

# **OLENTANGY LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL**

## **BAND PROGRAM**

### **INTRODUCTION**

I would like to welcome you to the Olentangy Liberty High School Band Program. I hope the following information will help answer some of the questions you may have about our groups. Please feel free to contact me either by phone or email any time so that I may answer any questions you might have. The band office is 740-657-4275. Be sure to check out our website, [libertyhighband.com](http://libertyhighband.com). Here you will find band info, staff information, and updates on our programs and events.

#### **Marching/Concert Band**

Marching/Concert Band is considered one course. A student signing up for this course will be expected to perform with the marching band as well as the Concert Band. There are exemptions from the Marching Band portion of the course. That information is covered in a separate section. Here is an overview of the class:

#### **-Marching Band Portion**

The Marching Band plays a vital role in both the school and community. The Band performs at Pep Rallies, Football Games, Community Parades, and both OMEA and MidState Competitions. As a result, this program is the most visual music program in our school. The Marching Band has garnered a reputation of excellence in its very short period of existence. The Marching Band has performed in Disney's Spectro Magic Parade, The Outback Bowl Parade at Ybor City, The Outback Bowl Halftime Massed Band Performance, and as the representative for the State of Ohio in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington D.C. The Band has also received Superior Ratings for the past three years at OMEA State Band Finals, and has earned numerous awards for marching, music, guard, percussion, and field commander captions.

#### **-Concert Band**

The Concert Band is the backbone of the Band Program. The Concert Band competes in OMEA Large Group Contest, and students are strongly urged to perform in OMEA District X Solo & Ensemble Competition.

### **Jazz Band**

The Jazz Band is an audition only course. Interested students have to submit a taped audition. The audition includes scales and a prepared piece. Audition material will be available in March. The ensemble performs for various events in the community as well as in school performances.

### **Options**

Here are the options students have in the Band Programs.

-Jazz Band/Marching Band

Students that are in Jazz Band have the opportunity to sign up for marching Band and not perform in the Concert Band.

-Exemption from Marching Band/Concert Band

Students who qualify for an exemption from Marching Band still perform in the Concert Band setting.

### **Exemptions**

Exemptions are given to students who show they are unable to fulfill the Marching Band obligations. Students should let the director know in writing what the exemption is for. The director will then notify the student as to whether the exemption has been granted. One example of exemption is Varsity Football.

### **Colorguard**

The color guard provides the visual excitement for the marching band. Guard members perform 3 main tasks: spinning flags, spinning rifles, and dancing. The guard has a learning clinic and separate auditions in the spring. Guard also has its own private camp in the summer where members learn and perfect techniques and start to learn the show. Guard members are also responsible for being at all band rehearsals and performances.

### **Mandatory Dates**

**Pre-Camp**-July 23-26 4:30-8:30 (at OLHS)

**Band Camp**-July 29-Aug. 3 at Ohio Northern University

**Post Camps**-Tues. and Thurs. 5-8:30 until School Begins

**After School Rehearsal**-Mon. and Wed. after school-6, Fri. rehearsal before the game.

**Marching Band Contests**-Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10