an indoor facility (band room/campus center), which will be announced that day by email and GroupSpot notification. We will ALWAYS have rehearsal!

2025 Performance Calendar

Ridgewood HS Marching Band

Friday, September 5: Home Football Game vs Montclair HS
Friday, September 12: Home Football Game vs Ramapo HS
Friday, September 19: Band Association Preview Performance
Friday, September 26: Home Football Game vs PCTI HS (7/8 Gr MB Night!)
Saturday, September 27: USBands Competition at Ramsey HS
Saturday, October 4: USBands Competition at Pequannock HS
Friday, October 17: Home Football Game vs Northern Highlands HS (Senior Night)
Saturday, October 18: USBands Competition at MetLife Stadium - Ludwig Musser Classic
Saturday, October 25: Bands of America Regional Competition at University of Delaware
Saturday, November 1: USBands NJ State Championships Competition at TBD
Saturday, November 8: USBands National Championships at MetLife Stadium

Friday, December 5: Ridgewood Downtown for the Holidays





If you'd like to view a PREVIEW of the Full Season Calendar, scan the QR Code ☐ Please note, this is TENTATIVE. A final calendar will be released at the May 14 Organizational Meeting.



<u>IMPORTANT – REGARDING FOOTBALL GAMES</u>: The RHSMB performs at all home football games during the regular season **and playoffs**. Tentative playoff games will be noted on the full calendar distributed at the Organizational Meeting.

* ANY CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE MADE WITH AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE!!! *

PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE <u>ANY APPOINTMENTS OR COLLEGE VISITS</u>, <u>ETC. THAT WILL CONFLICT WITH REHEARSALS</u> OR <u>PERFORMANCES</u>!!! YOU HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE RHS MARCHING BAND, AND HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO ADHERE TO THIS CALENDAR.