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Please note that when we refer to Cherry Hill East Marching Band, this refers to BOTH the Band and Color Guard unless noted. We are one big happy group.

Band Camp: A great place to get to know your music, the field show and most importantly, meet up with the other wonderful kids in the Band! It is usually hot during band camp. Please wear a hat, sunglasses and bring sunscreen. The students are given breaks throughout the day. The kids are welcome to bring lunch, snacks and drinks however, there are also are snacks and cold drinks available for purchase for \$0.25 or \$0.50 every day during summer band camp. **New this year we will have jugs of cold water for the students to refill their own water bottles. We will not be selling water bottles this year. Please be sure your child has a water bottle each day they can use and refill.**

Pump It Up: During the second week of summer band camp, we have a Marching Band get to know you party at Pump it Up (in Marlton). It is a great way for the kids to socialize and it is a celebration of hard work during band camp. The cost is \$10. There are snacks and drinks provided.

Rehearsals: After Summer Band Camp, the Marching Band will rehearse after school every day for the first two weeks of school (Band Camp 2) and then on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until 5:15 pm through October. Rehearsals are Wednesday and Friday for the remainder of the season for the band. There will also be one Saturday rehearsal on September 21st. Color Guard has additional rehearsal time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see the full calendar for more details. When there are Friday night games, the kids stay after school for rehearsal and dinner (see below for additional information). The group is bussed to and from the game site. All student members must ride the bus to and from the games.

Football Game Performances: All home games will be played at Cherry Hill East. During home games the band will play the Star Spangled Banner before the game and perform the field show at half time. At away games we perform our field show before the game. During all games the band will play in the stands. The Marching Band is given a break during 3rd quarter and is provided with a snack and a drink just off the field. Third quarter is when we will need help from parents as stand watchers. Stand watchers are parents who watch the band instruments while the members are taking a much-deserved break. During home games parents are also needed to help hand out snacks and drinks after the halftime show. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius. A link for Sign Up Genius will be emailed out during band camp.

Thanksgiving Day Game: The Thanksgiving game will be held on Wednesday evening. CHHS East plays CHHS West at Cherry Hill HS West's field. This year we are the away team.

Collingswood Parade: The Marching Band performs on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in Collingswood at the Thanksgiving parade. Please be sure to mark this morning on your calendar and join the parents on the curb in front of Wawa to watch the parade.

Awards Dinner: The annual awards will be held after our season ends. The dinner will be held in the Cherry Hill East Cafeteria. Varsity letters are given to 2-year members and pins are awarded for additional years. There will be more detailed information regarding the dinner during the Marching Band Season

Uniforms: All members will be provided with a uniform and an all-weather coat to be worn for games and festivals during the season. In addition to the uniform provided, they will need to purchase other items that are worn with the uniform. Purchased items are theirs to keep and can be used each year.

T-shirts and Caps and Shorts - Required): All members wear T-shirts and caps with the CHHS East Marching Band logo and red shorts with their uniforms. Shorts will also be used for the warm weather uniform. These are required items. The shirts cost \$10.00 (\$11 for larger sizes), the caps \$14.00 and the shorts are \$15.

Shoes – Required: Band and Color Guard shoes are required. They will be ordered during Band Camp. The cost of these shoes is \$ 36.00. These can be used each year unless your child grows out of them.

Long sleeve t-shirt and Band Members Sweatshirt - Optional: These are optional items that can be purchased. We will have samples at Band Camp. Sweatshirts are red hoodie-style and say Cherry Hill East Marching Band on the front. On the back they say Brass, Woodwind, Drum Line, Color Guard, or Band Parent depending on the student's section (see order form for prices).

Color Guard Sweatshirt – Required: The Color Guard members use the sweatshirt as part of their cold weather uniform. If a Color Guard member is unable to purchase one, we will make one available for the member to wear during the season and it will need to be returned at the end of the season.

Drawstring Bag – Optional: Red and black drawstring bag with extra zipper pouch. \$15.00.

Marching Band Magnet – Optional: \$5.00

Meals - Required: On Friday nights when there is an East football game, regular after school rehearsal will be followed by dinner. We serve pizza and soda (or water) and dessert. We will also serve pizza during the season after the home Saturday games with the exception of and October 6th. We will have one hoagie meal during the season as well. The cost per person for all meals for the games is \$45.00 for the season.

Festivals: We have three festivals scheduled this year. The first on October 5th at Shawnee High School, the second on October 26th at Neshaminy High School, and a third on November 2nd at Pennsbury High School. More information about tickets and times will come later.

Regarding the costs for uniform and food items; in these economic times we understand that some families may find it difficult to purchase some or all of the uniform or food items. Please notify the director, Mr. Tim Keleher, for assistance with any of these concerns. All information is kept strictly confidential. It is the directors' and Music Boosters' desire, as well as Cherry Hill

East policy, that every student is able to participate in High School East Marching Band regardless of the additional costs.

Marching Band Moms and Dads: Parents assist the directors in making sure the kids have a fun and successful experience in Marching Band. If you are interested in helping or have a question, please feel free to contact Jodi Gorenberg at 856-905-0979, jgeastmb@gmail.com or Vicky Kelly (856) 905-6706, thekellys103@gmail.com. There will also be a sign up genius sent out during band camp where parents can sign up to help at games or donate items. Please be sure to write your email clearly so you will get the communications.

Game day

Marching Band Parents generally sit together in the stands. We welcome all parents to join the group. Many of the parents have the Band sweatshirts, t-shirts and/or caps which make it easy to find us. Feel free to purchase a sweatshirt, t-shirt, hat, car magnet or bag for yourself on the order form below.

Music Boosters: The Music Booster organization supports the Music Department and all of its musical groups, including Marching Band, in the purchase of necessary items outside the school budget. The funds are instrumental in ensuring a quality experience for the students. If you have a child in any music group at East, you are encouraged to join the Music Boosters. Membership dues are tiered. Membership information can be found on the Music Booster website www.eastmusicboosters.org. Please join Music Boosters and the email list to keep informed of all of the happenings in the music department.

**There will be a mandatory meeting
for all Parents. Please attend either
Thursday, August 15th at 9:00 AM or
Monday, August 26th at 7:30 PM
in room D055
We will review the guidelines and
requirements and answer any questions.**

If unable to attend either meeting, please email Jodi Gorenberg at jgeastmb@gmail.com using the subject MB Meeting.