

Dear New and Returning Band Parent,

Thank you for allowing us to commandeer your child for the next 18 weeks. If you are new to marching band or you had a few months off the band scene, here are a few things to expect from us and your child.

- Your child will immediately pass out after getting home from every marching band practice. If they don't, call the director and let him know that your child did not practice hard enough.
- You may notice your child skipping to get in step with the music in grocery stores. This is normal. Do not be alarmed, unless they are out of step (if so, then call the section leader when you get home).
- Your child may say that the band directors made them work too hard. Laugh, and then tell them to deal with it.
- Your child will need their instrument at EVERY SINGLE PRACTICE, trust us we've heard them sing.
- If some of the things we are asking your child to do during practice looks weird or confusing, just go with it. It will make sense later...maybe.
- Leave a metronome running in your home at all times.
- At home, if your child says they don't have anything to practice, they are lying. Again, call the section leader.
- Make sure your child is eating and hydrating properly. A diet consisting of Cheetos and Mountain Dew does not qualify.
- Deodorant MANDATORY, your child will be outside in the sun, marching, playing and sweating. Have one on hand for car ride home (you 'll thank us later).
- You are NEVER going to get your child's jokes again.
- At one point or another, your child is going to say that they want to quit marching band. Use your best judgement on this, but always consult the band director.
- Marching Band is a family, one they didn't even know they needed or wanted. They have at least one thing in common in this family.... MUSIC.

BUCKEYE MARCHING BAND YOU MAY NOW TAKE THE FIELD..... (gives me chills everytime)