

Dear Band Member and Band Families:

Hope this finds you all well! Believe it or not, our 2025 marching band season is right around the corner. Next year's field show is titled "Mission to Mars" and includes *Treasure, That's What I Like* and *Uptown Funk* - all music by Bruno Mars! I will send this music to you soon. Please do your best to learn and memorize this music over the summer. You can find recordings on jwpepper.com. If you have any questions, your section leaders will be in touch with you soon. They are there to help!

Here is our tentative summer schedule. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, **June 5th**. All members of the 2025-26 band are expected to attend all summer rehearsals. Those rehearsals are on Monday, **June 16th**; Thursday, **July 17th**; and Monday, **July 28th** from 6:00-7:30 pm. All of these rehearsals will start in the high school band room.

Full Band Mini-Camp and Color Guard Rehearsal: Full band mini band camp will be held on Thursday, **July 31st** from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. At this event, we will start working on marching basics and learning how to read drill. This will make for an easier band camp Monday.

As a reminder, the dates for band camp are **August 4th-August 7th** from 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Remember, band camp is mandatory; no exceptions! Most of the show will be learned during band camp this year. On the first day of camp, you will need to have the attached medical form filled out. This way, we can have your medical information on file in case of emergency. Registration on the first day will begin at 7:30 am.

What to bring to band camp:

WATER - Bring lots because it will be hot. We will take frequent water breaks.

Sunscreen - Put it on in the morning and reapply at lunch!

Hat – You will be MUCH cooler if you wear a hat. It is not a fashion show. **DRESS COMFORTABLY** – remembering the school dress code will be strictly enforced.

Lunch - Please pack your lunch in a cooler.

Instrument - including extra reeds or valve oil

Music - Bring the copies of music you received at the end of the school year.

Donation – we are asking every student to donate one case of water to the band. We will bring these water bottles to the football games so everyone can have something to drink after the show so for only a few dollars, you will have water for all of the games.

Also, remember to wear sneakers with socks! Sandals and flip-flops are NOT appropriate for marching and may cause injury. If you do not have sneakers on, you will not be allowed to march. The school dress code will be enforced: no short shorts, no tank tops with spaghetti straps, no tube tops, no mid-drift shirts.

We will have six rehearsals after band camp and before school starts. These rehearsals will be **August 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, and 28** from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. As for the band season, we rehearse from 6:00 to 8:00 on Monday and Thursday evenings at the high school once school begins

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at ekauppila@oxfordasd.org . I am looking forward to seeing everyone at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 5th.

In order to get everyone's information, I'm asking that you go to the link in my email and fill out the band member survey. This is a google survey that does not require you to sign in. Just answer the questions and I will have a complete, updated list to start the band season. I am the only one to see this information. Please complete this by June 1st.

Tentative performance schedule – please note that we will not attend the 8/29 game.

Date	Time	Event
August 22	7:00 pm	Great Valley High School
September 5	7:00 pm	Pottsgrove
September 12	7:00 pm	@Pottstown
September 19	7:00 pm	Sun Valley
September 26	7:00 pm	@Unionville
October 3	7:00 pm	West Chester East High School
October 10	7:00 pm	Avon Grove High School
October 17	7:00 pm	@Reading High School
October 24	7:00 pm	@Kennett High School
October 30	TBD	Oxford Halloween Parade
Oct 31 or Nov 1	TBD	Possible Playoff Game
December 5	TBD	West Chester Christmas Parade

You will need to pay for the following items on the first day of band camp: uniform dry cleaning/maintenance and a band t-shirt that is to be worn under the uniform. Please see the form below. This money must be in by August 5th so we can get the t-shirts made in time. Checks should be made payable to Oxford Band Parents Association.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

	All Members	New Members	Amount	Size	Qty.	Total
*Dry Cleaning & Uniform Maintenance	YES	YES	\$25.00	-		25
*T-Shirt (members only)	YES	YES	\$15.00			15
Gloves (2)	If needed	See below	\$6.00	-		
**Shoes	If needed	YES	\$35.00			
*Baseball Cap	If needed	YES	\$15	-		
Senior Banner	12 th grade only	NO	\$20			
					Total	\$

-If you are in the guard, drumline or pit, you do not need to purchase gloves

**ALL band members must have Dinkles brand marching shoes - - fitting/ordering will happen at band camp

*MANDATORY for all members

-Please put this slip and your check/cash in an envelope with your name on it

Bring on August 6th TO BAND CAMP REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Instrument: _____



Before you read this packet, please go to the following website and enter your information into the survey. This will give me all of the information that I need to contact you throughout the school year. Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/OAHSBandReg>

**Please have this completed by
June 1st**

If you already completed the survey, please disregard.