



THOMAS A. EDISON HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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WELCOME TO THE THOMAS EDISON HS BAND PROGRAM!

We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of our outstanding group of students and continue our tradition of excellence! The bands at Thomas A. Edison High School are a visible and important part of the culture of our students and our community. Our staff works hard to provide you with a comprehensive, challenging, and fun experience in your music education. We want this to be an important and impactful part of your lives for the next four years!

Here are the first steps to being a part of our program:

1. Make sure you have an active MySchoolBucks account as this is where Edison High School collects fees for all programs and classes.
2. Decide if you are going to participate in the Edison Marching Band. This is one of the most fun and important parts of the overall high school band experience. The most important time to register for marching band is before your FRESHMEN YEAR. This will help ease your transition into high school in a very comfortable way. All students should strongly consider registering for marching band.
3. **ALL FRESHMEN STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN MARCHING BAND AND THEIR PARENTS** should attend our Booster Meeting on **Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30PM.**

MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION:

If you choose to be a part of the Edison Marching Band, please see the attached schedule and commitment form.

1. Turn in the commitment form signed by you and your parents. This is due by **June 4**. You can give them to your band director (preferred), drop them in the tan box in the EHS band room, or drop them at the high school's main office.
2. After the initial registration, you will receive a second round of forms via email for our band camp in August. These forms will be due on the first day of band camp.

Please let us know if you have any questions! *You can call or email me any time.* Again, we are really looking forward to working with you next year!

Charlie J. Mitchell
Director of Bands, Thomas A. Edison HS

Marching Band & Guard Preliminary Schedule 2019

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT ALL PRE-SEASON REHEARSALS!

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

May:

- 9 – Color Guard Interest meeting and spinning sessions.
- 16 – Color Guard interest meeting and spinning sessions

June:

- 4 – Booster and Rising Parent meeting at the Edison Band Room, 6:30pm
- 5 – Colorguard and Marching Band Registration Forms Due

July:

- 30-Aug 1 – Percussion and Color Guard Mini-Camp - 8AM – 3PM

August:

- 5 - New Member Mini-Camp (new marchers) with Section Leaders 8AM-12PM
- 6-16 – Band Camp 8AM-5PM – All Marching Band Members
- 16 - Potluck Dinner and Skit Night– 6:00PM
- 26 – First Day of School
- 27 – Regular rehearsal schedule begins*
- 29 – Home Game vs Langley

September:

- 7 – TAG DAY FUNDRAISER – ALL Band (Non-Marching and Marching) & Guard Students Participate
- 20 – Home Football Game vs McLean (HOMECOMING)
- 21 – Marching Band Competition – Colgan HS TBD
- 27 – Home Football Game vs Chantilly
- 28 – Marching Band Competition – Herndon HS TBD

October:

- 12 – Marching Band Competition - Loudon Invitational (TBD)
- 18 – Home Football Game vs Falls Church
- 19 – VBODA Marching Band Assessment – Rock Ridge HS (Tentative if Patriot is Closed)
- 25 – Home Football game vs Justice (SENIOR NIGHT)
- 26 – VBODA Marching Band Assessment – Patriot High School (Tentative based on Availability).

****Rehearsal schedule during the school year: Afterschool rehearsals are 3:15-5:30. Evening rehearsals are 6:00-8:30. The specific schedule will be released soon.***

Other Notes:

Marching competitions take most of the day. There will be a rehearsal at school and then the competition. Times for everything will be based on when we are scheduled to perform.

All rehearsals and performances are required.

Percussion/Drumline/Color Guard times may vary slightly from this schedule, based on availability of the instructors.

Edison High School Band Info Sheet

Student Name(print)_____

Instrument(s)_____

Parent/Guardian
Name(Print)_____

Parent/Guardian
Email_____

Parent/Guardian
Phone#_____

Check your preference

Advanced Band (Marching Band required) Intermediate w/Marching Band/Colorguard

Percussion Ens. w/Marching band/Colorguard Intermediate Band

I will not be in Band

Edison High School Eagle Marching Band Participation

Commitment Form 2019

ALL MEMBERS OF THE EAGLE MARCHING BAND ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- I understand that I must abide by all rules and regulations set forth by Fairfax County Public Schools and Edison High School during all Edison Marching Band activities and events.
- I commit to attending every rehearsal and performance for the full duration of the season. Special conflicts with the calendar will be brought to Mr. Mitchell's attention as early as possible. I will avoid scheduling vacations, doctor appointments, tutoring, sports practices, etc. during the scheduled calendar of rehearsals and events, particularly in August.
- I will be punctual for all call times, rehearsals, and performances. I will be in place and prepared to work at the time instructed.
- I understand that for the ensemble to be successful we need 100% commitment from each member.
- I understand that individual absence or tardiness negatively impacts the learning and experience of every other member in the ensemble.
- I will effectively carry out any out-of-rehearsal preparation/practice needed in order to keep up with assignments and hasten the progress of the entire ensemble.
- I agree to bring a positive and cooperative attitude to each rehearsal and performance.
- I understand the Edison Marching Band is drug, alcohol, and tobacco free. Failure to comply with this policy will result in disciplinary action, which can lead to removal from the ensemble, referral to the administration and appropriate authorities, and possible expulsion from school as permitted by the Student Rights and Responsibilities Regulation
- I will strive for academic excellence in all of my classes and effectively manage my time to balance all commitments.
- I understand that I am responsible for any fees required by FCPS with my enrollment in the marching band program and as explained in the band handbook.
- I understand that I represent the Edison Eagle Marching Band both on and off the field. I will exhibit good sportsmanship and dignity. I understand that my actions reflect not only on myself but also on the entire group. I agree to represent the band in a positive and responsible manner throughout the school and community.
- I will respect the property of others and the school. I will never abuse nor tolerate the abuse of someone else's property.
- I will comply and cooperate with any instructions given by a staff member, parent volunteer, or student leader. I will also cooperate at all times with my fellow band members.
- I will be a reliable member of this ensemble. I will not let my colleagues down.
- I agree to have fun, cherish the memories, work hard, and never give up.

SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THE BACK!

Edison Marching Band Participation Commitment

I have read and fully understand the above information and agree with the content. This is my commitment to participate. I am prepared to be an active and productive member of the Edison Marching Band. I understand that my participation may be in jeopardy if these expectations are not met. I am aware that my place in the show is specifically written to include me based on this commitment and my lack of participation from here on out will negatively impact all of the other students' ability to achieve their best.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

MARCHING INSTRUMENT OR GUARD

I understand and support the commitment my son/daughter has made to the Edison Marching Band. I understand that this includes a responsibility on my part to help them succeed in following through with this commitment. I understand the financial and calendar obligations that are represented by this commitment.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

NO STUDENT IN THE EDISON BAND WILL EVER BE PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING BECAUSE OF THEIR FINANCIAL NEEDS!

Contact Mr. Mitchell via e-mail at cjmitchell@fcps.edu regarding Financial Aid if you are in need of some assistance.

This form must be completed with signatures by Wednesday, June 5, 2019!

This form can be submitted one of three ways:

1. Given to your Middle School Director (PREFERRED)
2. Put in the tan box in the band room at Edison High School
3. Mailed to Charlie Mitchell at Edison High School – 5801 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310

Contact for Questions:
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