

Delaware Hayes Band

Weekly Update

Jul 27, 2025

Band Camp

Band Camp will be held July 28 - August 1 from 9a - 8p. Band Camp is perhaps the most important week of our season. During this time we will learn as much of our competition show as well as become an ensemble. Please make sure to bring the following items:

- Instrument
- 1.5" 3-ringed binder
- 10 - 15 clear page protectors
- Pencil
- Appropriate clothing to be outside and moving around
- Tennis shoes (No crocs, slides, boots)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen/Hat/Sunglasses
- Packed Lunch (think healthy!!)

Each day, students will not only be working but also have opportunities to have fun. One of the ways we do this is by having themed days. Students are encouraged to dress up and be creative in their outfits. Please make sure all outfits are able to be worn while marching and school appropriate. We will take pictures each morning and vote on best dressed. Winners will be announced at lunch or dinner that same day.

Themes:

Monday - Favorite Movie/Show - Dress as a favorite character from your favorite movie/show.

Tuesday - Twinning Tuesday - Find a friend/Group and dress the same!

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday - The crazier the better!

Thursday - Decades - Dress from your favorite decade.

Friday - Show Shirt Day - Wear your section shirts!

Band Camp Tricks & Tips:

These can be long days. To best set yourself up for success, please do the following:

- Get a good night's sleep. Try to be in bed by 10p each night. This will allow your body to rest and recover
- Drink a lot of water! Drink a lot of water! Drink a lot of water! Pre-hydrating is very important. During these couple weeks, try to avoid caffeinated drinks. Caffeine will actually dehydrate you.
- Eat breakfast. You will need to eat something before coming to rehearsal. This will prepare your body with the proper energy needed to have a successful day.
- Check the weather. Please make sure to check the weather for the day and wear the appropriate clothing. Dressing in sweatshirts and long pants when it's 80 isn't appropriate.

Marching Band Fees/Payment Options

I've included the payment schedule. If you are someone who needs to set up a different payment schedule or is someone that needs assistance, please reach out to Mr. Fowles directly.

Just a reminder that I will need these payments in separate checks as they are deposited into 3 different accounts. The band fee checks can be made out to Delaware City Schools, food fees can be made out to Cadence Club, and equipment fee (those students using school equipment) can be made out to Delaware City Schools.

Payment 1	June 26	\$50 (Band Fee) - DCS; \$35 (Food Fee) - Cadence Club; \$25 (Equipment Fee) - DCS
Payment 2	July 23	\$50 (Band Fee)
Payment 3	August 6	\$50 (Band Fee)
Payment 4	August 13	\$50 (Band Fee) - All fees must be paid by Aug. 20

Food Preferences/Allergies

Please fill out the following google sheet with any Food Preferences/Allergies so we can prepare meals accordingly for Band Camp and Competition Meals.

[Food Preference Form](#)

Post-Band Camp Update

We will be changing a few days during our Post Band Camp. This is to give students/families an opportunity to rest and prepare for the start of the school year. Below is the new schedule for the week of Aug. 4.

Monday 8/4 - Full Band Rehearsal 9a - 3p

- We will have rehearsal from 9a to 12p. Students are expected to bring a sacked lunch. After lunch, we will get prepared for our Marching Band photos. Those will take place at 1:30p. Once pictures have been taken, students will be released for the day. Pictures usually last approximately an hour to 90 minutes.
- That evening those students who signed up for the DCI show will have the opportunity to attend.

Tuesday 8/5 - NO REHEARSAL

Wednesday 8/6 - Full Band Rehearsal 9a - 3p

- We will have a rehearsal in the morning 9a - 12p. Students are expected to bring a sacked lunch. After lunch, we will rehearse on the football field.
- Parent/Community Preview 2p. We will be inviting family, friends, and community members to our final runthrough of the summer. This will take place at 2:00p. Students will be dismissed once the preview has been completed.

Thursday 8/7/Friday 8/8 - NO REHEARSALS

Picture Day

Monday Aug. 4 will be our picture day. Students will need to bring everything they need for their full marching band uniform. This includes:

- Compression Undershirt
- Shorts to wear under bibs
- Black Socks (must be calf high)
- Black Marching Band Shoes (clean)
- Hair ties (long hair must be pulled back to fit inside of Shako)
- No Jewelry (this includes earrings, bracelets, watches, etc.)

We will end rehearsal at 12p, eat lunch, then get ready for pictures at 1p. We will take the group picture first, then have individual pictures following. Once students have pictures taken, they are dismissed. Please know times may vary depending on weather or photographer's schedule.

Color Guard members: We will discuss what you'll be wearing for your uniforms next week during camp. We are having new Friday night uniforms made and they may not be finished by pictures.

2025 Marching Band Schedule

Attached you will find our entire Marching Band schedule for the 2025 Marching Band Season. Please make sure to check dates for all Competitions, Football Games, and parades.

[Marching Band Schedule](#)

Summer Uniform/Competition Uniform Items

All uniform items should have been placed by now. If you are still needing items, please reach out to T&L Graphics or Rettig Music individually to place an order.

If you were able to place an order before June 6, those items will be delivered before the parade and passed out the week of June 30. If you missed the deadline, we do have a limited amount of extra items available. We cannot guarantee sizing.

All other shirts/shorts should be delivered before the start of the Marching Band Season.

DCI Competition

Tickets for the DCI Competition have been delivered. If you haven't paid for your tickets, I need that by Tuesday July 29. If you do not pay by then, your ticket will be offered to someone on the waitlist.

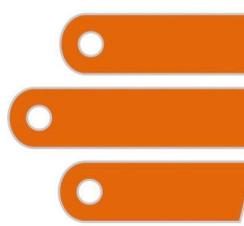
A follow up email will be sent to confirm those students who need transportation.

Music/Drill for the Season

Please use the following link to access all music for the season. You will find different folders containing music for the parade, competition show, pre-game, and stand tunes. Find your individual parts and print them if you'd like. All students will receive physical copies at the first rehearsals.

[Drill Folder](#)

[Music Folder](#)



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Schedule at a Glance

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>
Band Camp	July 28 - Aug 1; 9a - 8p	DHHS
Post Band Camp	Aug. 4 & 6; 9a - 3p	DHHS
Picture Day	Aug. 4; 1p	DHHS
DCI Innovations in Brass	Aug. 4; 6:30p	CANTON, OH
Weekly Practices Begin	Aug. 11, 13, 14; 2:45p - 5:15p	DHHS
Teacher Convocation	Aug. 12 - TBD (in the morning)	DHHS