

2010-2011 Amherst Marching Comets

Tentative Schedule...as of April 2010

Music Reading Clinics

Tuesday, July 20th	Trumpets	6 PM - 9 PM
Wednesday, July 21st	Saxes & Mellos	6 PM - 9 PM
Thursday, July 22nd	Low Brass	6 PM - 9 PM
Friday, July 30th	Full Band	6 PM - 9 PM

Marching Percussion Rehearsals

July 26th - 30th	Marching Percussion	8 AM - 3 PM
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Steele Band Camp (3 a-day)

Sunday, Aug 1st	All Members	5 PM - 9 PM
Aug 2nd - 6th	All Members	8 AM - 9 PM

Post Band Camp Rehearsals (2 a-day)

Monday, August 9th	All Members	8 AM - 3 PM
Tuesday, August 10th	All Members	8 AM - 3 PM
Wednesday, August 11th	All Members	8 AM - 3 PM (Pictures & Shoe Fittings)
Thursday, August 12th	All Members	8 AM - 3 PM
Friday, August 13th	All Members	8 AM - 3 PM (Band Lock-IN)

Halftime Preparation & Review (1 a-day)

Tuesday, August 17th	All Members	6 PM - 9 PM
Wednesday, August 18th	All Members	6 PM - 9 PM
Thursday, August 19th	All Members	6 PM - 9 PM
Tuesday, August 24th	All Members	2:45-4:30 PM(1st Day of School)

Performance Schedule

Friday, August 27th	Away Game	Elyria High School
Friday, September 3rd	Home Game	Midview High School
Friday, September 10th	Away Game	Vermilion High School
Friday, September 17th	Home Game	North Olmsted High School
Saturday, September 18th	Band Show	University of Akron Competition
Friday, September 24th	Home Game	Westlake High School
Saturday, September 25th	Band Show	Amherst Showcase of Bands
Friday, October 1st	Away Game	Berea High School
Friday, October 8th	Home Game	Midpark High School
Friday, October 15th	Home Game	Brecksville High School
Saturday, October 16th	Band Show	Copley HS Competition
Friday, October 22nd	Away Game	Olmsted Falls High School
Friday, October 29th	Away Game	Avon Lake High School
Saturday, October 30th	Band Show	OMEA Competition State Finals
Sunday, October 31st	Parade	Amherst Halloween Parade (Tentative)
Monday, November 1st	Recording	CD recording session in Band Room
Friday, March 25th-31st	Spring Tour	Marching Comets trip to Florida
Monday, May 30th	Parade	Memorial Day Parade



AMHERST STEELE HIGH SCHOOL

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CONGRATS ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE 2010 MARCHING COMETS

I have listed on the back of this sheet a tentative rehearsal/performance schedule so that you may plan ahead. The schedule is not finalized. However, corresponding dates will stay the same. Conflicts are to be kept to a minimum...if at all! Because we have such little time to rehearse to give you more of a summer, what remains is very important. During the two and a half weeks of band camp, attendance is **mandatory** and counted toward participation. If there is a conflict, please notify me in writing ASAP so we can work out the details.

All rehearsals will be at Steele HS. We keep the cost down to a minimum over and beyond the pay-to-participate fee (PTP). However, by not going away for band camp, we run the risk of students missing rehearsals due to fatigue, stress, or home schedules that will keep us from reaching our goal that would not otherwise be a problem if we were away at camp. Camp is where it all comes together and the band becomes a family and a cohesive unit. It is imperative that students show up to rehearsals.

Unfortunately, we have a required **"PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE"** \$400 fee for all extracurricular activities at Amherst. **IMPORTANT NOTE: NONE OF THIS MONEY GOES DIRECTLY TO THE BAND. IT GOES TO PAYING SALARIES AND TRANSPORTATION OF ALL THE EXTRACURRICULAR GROUPS.** This fee is a one time payment for any and all activities. Students in more than one activity will only have to pay once. The school has also mandated that the fee be paid by the beginning of the season with a deposit by the end of June. **However, this date does not work for the marching comets.** We have always had a **June 1st** deadline even before PTP fees were established. The **June 1st deposit** is a commitment to our drill writers, show designers, and staff so they may begin designing our shows. It is very important that if you make this commitment, you keep it. Several weeks/months go into planning the choreography of our shows. It is impossible to start from scratch when a few people quit right before camp starts which then results in costly changes or holes (empty spaces) in the drill for the entire season.

When: We will begin collecting the PTP Fee for 2010 in May
Who: Make a check payable to the Amherst Board of Education for the \$100 deposit.
Where: Deliver all PTP fees for the Marching Band directly to Mr. Barbaro.
Other: The remaining balance will be due during Band Camp in August.

Your overall financial obligation after PTP will be dependent upon your status with the band. We will have a **\$50.00** fee for Band Camp. This is for the meals during which all students are required to stay on campus and eat food catered by professionals during our three-a-day practices. Another fee will be **\$30.00** to all members that must purchase new marching shoes. All fees other than PTP will be due to the **BAND BOOSTERS** during band camp. Please do not send these payments with/included in the check to the Board of Education. They must be kept separate. **PTP fees should be made to the Board of Education and...Camp fees should be paid directly to the band boosters.**

Please be aware that next year's band will be touring Florida March 25th-31st, 2011 We will have monthly payments beginning in September. The cost of the trip should be under \$600 and should be finalized by the end of the school year. Fundraisers have begun to help offset your cost of the trip. It is recommended that all students participate in these fundraisers. All members are required to travel with the band unless PRIOR arrangements are made. Some scholarships may become available. More info TBA.

Once again, thanks for joining the Amherst Marching Comets for the fall of 2010. Any questions, please call Mr. Barbaro at 988-5246. Thanks for your time. **Please visit www.marchingcomets.com for further information.**

PTP Fee of \$400 or (\$100 deposit) is due by June 1st, 2010