

# JOIN PADUA'S MARCHING BRUINS!

You are invited to be a full-time member of the Padua Franciscan Marching Bruins and perform at all football games & shows!

Play fun & exciting music, make new friends and create lasting memories.



Advanced 7th & 8th grade instrumentalists can audition to be a **Junior Bruin**.

- includes woodwind, brass, & percussion



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# Marching Bruins 2023-2024



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## MARCHING BAND COURSE DESCRIPTION

Marching Band is a performance class for Instrumentalists, Dance Team, and Color Guard members. Members are required to perform at all football games, rallies, band shows, and other selected events during the season. This ensemble may also perform for additional community and school events throughout the entire school year. As this is a credited class, attendance at all scheduled rehearsals, games, and other performances is mandatory and reflected in the grade. Grades for the quarter(s) will be printed on the quarterly report card and credit is issued at the end of the first semester. Students enrolled in the course will purchase personal supplies, including specific shoes, t-shirts, etc.

**In addition to the season schedule, ALL members attend MANDATORY band camp, summer rehearsals and performances. Once school begins, the band meets weekly after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, from 3:45- 5:45 p.m. The band performs at ALL Friday football games and a handful of Saturday band shows.**

## INSTRUMENTALIST REQUIREMENTS

Students who have more than two years of experience playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, electric bass, tuba, or percussion are welcome to sign up for this performance class. Students with less than two years of experience playing an instrument should speak with the director prior to enrolling. Students who play an instrument that is not on the list should speak with the director about instrument options, as some non-traditional marching instruments may be used. All percussion students audition for a position on the Drumline. Email the director to receive audition materials and to schedule an audition time.

**Drumline Clinics are May 1 & 3 from 3:30-5:00 PM**

**Drumline Auditions are May 5 from 3:30-5:00 PM**

## COLOR GUARD & DANCE TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Students auditioning for Color Guard or Dance Team are taught a sample routine and skills specific to the style of movement/dance used on each team. Students perform the routine and skills in the audition for a panel of judges. Each team accepts a limited number of students, determined by the judges and directors. All students audition for a position on the Color Guard or Dance Team. Email the director to receive audition materials and to schedule an audition time.

**Color Guard Clinics are May 2 & 3 from 3:30-5 PM**

**Color Guard Auditions are May 4 from 3:30-5 PM**

**Dance Team Clinics are May 11 from 3:30-5 PM**

**Dance Team Auditions are May 12 from 3-5 PM**

## MARCHING BAND FAMILY KICKOFF MEETING

Wednesday, May 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm – Padua Gymnasium

**ALL Marching Band students & one family member should attend.** This meeting includes...

- introduction of the Marching Band adult staff
- review of the 2022-2023 policies for participation (attendance, grading, etc.)
- distribution of the season calendar and important forms (including mandatory medical forms)

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

All dates and times are subject to change throughout the season; if changes occur, updates will be announced. Items listed in **bold** include the full band (Instrumentalists, Color Guard & Dance Team)

Auxiliary & Drumline Camps	Mon.-Thurs., July 31- August 3	9:00 am-12:00 pm
Leaders & New Marchers Rehearsal	Wednesday, August 2	6:00-8:00 pm
<b>Pre-Camp Rehearsal</b>	Thursday, August 3	6:00-9:00 pm
<b>Pre-Camp Rehearsal</b>	Friday, August 4	9:00 am-12:00 pm
<b>Band Camp</b>	Mon.-Fri., August 7 - 11	All Day
<b>Regular Season Rehearsals Begin</b>	Tues./Wed./Thurs., August 15, 16, & 17	3:45-5:45 pm
<b>Regular Season Rehearsals End</b>	Thursday, October 19	3:45-5:45 pm



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## ~JUNIOR BRUINS HANDBOOK SUPPLEMENTARY~



### BENEFITS OF ELEMENTARY STUDENT PARTICIPATION

The primary benefit of an elementary student participating in the Marching Bruins is the experience of performing in an advanced performance ensemble. Students who are ready to perform at a high school level have an exciting opportunity that allows for performance opportunities on a weekly basis, as well as experiencing a different type of ensemble experience. Students who join the marching band typically improve in musical and movement ability and enjoy being part of the group.

### ELEMENTARY STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate in the Marching Bruins, students must be:

1. Entering 7th or 8th grade in the Fall of the marching band season.
2. Be able to participate at a 9th grade or higher level of ability, a minimum of two years playing the instrument and current participation in their school band program.
3. Willing to participate as a **full member**.

### FULL MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

As a full member of the group each student must be willing to commit to the mandatory events of the group. Due to the nature of a marching band, each member is a vital part of the team. Marching band shows are designed to include each member in a specific place on the field.

With that in mind, participants must commit to **attendance and participation** in the following:

1. ALL Padua Franciscan HS football games for the season (including post-season if necessary).
2. ALL Padua Franciscan HS MB performances, summer rehearsals, rehearsals after school (dates included on season schedule).

To be a responsible team member, participants must also be:

1. Willing to learn and/or memorize music, drills, and marching techniques.
2. Willing to follow the rules of the Marching Bruins Handbook.

### ELEMENTARY RULE CLARIFICATIONS

Elementary students are required to follow the rules listed in the Marching Bruins Handbook. A few exceptions may occur:

#### 1. *Attendance:*

- a. *Late Elem. Dismissals:* Students who attend elementary schools that are dismissed near or later than 3:45 pm may make arrangements with the director for a reasonable arrival time of the student.
- b. *Elem. Band Rehearsals:* Students who have band after school should attend their rehearsal before attending the marching band rehearsal. Please make arrangements with the director for arrival time of student.
- c. *Elem. School Conflicts with Rehearsals:* Marching Bruin rehearsals should be a priority, but when conflicts occur, please make arrangements with the director prior to the conflict according to Marching Band Policy.
- d. *Elem. School Conflicts with Performances:* Marching band performances should be a priority. Unavoidable conflicts **MUST** be communicated with the director.

2. *Rallies:* Elementary students are NOT required to perform on rally days at the high school. However, if a student is shadowing on a day of a rally, he or she is welcome to play with the high school students from 7:45-7:55 am in the lobby and during the rally in the afternoon. Please make arrangements with the director prior to the day of the rally.

3. *Grading:* Elementary students are not graded.

4. *Uniform:* Elementary students need to follow the uniform guidelines in the handbook.

5. *Performing Ability:* Elementary students are held at the same standard as the high school students in this high school performing group.

Music, choreography, and drill standards are set at a high school level. With that said, the directors are very accommodating and willing to help students achieve that level, but students must be proactive in asking for assistance.

If an elementary student is not meeting the performance expectations of the ensemble, the director(s) will contact the guardians for a discussion of the student's participation in the Marching Bruins. If there are concerns regarding a student's ability level, the guardians are always welcome to initiate a conversation with the director(s).