

BAND PARENT FAQS

AKA New Parent Advice

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ WTMBApresident, WTMBAVP and WTMBACorrespsec, WTMBAreordsec g-mails always available for questions and concerns.
- ❖ Carpooling is encouraged for events, practices and camps
- ❖ Parent carpooling also encouraged as parking is usually tight at games and competitions
- ❖ After some events (typically home games), we all convene at a local place (usually Guiseppes in Warminster) for snacks and fun - send \$\$ with kids if you're not going
- ❖ Hydrate, feed and rest well during the season (you and your child!) - It's busy but so much fun!

BAND CAMP - IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

- ❖ Prepare for the weather - any weather
 - Sunscreen
 - Hat with brim
 - Water jug
 - Light clothing
 - Sneakers with socks
- ❖ 8 am to 5 pm with breaks for snack and lunch
- ❖ Pack a nutritious and energy-filled lunch
- ❖ Eat Breakfast!

POOL PARTY - DEFINITELY DON'T MISS

- ❖ Costs \$10 (\$5 for Maplewood Swimclub members)
- ❖ Pizza lunch, snacks and drinks are included!
- ❖ Check out the facility at
<http://www.maplewoodswimclub.org/>
- ❖ Your behavior reflects on the whole band...make good choices

FOOTBALL GAMES - AKA PRACTICE FOR COMPETITIONS

Parents and family are welcome to attend all football games

- ❖ Home games - \$5 to get in or buy a family pass
 - Arrive early if you like to park close
 - Also arrive early as our band is usually on before the game - approximately 6:30pm
- ❖ Band family typically groups around the 50 yard line area
- ❖ Band sits all the way to the left of the announcers - typically occupies whole section
- ❖ Feel free to wear your show shirt or other WTMB gear

FOOTBALL GAMES (CONTINUED)

Away games - typically \$5 to get in

- ❖ Again, arrive early if you like to park close
- ❖ Band family tries to sit together but not always possible
- ❖ We “switch sides” midway as our show is usually their halftime show
- ❖ Snacks available at all games
 - Your kid will either bring or bug you for \$\$\$

COMPETITIONS

Parents and family are welcome to attend any and all competitions

- ❖ Typically on Saturday afternoons or evenings
- ❖ Entry fees run between \$8 and \$12 - may include program
- ❖ Wear your show shirt and WTMB gear
- ❖ Prepare to cheer - WTMB family tends to be loud
- ❖ We try to group together but not always possible
- ❖ The goal is for the kids to continually improve and to have fun - 1st, 2nd, last = unimportant

PARADES

- ❖ Hydrate well in the days before
- ❖ Usually prepared from the season for November's parade but in May, might want to carry that instrument for a few weeks before to prepare
- ❖ Hatboro-Holiday Parade
 - Family - get a good spot early and dress warm!
- ❖ Memorial Day
 - Participate in Ivyland Boro Parade, Southampton Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony, and Warminster Parade
- ❖ Meet kids back at school after parade completion