

Triton Central Marching Tigers 2020

Commitment Contract and Band Fee Information

Updated 6/26/20

Even though the Fall marching season still has some uncertainty, we are already well into the planning and design phase. In order to properly plan for a successful season, we must know the exact number of participants. The purpose of this form is to better communicate the expectations and responsibilities of all Marching Tiger members AND parents. This applies to winds, percussion, and guard. As of right now, we are assuming we can resume all normal activities in July. If this changes, we will let you know.

The marching band has many rehearsals outside of the school day that make participation co-curricular. This means that you will be graded and receive credit for all activities involved with the marching band. All high school members receive one full credit for the fall semester as well as one full P.E. credit. You can see a calendar with all rehearsals and performances posted on the band website at www.TritonCentralBands.com. This is updated often and always available. We try our very best to make you aware of all the activities involved now, but of course some things come up that we have no control over. We will always communicate this with you immediately to give you as much advanced notice as possible.

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is essential in allowing the Triton Central Marching Tigers reach its potential for the season. When one person is missing, it really does affect the rest of the group. Attendance at all of band camp is especially crucial. This is when we do the majority of learning our half-time show. Missing one day of band camp is equivalent to missing almost two weeks of school. Please understand how important each individual's role is for the whole group. It is the students' AND parents' responsibility to make sure you can make it to and from all rehearsals. Many parents carpool to help out with these. Parents are also strongly encouraged to be a part of the marching band through many ways of participation including, but not limited to: prop design and building, uniform mending, pit crew, making/serving meals, etc. Parents can and should be just as involved as the students. We also have booster meetings for all band parents on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the High School Band Room.

Students are not allowed to "try it out" for a few rehearsals or weeks. Doing so is detrimental to the entire ensemble. It is completely understandable that entering into a new organization with very high expectations will be overwhelming at times, especially in the beginning. Nervousness, fatigue, frustration, and all of the other emotions that come along with entering into a challenging activity are normal reactions. All of our returning students had the same feelings, and nearly all of them will tell you that they

felt much different at the end of their first marching season. For many, it becomes their favorite part of the year.

One of the ways of helping with the budget for the season is by requiring all members to pay a Band Fee. Each member is required to pay \$400 by August 21, 2020. (If you have two or more children in marching band, then the fee is \$300 per child.) We have already started the planning process, and a large part of the marching band budget is spent before band camp starts. This fee is non-refundable. Just like last year, we are offering a credits for dollars program to help cover up to 50% of your fees. You can work concessions and earn one credit for each hour worked. One credit is equivalent to \$5.

\$400 Band Fee helps with (but does not cover) the following costs:

T-shirt and Hoodie	Marching Shoes
Transportation	Music
Drill (Marching charts)	Uniform Maintenance
Equipment	Contest Fees

We have read through the information about marching band and understand the commitment each student must make to the Triton Central Marching Tigers. By signing below, we are making this commitment for _____ to participate the entire marching season. We understand this means arrangements will be made immediately for him/her to have a permanent part in the fall marching show. We agree to do everything possible for him/her to be at every rehearsal and performance. We understand the importance of attendance at all events and will notify Mr. Shepherd as far in advance as possible of any unavoidable conflicts. We also commit to paying the \$400 band fee by August 21, 2020, or will work concessions to help with the fee and pay \$200 by August 21, 2020. We understand this fee is non-refundable.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Tentative Important Dates 2020 Marching Season

Always check www.TritonCentralBands.com/Calendar for the most up to date info!

Guard/Percussion only Camp	July 15 &17
Band Camp	July 20-August 1

Fall Rehearsals tentatively set for Monday, Wednesday, Friday after school until 7:00 pm. The exact time is still TBD.

(We will usually rehearse on eLearning Days, Parent/Teacher Conferences, etc.)

Indy 500 Parade	August 23
Hope Heritage Days Parade	September 27
Fall Break Rehearsals	October 21-23

Contests every Saturday from September 12-November 7

2020-2021 Triton Central Band Grade Policy for Participation

Expectations:

Band and Guard members must not be failing any classes to be able to perform
Band and Guard members should maintain at least a 2.5 GPA for the current semester

Study Session:

TC Band will host a study/tutoring/work session every Tuesday after school 3-4 pm.
If a band/guard member is failing a class or has lower than a 2.5 GPA, they must attend this weekly session. Failure to attend will result in further removal from performances. This study session is much like a detention. No excuses (other than true emergencies) will be accepted. *Sports practices are not an excuse to miss.*

Procedure:

Mr. Shepherd will check every member's grades on Friday morning at 7:00 am. Students failing any class will be immediately notified they will not be able to perform that weekend and must attend the following Tuesday study session. **These students must still attend the rehearsals and performances for that week.** Failure to attend will count as an unexcused absence! Students with a current semester GPA lower than a 2.5 will also be immediately notified they must attend the following Tuesday study session.

Exceptions:

If the teacher of the failing class contacts Mr. Shepherd directly **on that Friday** affirming the student is not actually currently failing.
A school sanctioned plan (ex: IEP) is in place preventing the student from achieving the expectations above.
For qualifying events (Regional, Semi-State, Prelims, Semi-Finals, etc.), all members will be able to participate regardless of grades.

Triton Central Band and Guard Boosters Credits for Dollars Program 2020-2021

The Boosters are offering a system for helping students offset the cost of band fees as well as reward those students and parents that put time and money into the Triton Central Band program. Every TC Band/Guard student will have their own student account set aside to help pay for their Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, and Winter Guard fees. Students and parents may earn credits that accumulate in the student's account. **Students may use credits for up to 50% of each season's fees.**

Credits may be accumulated year-round, beginning the student's 6th grade year.

Credits never expire, and may roll-over from year to year.

Credits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

All credits are forfeited when a student leaves the band/guard program for any reason. (quits, moves, graduates, etc)

One credit = five dollars.

Students and Parents may earn one credit for the following:

- One hour of volunteer work previously approved by the band director and band booster president (concession stand, garage sale, music library, etc.)

Credits may also be earned for hauling a trailer for a band/guard event:

- If you drive your own vehicle = 5 credits (\$25) per event under 150 total miles. 10 credits (\$50) per event over 150 total miles.
- If you provide your own trailer = 5 credits (\$25) per event regardless of miles

Priority for volunteer work will be given to those families with the largest balance owed. Volunteers may be limited for each event based on need.

Our hope is that this system will help all band students with the costs of participating in the band program. If you any questions, concerns, or ideas about this, please contact Mr. Shepherd or Mrs. Cox.

Mr. Shepherd, Band Director
(317) 835-3000, ext. 1216, JShepherd@NWShelbySchools.org

Mrs. Cox, Triton Central Band and Guard Boosters President
(317) 796-4803, BandBoosters@NWShelbySchools.org

Student's Name: _____

Triton Central Bands 2020-2021 Contact Form

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade for the 2020-2021 school year: _____

Check the activity you are participating in this season:

- Marching Band
- Winter Guard
- Indoor Percussion

Student's Phone: (_____) _____

Student's Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Relation to student: _____

Parent's Phone: (_____) _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Relation to student: _____

Parent's Phone: (_____) _____

Parent's Email: _____

Student's Name: _____

Triton Central High School Band 2020-2021 Emergency Medical Form

Student Name _____

Home Address _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Emergency Contact _____

Primary Emergency Phone (____) _____

Secondary Emergency Phone (____) _____

Insurance Co. & Policy Holder _____

Please list any medications student takes regularly:

Please list any allergies:

Major Surgery in last Year _____

Chronic Medical Conditions _____

I give my consent for my child to travel with and participate in all band activities for the Triton Central High School Band program during the 2020-2021 school year.

I give permission for any medical treatment necessary for the health and well-being of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____