

JERSEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

# MARCHING PANTHERS



Student Handbook

2011-2012

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# A Letter From Our Director

Dear Marching Panthers and Parents,

Well... here we are... entering another great and exciting Marching Panthers season. This is my first year as your director, and I cannot possibly explain how excited I am! The Marching Band at Jersey Community High School is the most visible group on the campus. We represent our school during parades, football and basketball games, Illinois Music Educators Association, Illinois High School Association Organizational Contest and Solo and Ensemble Contest, as well as other civic functions.

The Marching Panthers will operate under the following motto:

**We make music not only to have fun, but to learn!**

Marching band is a commitment of time and effort both on parents and students; however, it is valuable beyond compare. Students develop skills such as leadership, self-discipline, responsibility, interdependence, cooperation, time management and working together to achieve a common goal. If students always work to the best of their abilities and grow from rehearsal to rehearsal, the rewards will follow. The goal each year is to be better than the performance before and this will continue as part of our philosophy. A part of each performance can always be improved.

I have constructed this handbook to fully assist you and answer any questions that you may have about the future of our band program, both marching and concert band as well as jazz. Please view the Calendar of Events carefully and mark your calendars so that you may be organized. Also take note of the Attendance Agreement Form, Health History Form, and Parent Fundraising Form to be signed by student and parent, and then returned to the teaching staff. Once you have read the handbook and returned the above listed forms, keep the handbook handy for review throughout the year. You will also be able to view a calendar showing scheduled events on line at [www.jchsbands.com](http://www.jchsbands.com).

And finally....Parents, please get involved. We always need your assistance in our fundraising activities and our band functions. We will be asking for your help, so take advantage and again, get involved. **Our first Band Booster meeting will take place on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the band room at 7:00pm and I look forward to seeing all of you there!** I am extremely excited about the upcoming season and I know that you will enjoy it as well! I look forward to getting to know, and working with each and every student and parent.

Musically Yours,

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# **Becoming a Part of the Team**

## **Upon Acceptance**

Once you have decided to become a member of the Jersey Community High School Marching Panthers, a health history must be completed before you are allowed to participate in any of the band's activities. A Health History form may be found in the *Completing the Paperwork* section of this handbook.

## **Contact Information**

Website:

[www.jchsbands.com](http://www.jchsbands.com)

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JCHS Band Boosters

Executive Board May 2011 – May 2012:

- President – Tracy Shires
- Treasurer – Judy Coad
- Secretary – Julie Alexander

Committee Chairs

- 50/50 and ticket takers- Angie Brangenberg
- Concessions- Bob Manns
- Chili Super- Judy Coad
- Jazz Dinner Show- Julie Alexander
- Recycling-
- Band Banquet-
- Snackin' with Santa-

Please note: elections for JCHS Band Boosters Executive Board are held each year.

**The Jerseyville Band Boosters meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the bandroom. I encourage all parents to attend these meetings.**

## **Bands, Ensembles and Music Classes**

Although you are now a member of the Marching Panthers, there are many other groups you may become part of either by signing-up or by placement audition. A brief description of all the groups at Jersey Community High School is:

**Marching Panthers:** The largest band offered at Jersey Community High School is the Marching Panthers. It consists of approximately 150 members total including wind players, percussionists, and color guard members. The band is led by student drum majors who conduct the field show and parades, and who serve as student directors. The Marching Panthers march parades throughout the year, starting at the beginning of the summer and finishing in late November. In July the band goes through one week of band camp where both bands learn the pregame show, and another week of band camp where Symphonic Band learns the field show for the fall season. The band performs the marching show during halftime at home football games. In addition to all of our normal performances, the band travels every other year.

**Symphonic Band:** This group is for the intermediate through the advanced instrumental music student. Entrance into this group is by audition. In addition to performing at football and basketball games, the band will perform three indoor concerts, field competitions, parades, and participate in IHSA and IMEA activities. Members of this group will work on sight reading skills, continue mastery of rhythmic drills, scales, and learn basic music theory skills. Students involved in sports or other school activities are encouraged to participate in the band program. Attendance is required for all performances.

**Concert Band:** This group is for the advanced beginner to intermediate instrumental music student. Entrance into this group is for all high school students. The purpose of this group is to continue to work on the musical skills needed to become a successful musician. This group will perform concerts through the school year, march in the fall, play for sporting events and participate in IHSA and IMEA sponsored activities. Attendance at performances is required and students involved in sports or other school activities are encouraged to participate in the band program. This is not a beginning band; therefore, all students are expected to have some instrumental background.

**Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Band/Shades of Blue:** These are smaller ensembles comprised of members of the Symphonic Band and/or Concert Band. Entrance into these groups is by competitive audition only. Practices are held on a rotating basis before, during or after school and in the evening. All groups perform on a regular basis for school functions and in the community. There is no academic credit for this group. Members must be involved in either Symphonic Band and/or Concert Band.

**Music Appreciation:** This class is designed for the non-college bound and/or college bound student as a fine arts elective. Music from early classical through today's music will be studied through listening, watching, and reading. Pop, rock, jazz, musicals and more will be part of the class. Students do not have to be members of band or choir to be successful in this class.

**Music Theory and Harmony:** This course is designed for the student who is seriously considering music as a major or minor in college. The course includes music composition, music analysis and a heavy dose of ear training and sight-singing. The second semester is a LCCC Partnership class.

**Advanced Music Theory AP:** This class is a continuation of Theory and Harmony. Students will continue the study of advanced chord structures, learn arranging, composing, use of transcriptions, ear training, conducting, and harmonic, rhythmic, and melodic analysis. Students will take the AP exam in May.

The Daily Class Schedule is:

1<sup>st</sup> hour: Concert Band  
2<sup>nd</sup> hour: Music Theory/Advanced Music Theory AP  
4<sup>th</sup> hour: Symphonic Band  
5<sup>th</sup> hour: Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Band/Shades of Blue  
6<sup>th</sup> hour: Music Appreciation

## **Auditions**

### **Chair Placement Auditions**

Placement auditions for chairs within each band, Concert Band and Symphonic Band, will take place during the Spring semester prior to the following year. Music for the auditions will be distributed with plenty of time to practice. Music for IMEA will be posted on the website, as well as asking the director for copies. The audition will be based on your playing ability and your attitude. Concert season officially begins on the Monday after marching season ends, if not sooner. Chair placement can change from week to week based on your tri-weekly playing test. No challenges will take place other than the tests.

# Working Equipment

Please make sure that your instrument is in working order. Please plan around all rehearsals for any instrument repairs. It is important that everyone is prepared for rehearsals, however if there is a conflict please ask your instrument technician for verification that your horn is in the shop.

Please do not purchase an instrument from an unknown website or retail department store (ie. Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Target, Toys R Us – yes I said Toys R Us). **If you choose to purchase an upgrade or new instrument please contact the director before you make that purchase.** Music stores generally will NOT repair non name brand instruments because of the difficulty of acquiring parts for said instruments.

Reeds Take Note- I would ask that you purchase your own reeds, however there will be reeds for sale in case of an emergency. You may use Fibracell reeds during marching band season, but when we are in concert band season you are expected to have cane reeds. When you are purchasing reeds please do not buy Rico, or Rico Royal. I would suggest purchasing Vandoren reeds for all instruments.

Brass Take Note: Brass players should not purchase plastic mouthpieces...ever.

Recommended mouthpieces:

Clarinet – Van Doren Profile 88 5RV "Lyre"  
Alto Sax – Selmer C \*  
Tenor Sax – Selmer C \*  
Trumpet – Bach 3C to Bach 1½C  
Trombone/ Euphonium – Bach 6½AL to Bach 4G

Percussion-

This equipment is subject to change. Please expect to purchase some sticks and mallets. (Prices from [steveweissmusic.com](http://steveweissmusic.com))

## Marching Percussion

Snares: Innovative Percussion FSMM \$8.95  
Tenors: Innovative Percussion FT4A \$25.95  
Basses: Innovative Percussion FBX Series \$26.95-\$38.95 (Sizes TBD)  
Xylophone: Innovative Percussion IP1008 \$28.50

Vibes: Innovative Percussion IP1005 \$32.95  
Bells: Innovative Percussion IP906 \$24.50  
Timpani: Innovative Percussion FST3\$23.25

Concert Percussion

*Required Equipment:*

- 1 Black Hand Towel
- 1 Stick Bag (Liberty Basic Stick Bag \$7.95)
- 1 Pair Vic Firth SD-1 General Snare Drum Sticks \$6.95

*Suggested Additional Equipment:*

- 1 Pair Innovative Percussion IP905 Xylo/Bell Mallets \$24.50
- 1 Pair Vic Firth T1 General Timpani Mallets \$23.50

# **Rules and Expectations**

All Jersey Community High School rules and policies are always in effect whenever and wherever the band is together, including weekend performances, trips, and other events outside of school hours. Members will always be informed of specific exceptions to specific rules for specific events. Members of the band are representing their school and communities. Audiences formulate their opinions of the organization and the school by your actions and conduct at each performance. Therefore, any student who disregards the above is liable for dismissal from the performance. Subsequent infractions will result in dismissal from the band.

– Be on time for everything. If you are on time you are late. If you are 10 minutes early, you are on time. Be ready.

– Follow all directions given by an appropriate authority respectfully, quickly and courteously. Don't make me waste your time and mine by saying it twice.

– Do not converse during rehearsal unless given permission. It is imperative for rehearsals to be quiet and organized with any group.

– Follow the chain of command. The chain of command begins with your band director, then support staff, drum majors, section leaders and then general band members.

– You are responsible for knowing your music, drill coordinates, and guard work. Knowing means memorized.

– Please wear tennis shoes to rehearsal. Failure to comply will result in dismissal for the day. There is a possibility of removal if offense repeated.

– Gum chewing is unacceptable at any rehearsal or performance, including visual emphasis rehearsals.

– Horseplay of any kind is inappropriate. Also, never run while in uniform.

– Every member must work to make rehearsals and other performance preparations as efficient and effective as possible. Concentrate on the task at hand and save all questions, comments, discussions, etc. for an appropriate time. Socialize before and after rehearsals and performances – not during them.

– No Public Display of Affection (this includes buses, festivals, rehearsals, etc...)

–All Jersey Community High School Band Members are expected to be courteous and polite to everyone at all times.

-Loud, rude, or obnoxious behavior is never acceptable.

-Vulgar or profane language is never acceptable.

-Negative comments about other performers, bands, or schools are unacceptable at any time, even if the other group should initiate such comments.

## **Consequences**

– Verbal Warning

– Parents called

– Replacement and/or removal

There are many people who are wishing to march even if that means taking a spot from someone else. Realize this when you are following the rules and regulations. We will march holes in lieu of poor behavior and/ or lack of responsibility. The directors reserve the right to pass up consequences based on the offence.

## **Making the Grade**

**Attendance Agreement** – Once you have decided to become a member of the Jersey Community High School Marching Panthers, an Attendance Agreement must be completed before you are allowed to participate in any of the band’s activities. A Marching Panthers Attendance Agreement may be found in the Completing the Paperwork section of this handbook.

**Sickness** – If you are well enough to be at school but not well enough to play your instrument, I ask that you “fake” your way through rehearsal. You can get a lot of things accomplished by just concentrating on your part and not playing. If you have your instrument in your hands, chances are you won’t think about being sick quite so much. You will still receive the same participation grade if you follow the above request. If you possibly suffer from strep throat, you can still finger your way through a piece without touching your mouth to the mouthpiece.

**Concert Attendance** – As part of being accepted into the Marching Panthers, you will be placed in an instrumental music class during the school day that is performance based. These classes are co-curricular (not extra-curricular) and therefore receive a grade. For this reason, you are expected to be at all scheduled performances. Performances missed will be calculated into your final grade each grading period.

**Please note:** employment is not an acceptable excuse to miss a concert. You need to be responsible and ask to be excused from work in a timely manner.

**Absences** – If you are absent for any reason from a concert, performance or an after school rehearsal, you must print and fill out the form (in detail) located on the home page of [www.jchsbands.com](http://www.jchsbands.com). In addition, please note that any excused absence other than illness must be cleared at least two weeks in advance from the date you will be absent. Most family plans are probably made in advance such as weddings and vacations. Also note that work is not an acceptable excuse. The only acceptable excuse for missing a performance (other than family activities planned well in advance, i.e. weddings, etc...or emergencies – death or injury to someone in immediate family) is illness. Illness must also be reported by filling out the form and turning it in upon your return to school.

**Testing-** As students receive credit for participating in the music program, playing tests will be used to help determine a student’s grade. The tests will also determine your chair placement. Marching band music can be tested at any time. Regular testing will begin near the beginning of November. Anywhere from two to six tests will be administered during the course of the school year. This means you have to practice!

**Grading Scale-** As students participating in the Jersey Community High School Marching Panthers Band receive academic credit for their efforts; grades will be determined by the following items.

Class Participation  
Attendance at Marching Performances  
Concert Attendance  
Tests (written or playing)

You will be given 10 points for good participation in class every week (2 points daily). If you give 100% you will receive your 10 points. You will also be given 200 points for every performance/concert that you attend during each grading period. The final number of points for performance/concert attendance depends on the number of performances/concerts during the grading period. You will also be tested every three to six weeks. The test could be performance-based or written.

**The grading scale used in assigning grades is:**

A = 100 – 90  
B = 89 – 80  
C = 79 – 70  
D = 69 – 60  
F = 59 and below

**Specific grading and expectations of scales:**

–Each first year band student (freshmen and new marchers) must be able to play all 12 major scales from memory by the end of first semester. In addition to scales all percussionists must be able to play single stroke, roll and flam rudiments as found on the Vic Firth web site.

–Each second year band student (sophomores through seniors) must be able to play all 12 natural minor scales from memory by the end of first semester. In addition to scales all percussionists must be able to play paradiddle and drag rudiments as found on the Vic Firth web site.

Solo and Ensemble Contest – Students who wish to participate in solo and ensemble contest may do so on a volunteer basis. Students will be responsible for picking solo and ensemble music and acquiring an accompanist for performance. It is suggested that music be chosen well in advance for proper preparation.

# **Where to Be When**

## **Rehearsals During the Summer**

During the summer, there will be rehearsals- see Calendar of Events later in this handbook for exact date of parades and rehearsals, including band camps. If you plan to miss any rehearsals, you must let me know in writing so that I will know not to expect you. You will be excused only if you let the Music Director know in advance in writing. Otherwise, if you are in town, you are expected to be at band rehearsal.

## **Band Camp**

Band Camp will be held during two different weeks over the summer (see Calendar of Events later in this handbook for exact dates). Before the first day of Band Camp, you will be placed in a "Fundamentals" block. Please note that this is your place for attendance purposes and be on time to rehearsal. "If you are ten minutes early you are on time; if you are on time you are late; don't be late!" This means you are in place for fundamentals – not just in the band room. Be ready to start when rehearsal begins.

Due to the football games and parades the Marching Panthers participate in, please understand that all of Band Camp is mandatory. For this reason, please coordinate your work schedule or doctor's visits around it. You will not be permitted to leave early for work. If your family already has something planned, please try to change schedules so that students will not miss camp. If you miss any part of camp, you will be behind the rest of the students, which is unfair to the band as a whole.

## **Daily Concert Band Camp Schedule**

9:00-9:40- Visual Fundamentals  
9:40-9:50- Break  
9:50-11:00- Music Sectionals and Pre-Game Block  
11:00-11:10- Break  
11:10-12:00- Parade Marching

## **Daily Symphonic Band Camp Schedule**

9:00-9:40am- Visual Fundamentals  
9:40-9:50am- Break  
9:50-10:30- Drill  
10:30-10:40- Break  
10:40-11:15- Music Sectionals  
11:15-12:00pm- Music and Drill

Short breaks will be given throughout Band Camp as needed. In order to be the most prepared for camp, I suggest the following:

Wear sun screen

Wear a hat or sunglasses

Bring bottles of water or a water jug (with your name on it)

Wear light colored clothing (still must be in accordance with school dress code)  
Eat a healthy breakfast

If you suffer from asthma, bring your inhaler to all rehearsals/performances. If you are allergic to bee stings, have you medication available.

### **Rehearsals During the School Year**

During the School Day — All students must participate in at least one music class during the school day.

If you are not in your seat with instrument assembled and ready to begin rehearsal at the start of the period with the downbeat of the baton, you will be counted tardy. If you are not prepared to begin at the announced time, you will not receive full participation credit.

If additional evening rehearsals are called, the evening rehearsals will begin promptly at a selected time and you will have plenty of notice of these extra rehearsals.

### **Individual Competitions**

Individual band members will also have opportunities to participate in the Illinois Music Educator's Association District Festival and District Jazz Festival, as well as Illinois High School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest and Organizational Contest. The dates of the currently scheduled competitions may be found in the Calendar of Events listing found later in this handbook.

### **Football Games**

Report times for all Marching Panther members for Friday Night home football games will be 6:00 PM at Jerseyville Middle School. Members of the band, especially with large instruments, need to help load the trailer with all of the equipment that you will need. This includes percussion. Uniforms will be distributed after school you need to be dressed and ready to go at 6:00pm at the Middle School. Be ready to warm up at 6:00 PM sharp. Students will warm up in sections first and then together as a group. After warm up, students will line up in the pre-game formation and be prepared to start the pregame show. Show times for playoff games will be announced when known.

**Students will remain at the football games for the entire game.** Students will sit with their respective sections while in the band bleachers, performing at various times during the game. Students may not move around the stadium except during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, when they may visit their non-band friends. Students must be back in the band bleachers when the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is over. Please remember to always look professional when with the band and in uniform. You are representing Jersey Community High School at all times!

A SPECIAL REMINDER DURING FOOTBALL GAMES — You may eat or drink soda while in uniform if you are wearing the bibs only. You may only have water while in full dress. All Marching Panther members are required to attend each performance during

a home football game unless specifically excused by the Music Director. Remember that you are an integral part of a powerful team and each member is important. If you miss for any reason you are affecting not just yourself, but the entire band. **Work is never a permissible excuse.** You can make a difference!

### **Parades**

In addition to the performances at home football games, the Marching Panthers participate in several area parades held at various times during the year. The dates of the currently scheduled parades may be found in the Calendar of Events listing found later in this handbook.

Again, if you will be missing any of these parades, you must let the Music Director know the instant you are aware of your planned absence. If you are in town, you are expected to attend. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Concerts**

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and all Jazz Groups — At various times in the fall, winter, and spring, the bands will give concerts for their fellow students, teachers and family. The dates of the currently scheduled concerts may be found in the Calendar of Events listing found later in this handbook and are on the on line calendar at [www.jchsbands.com](http://www.jchsbands.com). You will be counted as **unexcused** if you inform the director of your absence **one week or less prior to the scheduled event** – no matter what the event – unless you have experienced a death in the immediate family or other emergency. BE RESPONSIBLE to yourself, your director and your peers.

### **HELPFUL HINT**

Carefully cut out the next pages of the handbook and place next to your family's planning calendar so you have a handy reference of where students are to be when! Don't forget to go online at [www.jchsbands.com](http://www.jchsbands.com) to check for updates and changes to the schedule! You will also find all itineraries there.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

\*\*Denotes JC – Jazz Combo, JE – Jazz Ensemble, SB – Symphonic Band,  
CB – Concert Band\*\*

Date	Band	Event	Place	Time
6-6-2011	JE & JC	Jazz Rehearsal	Band room	4:00- 6:00 pm
6-6-2011	SB	Field Show Rehearsal	Band room	6:30- 8:00 pm
6-21 – 6-24 Tues. – Fri.	CB & SB	Band Camp	JCHS- Church	9:00- 12:00 am
6-27-2011	CB & SB	Rehearsal- Band Camp Review	JCHS- Church	9:00- 11:00 am
6-27-2011	JE & JC	Jazz Rehearsal	Band room	11:00- 1:00 pm
7-1-2011	CB & SB	Rehearsal- Band Camp Review	JCHS	9:00- 11:00 am
7-2-2011	CB & SB	Whitehall Parade	Whitehall	5:30 pm- 8:30 pm
7-3- 7-6	Drum Majors	FJ Miller Drum Major Camp	Walsh University	
7-12-2011	CB & SB	Parade Rehearsal	Band room	9:00- 11:00 am
7-12-2011	JE & JC	Jazz Rehearsal	Band room	11:00- 1:00 pm
7-12-2011	CB & SB	Jerseyville Parade	Jerseyville	5:30 pm
7-18 – 7-22	JE & JC	Jazz Camp	JCHS	9:00- 12:00 am
7-25 – 7-29 Mon. – Fri.	SB	Symphonic Band Camp	JCHS- Church	9:00- 12:00 am
8-1-2011	JE & JC	Jazz Rehearsal	Band room	4:00- 6:00 pm
8-15-2011	JE & JC	Jazz Rehearsal	Band room	4:00- 6:00 pm
9-9-2011	CB & SB	Football Game vs. Rochester	Jerseyville MS Stadium	6:00 pm
9-10-2011	JC	Grafton Music/Art Festival	Grafton	TBA
9-11-2011	JC	Calhoun County Fair	Hardin	3:00- 8:30 pm
9-16-2011	CB & SB	Football Game vs. Bethalto	Jerseyville	6:00 pm

			MS Stadium	
9-18-2011	JE & JC	St. Francis- Holy Ghost Harvest Festival	Jerseyville	2:30 pm
9-30-2011	CB & SB	Football Game vs. Waterloo	Jerseyville MS Stadium	6:00 pm
10-7-2011	CB & SB	Homecoming Parade	Jerseyville HS	2:00 pm
10-7-2011		Chilli Super	Jerseyville MS Cafeteria	4:00 pm
10-7-2011	CB & SB	Football Game vs. Mascoutah Homecoming	Jerseyville MS Stadium	6:00 pm
10-10-2011		IMEA Auditions-	Petersburg-Porta HS	Morning
10-21-2011	CB & SB	Football Game vs. Quincy	Jerseyville MS Stadium	6:00 pm
10-23-2011	JE & JC	Fall Colors Festival	Pere Marquette	12:30 pm
11-5-2011		IMEA District IV Festival	WIU	5:30 am-9:00 pm
11-11-2011	CB & SB	Veteran's Day Parade	Jerseyville	8:30 am
11-15-2011		Cheese and Sausage/Pizza Fundraiser Begins		
11-17 and 11-18	All Jazz	Variety Show	Auditorium	6:30 pm
11-19-2011		IMEA District IV Jazz Festival	Jacksonville High School	6:30 am-9:00 pm
11-22-2011	Pep Band-Blue	Girls Basketball Game vs. Staunton	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
11-28-2011	Pep Band-White	Girls Basketball Game vs. Waterloo	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-1-2011	Pep Band-Blue	Girls Basketball Game vs. Mascoutah	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-2-2011	Pep Band-White	Boys Basketball Game vs. Waterloo	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-3-2011	All Bands	Snackin' With Santa	Jerseyville HS Cafeteria	9:00 am
12-3-2011	JE & JC	Candlelight Dinner	Westlake Country Club	6:00 pm
12-3-2011	Pep Band-Blue	Boys Basketball Game vs. Bunker Hill	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-4-2011	All Bands	Holiday Concert with Choir	Gym	1:15 pm
12-6-2011	Pep Band-	Girls Basketball Game vs.	Gymnasium	6:30 pm

	White	Pittsfield		
12-15-2011	Pep Band-Blue	Girls Basketball Game vs. Triad	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-17-2011	Pep Band-White	Boys Basketball Game vs. Centralia	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
12-19-2011	Pep Band-Blue	Girls Basketball Game vs. Greenfield	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
1-13, 1-14		SIUE Bi-State Band Festival	Edwardsville	TBA
1-17-2012	Pep Band-White	Girls Basketball Game vs. Taylorville	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
1-26, 1-27, 1-28-2012		IMEA All-State Conference	Peoria, IL	2 night stay
2-2-2012	Pep Band-Blue	Girls Basketball Game vs. Highland	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
2-3-2012	Pep Band-White	Boys Basketball Game vs. Bethalto	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
2-4-2012	JE & JC	Jazz Dinner Show	Cafeteria	6:00 pm
2-5-2012	All Bands	Winter Concert	Auditorium	1:15 pm
2-10-2012	Pep Band-Blue	Boys Basketball Game vs. Triad	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
2-17-2012	Pep Band-White	Boys Basketball Game vs. Highland	Gymnasium	6:30 pm
2-24-2012	JE & JC	Rolling Meadows Jazz Festival	Rolling Meadows HS	TBA
3-3-2012		IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest	TBA	TBA
3-15, 3-16, 3-17, 3-18	Pit Orchestra	Spring Musical	Auditorium	
4-13-2012	All Bands	IHSA Organizational Contest	TBA	Evening TBA
4-15-2012	All Bands	Spring Concert	Auditorium	2:15 pm
4-15-2012	All Bands	Band Awards Banquet	Cafeteria	4:30 pm

# **HOW TO KEEP LOOKING GOOD**

## **Marching Uniforms and Shoes**

Although uniforms are provided to each student, all students will be required to wear shorts under their uniform and to purchase gloves, and shoes to wear with their uniform.

We will be requiring that all wind players will need a pair of white gloves. These can be ordered/ purchased through a band parent that will be on the uniform committee. These gloves are currently listed as \$1.50 per pair.

We will require that all woodwind, brass and percussion players wear BLACK SHOES (no colored trim and comfortable for marching).

\*In the future I would like to order MTX Marching Band Shoes, currently listed at \$34.75. I would also like to also require a specific band t-shirt to be worn under the uniform jacket, and this will be roughly \$10.\*

**Fittings** – Students will be fitted for uniforms and shoes late in the Spring semester. I will be working with band parents to gain more exact information on this.

**Distribution** – All students will be assigned one marching uniform jacket, one aussie (hat), one plume, and one pair of pants, and a garment bag. Although each student is responsible for the general care of their uniform while in use, the uniforms will be stored at the school and will be distributed before each performance. Except for pant length, no alterations may be made to a uniform— contact a Uniform Committee Parent (Band Mom) for alteration in pant length.

**General Care of Uniforms** – After each performance, the following care should be given the uniforms:

- Get in line to return your uniform to the appropriate uniform rack in the band room.
- Fold pants and hang them crease to crease on the hanger.
- Place the jacket over the pants on the hanger and close at top of the jacket. Then zip it closed.
- Place hanger in garment bag and hang up.
- Place hat in appropriate place.

**Do not throw any part of your uniform on the ground, or wad it up and stuff it in the trunk of your car! Use common sense! These uniforms are new and we would like to get the best and longest use out of them as possible.**

**General Care of Shoes** – As shoes are each student’s responsibility, after each performance, shoes should be aired out, cleaned and wiped off.

**YOU WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY NECESSARY UNIFORM REPAIRS BEYOND NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR. THIS INCLUDES ANY UNNECESSARY TEARS CAUSED FROM WALKING ON THE ENDS OF THE PANT LEGS OR GENERAL RECKLESSNESS.**

Other uniform dos and don’ts:

- You must wear black socks. No questions asked.
- No visible jewelry or sunglasses are to be worn while in uniform.
- Hair length: no matter the length of your hair you must have all of your hair tucked into the hair—either cut, pinned or pulled back to fit inside the hat, any will work.
- Do not eat or drink soda (you may drink water) while wearing your uniform jacket. You may eat or drink if you have taken the jacket off.

### **Concert Uniform**

Students are responsible for attaining their own concert uniform.

Boys: You do not need to purchase the tuxedo set, but it is recommended. Boys can wear black pants and white shirts, however in the future I would like to see guys wearing white tuxedo shirts with a black bow tie and cummerbund with black pants. You must also wear black shoes and black socks. No tennis shoes are acceptable. This tuxedo, cummerbund, and bowtie combination can be found at JC Penney, or other various stores. Please do not show up to the concert with a tuxedo t-shirt. No suit coat is required.

Girls: You do not need to wear a dress, however you do need to be in all black. Please make sure that your dress is not shorter than above the knee. I would eventually like to make an order for black concert dresses, but that is in the future.

### **School Owned Instruments**

Jersey Community High School Bands have school owned school instruments for student use if needed. It is the student’s responsibility to take care of it as if it is your own. Responsibility of any unnecessary damage will be on the part of the renter. When an instrument is issued, an inspection will be completed jointly by the student and the

Music Director with any current problems recorded (dents, missing pads, etc.). There will be a contract obligating the renter to all responsibilities while the instrument is in their care. We hope to issue everyone an instrument in perfect working order with no problems and expect the instrument to be returned in the same condition.

### **Lockers**

Some instrument lockers are located in the band room to store your instrument in. Your band locker/ shelf is for your band instrument only! Because of the number of students that go through this classroom daily, some students must double up on lockers. Students may not leave any belongings in the room during the day at any time. This includes book bags, projects, etc. The director will not be responsible for personal items left in the band room.

# How To Keep It Going

## **Fundraising.....Yay!**

Parents may not be aware that to effectively run a program of the size and quality of the program operated at Jersey Community High School. At present, the school only budgets a small portion of the costs. Although the operating budget of this organization seems high, some music programs in our area operate on an even higher budget. This being said, fundraising is an ongoing process that keeps the music program afloat. The Marching Panthers need the money generated by fundraising to make sure students in the band program receive the quality education and experience that they deserve. So, if parents and students commit to being part of the quality music program being offered here at Jersey Community High School, parents and students must also commit to fundraising.

Now let's state the obvious—fundraising is a necessary evil and WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP to make it successful!! Everyone is busy with their own jobs and private lives and feel they don't have time to help. However, if every parent and student commits to being involved with just three events during the year—that's six hours of your time—the fundraising goals of the Marching Panthers could be met. Whether serving on a committee, or chairing a fundraiser, your knowledge and hard work are invaluable to make things happen. If we charged each student to participate in our program, as do many schools in the immediate area, it would cost everyone a total of \$200.

To help with fundraising efforts, the Band Parents Organization will coordinate additional events. Jerseyville Band Boosters meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, and I encourage each and every parent to attend. Volunteering for the fundraisers you wish to participate in can be done at the meetings and by filling out the fundraising form found in the end of this packet.

Here are some Fundraisers that we currently do:

Cheese and Sausage/Pizza Sales  
Snackin' with Santa  
Band Booster's Holiday Bake Sale at Holiday Concert  
Concessions  
50/50 tickets

Here are some Fundraisers I would like to see happen in the future:

**Scrip** – This is an ongoing campaign to raise money for non-profit organizations, offered through Schnucks, Shop-n-Save and several other retail establishments in the area. Band students and their parents sell gift certificates in 20, 50 and 100 denominations ("scrip") to the above stores and the band receives a percentage of the value of scrip purchased. There is no extra out of pocket expense to the people who use the scrip—it's the same as paying cash at

the store, but we receive a contribution, which can add up to thousands in profit for the music program. The Marching Panthers could raise \$5,000 a year through this fundraiser!

**Merchandise/Spirit Wear Sales** – At various events during the year, Jerseyville Band Boosters will offer opportunities to purchase T-shirts, sweatshirts, caps, decals, hoodies, bumper stickers, jackets, jewelry and other Marching Panther Band spirit wear for students and their parents. Through these merchandise sales, a possible \$500 could be generated for the Marching Panthers music program, and you will look cool too!

**Uniform Raffle** – To help defray the cost of cleaning the uniforms, a \$50.00 uniform raffle fee is assessed. You will be given raffle tickets that you may either sell to others to recoup your money or write your name on to win some of the cash prizes being offered. The tickets are issued in May and the drawing is held at the final regular season home football game. This will work like a 50-50 drawing, but with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Trivia Night/ Silent Auction** – Several parents get together to organize a Trivia Night to benefit the Marching Panthers music program and could raise nearly \$3,000 for the band.

**Book Fair**- Several Bins are set up in the area, and throughout the school. We collect books, games, CDs, Records, etc., price them, and find a place to store them. We have a book fair in the school's gymnasium and borrow school tables. We would advertise for this event all throughout the area. I have seen this work and I have seen bands make \$12,000 at events such as this. If we can get 4 people to chair this event and set up a committee, a little work can be divided among many people and students to create a very successful fundraising event.

**Car Washes** – Every summer, the band could split into three groups and holds three separate car washes on the same day. This will result in car wash wars! We could set up a group on the way into town, and on the way out of town, and possible another one in Grafton. There will be more info to come on this in the future. The winning group will win a cool prize for their hard work. I have seen bands make \$6,000 for this simple fundraising event!

**Restaurants**- There are many restaurants in the area that would be willing to cut our group 10% of the total profit for the evening. Let's put our heads together and think of some places that do this. More info to come soon.

**Candy Bars** – Students will have the chance to raise money for their trip by selling candy bars at school and in the community. One box brings a profit of \$20 - \$25 and they are quite easy to sell.

Other fund raisers will be announced as we learn about them. We hope that everyone will be actively involved in the effort to raise money for our program. After all, the people who benefit the most from our program are the students.

## Completing the Paperwork

Now that you have read everything, please complete the following documents and return them to the music instructor as soon as possible.

**HEALTH HISTORY FORM**  
Medical Information and Release Form

Please mark which class during the 2011 – 2012 School year  
\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LIVES WITH MOTHER/ FATHER/ BOTH (Please circle one)

MOTHER  
HOME ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

HOME  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WKPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER  
HOME ADDRESS

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HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WKPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Operation(s) within the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Under a doctor's care at present? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List any serious illness. \_\_\_\_\_

4. List any chronic illness. \_\_\_\_\_

5. List any regular medication. \_\_\_\_\_

\*If son or daughter carries this medication, please keep it in the original container with the label intact.

6. If allergic to any drugs/medication, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Subject to fainting spells? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Date of last tetanus shot. \_\_\_\_\_

# **PARENT FUNDRAISING FORM**

**Parent(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evening Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in volunteering to work for the following events and/or fundraisers.**

**(Please circle at least three of the following events that interest you.)**

- **Snackin' With Santa**
- **Holiday Bake Sale at Holiday Concert**
- **Sausage and Biscuit Breakfast**
- **Merchandise/Spirit Wear Sales**
- **Book Sale**
- **Scrip**
- **Trivia Night/ Silent Auction**
- **Car Washes**
- **Uniform Raffle**
- **Restaurant Percentage of Profits**

Jersey Community High School Instrumental Music  
Department

Notification of Circumstances Involving Future Absence

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Absence: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for absence (please be specific):

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Director Use:      \_\_\_\_\_ Approved      \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved

# MARCHING PANTHERS ATTENDANCE AGREEMENT/ CODE OF CONDUCT

There are certain obligations and responsibilities which one must assume to qualify and remain a member of the MARCHING PANTHERS. While being a member of the marching band it is possible to hold down a job or become involved with many other activities, as long as they do not conflict with your responsibilities in band.

I understand and agree that:

Other than the member's illness, a death in the immediate family, or other family emergency, there are ABSOLUTELY NO acceptable excuses from scheduled performance, this includes FOOTBALL GAME HALFTIME SHOWS, CONCERTS, PARADES, ETC or any after school rehearsal. If I miss a rehearsal for any reason (other than illness from school), I will not be eligible to perform the following weekend. Rehearsals have been announced with plenty of time to plan ahead. Therefore doctor's appointments, orthodontist/ dentist appointments, senior pictures, pet funerals, job interviews, work, or doing homework/ projects are not acceptable excuses for missing any after school rehearsal or performance.

Parent's initials \_\_\_\_\_ Student's initials \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that:

To be excused from an absence, I must fill out an absence form from the band website or from this handbook. Planned absence forms must be filled out at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the event. Submitting a completed form does not automatically guarantee approval.

Parent's initials \_\_\_\_\_ Student's initials \_\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree that:

There will be absolutely no smoking, alcohol or drug use on any school function. The occurrence of any of these will be grounds for disciplinary

action most likely resulting in the immediate dismissal from the Jersey Community High School Instrumental Music Program. Be Responsible.

Parent's initials \_\_\_\_\_ Student's initials \_\_\_\_\_

My membership requires a commitment to the schedule and my signature indicates that I understand my obligation. My parent's signature indicates that they also understand my commitment. Both signatures also indicate that I have read and understand the Marching Panthers handbook.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MARCHING PANTHERS AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES.

\_\_\_\_\_  
member's signature

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate as a member of the Jerseyville Marching Panthers. My signature indicates that there will be no conflicts with the fall schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_  
date parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
home phone

As a member of the marching panthers, you are an important part of a large organization and your absence has a negative effect on the whole ensemble.