



Anthony Wayne

Band Handbook

2017-2018

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- Jackets buttoned
- Clear nail polish
- Clean gloves
- Clean marching shoes (purchased from boosters), clean and snapped spats
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- Hat brim one inch above eyebrows
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- No uniform or uniform part shall be worn at any time other than a scheduled performance, unless directed by the Band Director. No band member shall exchange any part of his/her uniform with another band member or allow a non-band member to wear any uniform part. Each uniform shall be worn as a complete uniform at all times, unless otherwise directed by the Band Director.

UNIFORM INSPECTION

- Jackets buttoned
- Clear nail polish
- Clean gloves
- Clean marching shoes (purchased from boosters), clean and snapped spats
- Clean ascots, properly worn
- Hat brim one inch above eyebrows
- Blue band t-shirt on
- Long hair pulled back behind ears with hair colored bands (this includes gentlemen)
- Hair should be natural, clean, and well groomed. No extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colors.
- Jewelry will be limited to a watch, one ring on each hand, one small stud in each lower ear lobe

Band Calendar 2017-18 - Sheet1

Wed, August 2, 2017	Fundamentals - New Students & Freshmen	6-8:30pm		
Thu, August 3, 2017	Fundamentals - Everyone	6-8:30pm		
Mon, August 7, 2017	Band Camp	8-11:30am		
Mon, August 7, 2017	Band Camp	6-9pm		
Tue, August 8, 2017	Band Camp	Registration - No Practice - Uniform Fitting		
Tue, August 8, 2017	Band Camp	6-9pm		
Wed, August 9, 2017	Band Camp	8-11:30am		
Wed, August 9, 2017	Band Camp	6-9pm		
Thu, August 10, 2017	Band Camp	8-11:30am		
Thu, August 10, 2017	Band Camp	6-9pm		
Mon, August 14, 2017	Marching Band Practice	6-8:30pm		
Tue, August 15, 2017	Marching Band Practice	6-8:30pm		
Wed, August 16, 2017	Pictures	5:00 PM		
Thu, August 17, 2017	Marching Band Practice	6-8:30pm		
Sat, August 19, 2017	Swanton & Pemberville Parades	8:30am-2pm		
Tue, August 22, 2017	Marching Band Practice	6-8pm		
Wed, August 23, 2017	After School Practice	3-5pm		
(after school practices will continue throughout the season Mon-Thurs)				
Fri, August 25, 2017	Football vs. St Francis @ UT			
Fri, September 1, 2017	Football @ Tiffin			
Fri, September 8, 2017	Football vs Clyde			
Sat, September 9, 2017	Put in Bay Parade			
Fri, September 15, 2017	Football @ Southview			
Sat, September 16, 2017	Defiance Band Show	7:00 PM		
Fri, September 22, 2017	Football vs BG			
Sat, September 23, 2017	RDB Parade	10:00 AM		
Sat, September 23, 2017	Showcase of Bands	7:00 PM		
Sun, September 24, 2017	Race for the Cure - volunteers			
Fri, September 29, 2017	Homecoming vs Maumee			
Fri, October 6, 2017	Football @ Perrysburg			
Fri, October 13, 2017	Football vs Northview			
Fri, October 20, 2017	Football vs Napoleon			
Tue, October 24, 2017	Marching Band Awards Concert	7:00 PM		
Fri, October 27, 2017	Football @ Springfield			
Thu, November 2, 2017	Symphonic Winds Concert	7:00 PM		
Sat, November 11, 2017	Toledo Holiday Parade	morning		
Tue, December 12, 2017	Holiday Concert - All Bands	7:00 PM		
Sat, February 3, 2018	Solo & Ensemble Contest			
Thu, March 1, 2018	Concert - All Bands	7:00 PM		
Fri, March 9, 2018	District Large Group Contest - All Bands			
Sat, March 10, 2018	District Large Group Contest - All Bands			
Fri, April 27, 2018	State Large Group Contest - All Bands			
Sat, April 28, 2018	State Large Group Contest - All Bands			
Tue, May 15, 2018	Symphonic Winds Concert			
Sat, May 19, 2018	Chicken BBQ			
		6/16/17		

Band Handbook Confirmation Agreement

- I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the policies outlined in the 2017-2018 Anthony Wayne Band Handbook.
- I understand that all performances are mandatory and unexcused absences may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that being scheduled for work is not an excused absence and may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that absences caused by sporting events not associated with Anthony Wayne High School are unexcused and may result in a lowered grade.
- I understand that a marching spot must be earned and no one is guaranteed a half-time position.
- I understand that if I am a member of the Symphonic Winds or Symphonic Band, I will use a personal step-up instrument or rent one from the band for \$30 (if an instrument is available).
- I understand that these rules may be modified at the director's discretion.

Please Check one of the following

_____ I will be participating in all aspects of marching band

_____ I will be participating in a school sponsored fall sport and have filled out the Fall Sport Marching Band Agreement Form.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____