STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND
★
2019-20 WELCOME &
SEASON INFORMATION

Home camp: Aug 12 – 16, 2019
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BENEFITS OF MARCHING BAND

• Contribute to an organization that has enjoyed many years of success on and off the marching field, have fun, meet new people, learn new things

• Opportunity to have a home base as a Stevenson student; not just physically but with a stable group of instructors and volunteers

• Make memories, friendships, and bonds that last a lifetime. An opportunity that extends to parents/guardians too

• Marching Band is truly a team. It is a place where everyone is equally as important as everyone else

• Join a large family that cares about its members
USING MARCHING BAND FOR GYM CREDIT

• Students that complete 2 full seasons are eligible to use Marching Band towards graduation requirements

• Two seasons of Marching Band can take the place of one semester of gym

• Marching Band students that want to take advantage of this opportunity must participate at every performance and full band rehearsal in two Marching Band seasons (100% attendance). Performances DO include the indoor Winter (Dec) and Cluster (Jan) Concerts

• See our Web Site to obtain the required paperwork. Mr. Sekich must approve and sign all gym waiver requests
Marching Band is a **high school level activity**. Members will:

- Be responsible, self-motivated, and always exhibit exemplary behavior
- Be prepared with the proper materials for rehearsals and performances, including their instrument and music
- Work on their own to memorize their show music and marching drill
- Take care of their own well-being – especially hydration, eating properly, and protection from the elements (*sunscreen, rain gear, etc*)
- Understand and adhere to sectional, rehearsal, and performance schedules
- Be adaptable to sudden and frequent schedule changes
- Meet deadlines and due dates
• Important notes for all first-year marchers, students that (will) attend a school other than SHS in 2019-20, Color Guard, and Frontline members:
  • All performances and trips are for the full Marching Band. Examples include (but may not be limited to):
    • Indoor concerts in December and January
    • Elementary School Tour
    • Snaking the halls at SHS
    • Spring Travel
  • Members must provide their own transportation to SHS for all activities
ELIGIBILITY

• Students that will be 9th – 12th grade instrumentalists in 2019-20 that are enrolled in a band class at Stevenson, UAIS*, Davis, Heritage, or Jeannette

• 8th grade instrumentalists (in 2019-20) enrolled in a band class at our feeder Junior Highs by audition / interview with Mr. Sekich

• Any 9th – 12th grader at SHS, UAIS*, DJHS, HJHS, JJHS may try out for Color Guard (Guard members are encouraged to enroll in a band class, but it is not required)

• Instrumentalists must remain continuously enrolled in band class to maintain eligibility

* UAIS students with Stevenson HS as their “home” school
$450 for all marchers, including Color Guard. Discounts available for early payments & paperwork as follows:

- $425 if the online registration form has been submitted and a $100 non-refundable deposit has been paid no later than Wednesday May 1, 2019 ($25 discount)
- $400 if the online registration form has been submitted and a $100 non-refundable deposit has been paid no later than Wednesday May 1, 2019 AND both the Notarized Emergency Medical Treatment & Medical and Allergy Information forms have been completed and turned in no later than Thursday June 13, 2019 AND a total of $400 has been paid no later than Friday August 9, 2019 ($50 discount)
• $43 for non-Color Guard marchers that need marching shoes (first-year marchers and those needing a replacement pair)

• $20 or $22 for non-Color Guard marchers that need a Navy Blue summer uniform shirt (first-year marchers and those needing a replacement shirt)

• Color Guard members will have their own separate uniform costs which will be communicated to you at the Color Guard kickoff meeting

• Expenses on your own for other required materials (white shorts and instrument accessories such as lyres/folios/etc), extra apparel items (section and/or senior shirts), and optional activities at camp (paintball)
The full fee for Marching Band for all members is due no later than **Monday August 12, 2019 – the first day of Home Camp**

Unpaid Marching Band fees after August 16, 2019 will be treated as fines in the student’s Power School account and may prevent participation in class registration, extra-curricular activities (including band travel), and, for seniors, graduation activities

The first $100 of the Marching Band Fee is **non-refundable**. Should a student withdraw from Marching Band prior to Home Camp, the $100 will be credited to your student’s assistance account for use with future band expenses. Payments in excess of $100 will be refunded.
• Attendance at all performances and full-band rehearsals is **expected of all members**

• Students involved with other **school-sponsored** activities (athletics, etc) may be excused from **some** rehearsals due to conflicts, with permission from Mr. Sekich. **Performances are mandatory for everyone**

• Students will NOT be excused from performances at all - or from full-band rehearsals for work, vacations, or other non-school related activities

• Attendance at home and away camps is required to participate in the marching drill

• **Home Camp @ SHS** – Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16

• **Away Camp @ Michindoh** – Saturday, August 17 – Thursday, August 22

• **Online Calendar:** [www.stevensonbands.org](http://www.stevensonbands.org)
• **Mandatory Performances include** (but may not be limited to):
  
  • Home varsity football games *(regular season, roughly Aug – Oct)*
    
  • *Parents/guardians of the Class of 2020 should plan to attend Senior Night, typically the last regular-season home football game in October, to recognize their student(s) on the track at halftime*
  
  • Playoff football games *(if team qualifies. Late Oct – Thanksgiving weekend)*
  
  • UCS Band-a-Rama *(usually a Sunday in early October)*
  
  • Marching Band Festival *(usually a Tue or Wed in mid-October)*
  
  • An area competition/show *(usually a weekend day in late September)*
  
  • SHS Winter Concert *(usually a Wed in early December; season reprise)*
  
  • SHS Cluster Concert *(usually a weekday in January; Homecoming music)*
• **Full-band rehearsals include** (but may not be limited to):
  • First full-band rehearsal & meeting: Thursday, June 13 2019 @ 12:15 PM
  • Depending on the home football schedule, a Tuesday afternoon rehearsal in late August
  • Tuesday evenings from the first day of school thru mid-October
  • Mini Home Camp *(usually a Sunday in early October, roughly 10am – 4pm)*
  • The afternoon of Band-a-Rama *(usually starting about noon)*
  • The Monday afternoon prior to the Winter Concert *(after school)*
• All Marching Band members are expected to attend sectionals
  • Color Guard & Percussion sectionals begin as early as April and are typically held twice each week
  • Woodwind and Brass sectionals typically begin right after the July 4th holiday
  • Sectionals continue through Festival, with a break around home and away camps
  • Sectional schedules are established by student leaders with consultation with adult music staff (Guard and Percussion schedules set by adult leadership)
  • Families are encouraged to keep already planned vacations
  • Students with jobs must plan their work schedules to avoid conflict with sectionals
· **Optional activities at Stevenson** (during the regular school day)
  
  · Marching Band Members not in the building (UAIS, Jr. High, CSI/MST) are invited and encouraged to participate in **ALL** optional Marching Band Activities.  
    
    *(Transportation and being excused from class at your home school is the responsibility of the parent/guardian)*
  
  · Snaking the Halls *(Fridays prior to home football games when school is in session – be at SHS no later than 1:30 PM)*
  
  · Pep Rally *(Friday of the Homecoming game – be at SHS no later than 1:00 PM)*
  
  · Elementary School Tour *(date TBA – full day activity; report to SHS and take UCS school buses to 4-5 of our feeder elementary schools and return back to SHS)*
• **Other optional activities** (outside the regular school day)
  • Fundraising *(new members encouraged to participate with Tag Day each May)*
  • Pre-game meals *(provided by Band Boosters)*
  • Pep Band *(select away football games)*
  • School Board meeting recognition *(a Monday evening, typically in November)*
  • Marching Banquet *(usually a Monday evening in early December)*
  • Spring Trip *(all Marching Band members are invited, if financially and academically eligible)*
  • Stevenson High School graduation *(mandatory for all non-senior Stevenson Band students, optional for Marching Band members from the Jr. Highs and UAIS)*
• Section leaders are chosen via an interview and audition with Mr. Sekich each Spring after at least one year of marching experience at Stevenson.

• Section leaders organize meetings of their fellow members over the summer to get to know each other, practice the show music together, learn basic marching techniques, and plan for home and away camp. Sectionals typically take place either at Stevenson or at a section leader’s home.

• Student-led sectionals typically meet twice per week for 90 min – 2 hours with at least some of them happening during the normal work day. Guard and Percussion sectionals can be longer.

• Our sections include: Clarinets, Color Guard, Flutes, Low Brass (baritones, trombones, tubas, tenor and baritone sax), Percussion (Drum Line & Front Line/Pit) Saxes & Horns (alto saxophones & mellophones), and Trumpets.
• Dates and times are communicated between students typically using Remind messages and, for woodwinds and brass, begin to be established during the June 13 meeting. (each section will establish their own Remind list – be sure your student is on it and using Remind)

• Sectionals are also used for fundraising activities within the sections (or combined with other sections). Typical activities include bottle drives, car washes, and bake sales

• Drum Majors are chosen via and interview and audition with Mr. Sekich each spring and oversee all sections in addition to their other responsibilities. Drum majors must have at least one year of marching experience at Stevenson and attend SHS.
You must sign up online for Marching Band no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2019 so your student:

- Has a spot in the marching drill
- Has a bed to sleep in at away camp
- Has a seat on a bus to and from away camp
- Has a theme shirt ordered for them in the correct size

Registration steps and links to forms can be found on our web site: https://www.stevensonbands.org/marching-band/

- Payment is not required when submitting this form, if done prior to May 15th
- Signups after May 15 are not assured a spot in the marching drill or at away camp. Marching Band is a two-way commitment!
• There are **3 other required forms (on paper)** that **MUST** be completed and returned for students to be eligible to participate in Marching Band

• Return completed paperwork to the Blue Box in the Stevenson Band Room (located underneath the American flag)

• These forms are **obligatory**
  • Each are required by either Utica Community Schools or the State of Michigan for participation and to assist our camp Health Care Officer or other professionals in providing medical care while your student is away from home at camp
There are 2 forms due on or before Thursday June 13, 2019 - the band’s first rehearsal – in order to be eligible for a $25 discount on the Marching Band Fee:

- Emergency Medical Treatment form - **must** be acknowledged by a Notary Public
- Medical and Allergy Information form (with a photo copy of the front and back of the medical insurance card the student is covered under)

There is 1 additional form due on or before Monday August 12, 2019 - the first day of Home Camp:

- Physical Exam & Medical Clearance form - **must** be completed on or after April 15, 2019
• **Important**: ALL physicals must be completed and dated on or AFTER April 15, 2019

• **There are no exceptions to this requirement** as it is mandated by UCS via the Michigan High School Athletic Association

• Any physical form turned in with a date of completion earlier than April 15, 2019 will be rejected and another physical must be completed before your child will be allowed to participate in marching band

• The physical form **must** be completed and signed by an MD, DO, PA or NP. Students do not need to visit their regular doc – utilizing inexpensive walk-in clinics is a popular option for sports physicals
• The buses will not leave for away camp until every Marching Band Member has completed and turned in 100% of their paperwork and medicine

• All Medical Forms are accepted via the Blue Box, even during the summer. Students/parents/guardians may drop them off during any sectional that is taking place at SHS *(the band room is usually open during these sectionals)*

• Students planning on participating in athletics through any UCS building may substitute an official MHSAA Physical Form in place of the shorter form used for band use only. Download MHSAA forms from their web site at [www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Forms-Resources](http://www.mhsaa.com/Schools/Forms-Resources)

• Make a copy all medical forms for your own records before turning them in, especially the physical form
PAYMENTS

• **Payments accepted for Marching Band**
  • Online via CheddarUp
  • Application of Student Account earnings
    • Request directly through Charms or via e-mail
    • Student Account earnings can be used towards Marching Band Fees and/or purchase of required attire (marching band shoes / navy blue t-shirts)

• To pay online, visit our web site at: [https://www.stevensonbands.org/marching-band/](https://www.stevensonbands.org/marching-band/) and follow the links
• **Full / formal Marching Band uniforms** will be issued, usually during Home Camp. Students are responsible for:
  
  • Keeping track of their uniform pieces (place your name inside in a temporary manner)
  
  • Keeping them in the same condition as they were issued
  
  • Bringing them to and from school as required
  
  • Wearing white socks (with white marching shoes) or black socks (with black marching shoes) that extend at least 3” above the ankle when in uniform
  
  • Every Marching Band student, except Color Guard, must have a pair of Marching Shoes ($43 – must be purchased through the Band Boosters)
  
  • One pair of white marching gloves will be provided to students that need them during the season (*replacement glove charge: $3/pair*)
• **T-shirts**
  
  • Every Marching Band student will be given a 2019 Theme Shirt. These shirts feature a calendar on the back and are used only in the current season (*included in Marching Fee*)

  • Every Marching Band student, except Color Guard, must have a Navy Blue Marching Shirt. These shirts are used each year a student is in the Marching Band (*$20 or $22 – must be purchased through the Band Boosters*)

  • Section and/or Senior shirts: Optional, but typically have 100% participation (*coordinated by section leaders, managed independently of Band Boosters*)

• **Theme shirts for adults**

  • There will be an online presale of the 2019 Theme Shirts for parents, grandparents, and others that may wish to purchase them
• Summer uniforms

• Summer uniforms are worn for certain performances, especially early in the season when the weather is hot. These consist of either the current Theme Shirt or the Navy Blue shirt, white shorts, marching shoes, and appropriate socks. Stevenson Band baseball caps may possibly also be worn.

• Every Marching Band student, except Color Guard, must purchase a pair of non-athletic white shorts that are moderately long (just above the knee or longer) and convey a professional image. No stripes, no cargo shorts (purchased on your own – shop early).

• Each Marching Band member will receive one Stevenson Band baseball cap in their first year (Replacement and/or extra caps may be purchased through the Band Boosters).
• Goals:
  • Learning the music and marching drill
  • Getting to know each other prior to away camp
  • Final preparations for away camp (*including collection of donations*)
  • Marching shoe fittings
  • Cabin signups (*online only*)
  • Students are not allowed to leave school grounds for lunch (*they must remain at SHS until they are dismissed for the day, parents may drop off lunches*)
  • A full schedule will be published online prior to June 13
• What to bring:
  • Refillable water bottle, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, comfortable shoes (no sandals / flip-flops / etc when marching)
  • Marching band equipment (lyre, marching folio with protector sheets, pencils, dot book, extra reeds, slide grease, valve oil, drum sticks, etc)
  • A great attitude and expectations of learning and fun

• Fundraiser: Change Wars
  • Sections compete against each other using coins and paper money
  • Winning section members each receive a $10 gift card at the Marching Banquet in December
• Camp Location: Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale MI
  • www.michindoh.com

• Goals:
  • Intense learning of the music and marching drill
  • Building trust, camaraderie, and coping skills while away from home
  • Building self-confidence and preparing for college life

• We meet or exceed all children’s camp licensing requirements such as:
  • Background checks on all volunteers and music staff
  • Complete paperwork for all students, including a pre-camp physical
  • On site nursing care available 24 hours / day
• Policies on the handling of medicines (Rx and OTC) are fully enforced
• All meds must be distributed by nurses – skip non-essential things like vitamins to help keep the lines to a minimum

• Optional camp activities
  • Paintball, zipline, and more! See web site: www.michindoh.com
  • Activities are paid for while at camp; availability varies depending on demand, weather, and other factors

• Watch online during the summer for more information
  • What to pack, final announcements, webcast(s)
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• Staffed by a combination of:
  • Adult music instructors, including Mr. Sekich
  • Adult volunteer chaperones (*parents and alumni parents*)
  • Adult volunteer medical staff (*parents and/or hired professionals*)
  • Recent SHS graduates, we call them Stafferones, that serve as in-cabin chaperones
  • Support staff from the Camp (*examples: kitchen, swimming*)
• All adults (*except for Camp employees*) are personally selected by Mr. Sekich
  • Volunteers must submit to background checks and participate in pre-camp training
  • Adults have specific assignments during camp
Band Camp and Health Care Policies

- Reviewed annually by Mr. Sekich and the State of Michigan
- Published prior to camp on our web site
- Provided to all adults attending camp as staff members, chaperones, or staffers

School rules apply during both Home and Away Camps

- Parent/guardian visitors are welcome – but must check-in and be escorted
- Strongly recommended that all students ride the buses to and from camp with their peers
- Students may be released from away camp only to those listed on the notarized Emergency Medical Treatment form with arrangements made in advance
UCS BAND-A-RAMA

• Performances from all four Utica Community Schools Marching Bands (Stevenson, Utica, Ford II, and Eisenhower)
• Annual spectator event for parents/guardians, and other fans
• Hosted on a Sunday evening, usually in early October at:
  • Runkel Field (the football stadium behind Stevenson HS)
  Or
  • Swinehart Field (the football stadium across the street from Utica HS)
• Each of the 4 Band Booster groups rotate various responsibilities
• Proceeds from admissions are used towards a scholarship fund for UCS Instrumental Music students (Gonda Scholarship)
MSBOA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

• MSBOA: Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association
• Takes place in Mid-October
• Band is judged on marching, music, and the general effect of the performance
• Culmination of all the effort at band camps, evening rehearsals, sectionals
• Goal is to receive a First Division Rating
• Multiple schools participate, judged independently of each other
• Titans Marching Band has a long tradition of success at Festival
• Tickets sold in advance through the Band Boosters
• The **primary** method Mr. Sekich directly communicates with students is **verbally** at each rehearsal and performance. He will also use Remind and Facebook messages to communicate with students & parents

• The Band Boosters also communicate Instrumental Music Program messages from Mr. Sekich for both students and parents that are relayed via our Web Site, Remind, Facebook, and E-mail blasts

• The Band Boosters also communicate Booster-focused messages, such as Fundraising information, using the above communication channels

• The Band Boosters maintain a Google Calendar online with all Program and Booster dates
• The Band Boosters maintain financial information in Charms for all Instrumental Music students. Financial statements are sent, by e-mail, through Charms

• Charms can be accessed on demand at any time to get students’ up-to-date financial information

• Charms accounts are created by the Band Boosters upon:
  • Student participation in shared-benefit fundraising
  • Signing up for Marching Band
  • Signing up for travel with the band

• Band Booster meetings are held at Stevenson HS during the school year to provide in-person announcements and updates about Program and Booster activities
Visit our web site at **www.stevensonbands.org** to sign up for

- Remind messages
- E-mail blasts

The web site also has:

- Our Google Calendar – visit the calendar page to print and for information on how to add our calendar to your mobile device
- Links to our several Facebook pages. We use several to allow for more targeted and focused communications. Look for the Social Media page
- News updates
- Links to documents, fundraising information, and much, much more
• Receiving and reading electronic communications are ESSENTIAL to stay up to date for both students and parents/guardians

• Electronic messages supplement and provide more detail to what students are told verbally

• E-mail addresses and phone numbers are used **only** to communicate with you about band-related items. You have the opportunity to opt out at any time – but especially after your student graduates or leaves the Instrumental Music Program

• Contact information for Mr. Sekich and Booster Board members can be found on our Web Site
The Band Boosters play a critical role with Marching Band. Booster volunteers work with Mr. Sekich, the Color Guard Coaches, and the Music Staff to prepare, organize, and run many of the non-musical aspects of Marching Band. Volunteers are essential.

Every parent and guardian of a Stevenson Instrumental Music student, which includes all Marching Band members, is automatically considered a Band Booster.

While there are no forced participation levels, we encourage everyone to participate at some level to help maintain a level of excellence for our Marching Band members.

Get involved- Be a fan, volunteer, enjoy your kids!
• Don’t hesitate to ask other parents what something is, what a word means, or any other question you might have. We were all new to the program once and are happy to share what we’ve learned!

• All expenses for Marching Band, except a contribution from UCS to offset a portion of the costs of bus transportation, are made by parents / Band Boosters
  • Just some of the expenses include music, equipment, supplies, food, truck rental, trailer maintenance, fuel, and much much more

• Except for Mr. Sekich, the Band Boosters are responsible for compensating all music staff members and Color Guard coaches. Compensation is below market value

• Parent volunteer positions are unpaid, including Booster Board members
• The Band Boosters try to ensure students have the opportunity to experience Marching Band

• If there are extenuating financial circumstances please contact Mr. Sekich or Mr. Austerman prior to August 12, 2019 for more information on the possible availability of assistance through the Band Boosters. Don’t wait until you have a past-due balance

• Assistance is limited to no more than $450 per student during the entire time they are eligible to march

• Returned check policy: Returned checks are charged a $25 fee. You will not be allowed to write checks for future band expenses should a returned check and the associated $25 fee not be resolved satisfactorily. This follows the same policy that is enforced by all of Utica Community Schools.
• Various fundraisers are available through the Band Boosters to help with band expenses via the power of group participation

• If a student has previously participated with Band Booster fundraising, you may have money in your Student Assistance Account that can be used for band camp and/or marching apparel expenses

• Fundraising allows the Band Boosters to offset a portion of the costs of the Marching Band for all participants via contributions to the General Fund. Marching Band fees would be at least $100 higher for each member without the funds we raise together
• Shared-benefit Fundraising
  • Participants and the Band Boosters General Fund share the proceeds
    • Recent examples have included:
      • Group sales of holiday décor items (*wreaths & poinsettias*)
      • Group sales of bed linens
      • Group sales of Dearborn Brand products
      • Group sales of cheesecakes
      • Staffing concession areas at large public events
      • Jimmy John’s Field in downtown Utica
      • Detroit Grand Prix on Belle Isle
• Student-staffed Fundraising
  • Participants share proceeds based on number of hours volunteered and total amount collected
  • Tag Day is our main student-staffed fundraiser
    • Students participate as small teams outside local businesses asking for donations
    • 2019 dates: Fri. May 17, Sat. May 18, Sun. May 19
    • New marchers are especially encouraged to join returning members
    • Parent support is critical to the success of this event (all parent hours are donated)
Community and Social Fundraising

- Proceeds benefit only the Boosters General Fund
  - Recent examples have included:
    - Quartermania
    - Sales of locally-produced products such as honey
    - Restaurant Nights
    - Golf and Bowling Outings
    - Kroger Community Rewards
    - Amazon Smile
• Fundraising can be fun! Parents and students get to know each other while working towards a common goal

• Fundraisers are typically launched at Booster Meetings, then posted on our Web Site and Facebook following the meeting. Booster Meetings are a great resource to get questions answered and meet with Booster Board members to suggest new ideas

• The Boosters General Fund benefits all Stevenson Instrumental Music Students
  • Marching Band & Color Guard
  • Wind Ensemble, Jazz, Concert, and Symphonic Bands
  • Large groups participating in Solo & Ensemble
• Marchers should stay physically active during the summer – both with their instruments and other outdoor activities to help ease the physical demands of home and away camp

• Break in shoes early – don’t come to camp with new shoes (helps prevent blisters)

• Do not wear Navy Blue shirts for anything other than Marching Band performances. Frequent use (and washing) will cause them to fade, subject them to stains, and take away from the crisp, professional look that is desired from an expensive t-shirt.

• Coordinate rides/transportation with each other - especially Jr. High parents! Use the Band Boosters’ Facebook group to communicate
PREPARING / HELPFUL HINTS: PAGE 2 OF 4

• Marching Band is an athletic activity. Your student will likely be tired after rehearsals. Make sure your child is eating & hydrating properly and getting enough sleep.

• Expect the unexpected! There will be schedule changes, added activities, removed activities, weather concerns, and other things that will require quick adaptation.

• Important terms:
  • A FIELD MARKER is an object placed on the field so you can easily return to it during rehearsal. It can be anything small and relatively flat, like a small stuffed animal, a mini frisbee, a toy car, etc.
  • A FLIP FOLDER is used to hold music, in a specifically sized page protector, while marching. Attaches to a LYRE.
  • A LYRE is a piece of hardware that connects a FLIP FOLDER to either an instrument or a flute player’s arm to hold music while it is being learned.

Examples of a flip folder and lyres:
• Important terms:

• **CALL TIME** – The absolute latest time you should be in place and fully prepared for a band activity. Expect the band director to adjust call time often, so be prepared to be flexible. Band students plan in advance to arrive 30 minutes prior to published call times to prepare themselves and have a little time socializing with each other.

• If you are 15 minutes EARLY for Call Time then you are on time; If you show up AT Call Time then you are late; If you show up AFTER Call Time, well, just please don’t do that!

• **MSBOA** is the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association (www.msboa.org). An organized group of K-12 music educators across the state, MSBOA coordinates various competitions and activities. Students in the Stevenson cluster have the opportunity to participate in the following activities: Marching Band Festival, Band & Orchestra Festival, Jazz Festival, Solo & Ensemble, and Honors groups. MSBOA activities are organized by district/region and state. The Stevenson cluster is member of MSBOA’s District 16.
Important terms:

- **DOT** – A full Marching Band Drill contains many pages with numbered dots on them. Each marcher is assigned one of these dots. In visual terms, a marcher moves in step during a performance just like the dot in the book does.

- **DRILL** and **DOT BOOKS** – For Section Leaders, a **drill book** is a 3-ring binder and about 35 clear page protectors (purchased on your own) that will hold pages with the full marching drill (all the moves marchers make during a performance). A **dot book** is an inexpensive 3” x 5” (approximately) spiral notebook used by individual marchers to reference just their position in the drill.
THE BLUE BOX

• Located in the Stevenson Band Room, underneath the American Flag