

## MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT LETTER 2023

I am committed to being a member of the Monarch High School Marching Coyotes for the 2023 marching season!

I understand that being in the Marching Band requires:

- Being enrolled in a band class (exception for Color Guard who don't play an instrument). Students not enrolled in a band class will not be permitted to be in Marching Band.
- Participating in all camps and rehearsals (director has been notified of conflicts)
- Attendance at all rehearsals, competitions, football games and performances
- Participation in the 2023 Tag Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Parent Volunteering at events and competitions to ensure a successful season

You will be emailed a detailed accounting by the July band camp via Charms, which can be paid online by credit card or by check (made out to **Monarch Band Boosters**). No student will be denied participation in the band due to finances. Please reach out to Mr. Stephen if you need financial assistance. Expenses to participate break down as follows:

### Participation Assessment

- This covers staff, show music and design, uniforms, transportation, meal plan, Band T-Shirt, show entry fees and more.
- The Music Boosters is a 501 c3 organization, so a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible. Payment plans can be arranged. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Chuck Stephen.
- The Marching Band provides most meals and snacks for the students on competition days (including State), and even several breakfasts at the school prior to departure to the event. The \$60 plan is included in the Participation Assessment and breaks down to only a few dollars per meal. Students with severe dietary restrictions (food allergies, religious/cultural issues, etc.) may opt out of the meal plan with the director's permission but are responsible for bringing your own meals and snacks to all competitions.
- New T-shirts are designed for each season, and students will wear this shirt when not in uniform and wear it under their uniforms during shows. Band parent T-shirts will also be available for purchase separately.

\$475

### Additional Expenses:

**BVSD School Instrument Fee** – All students using a school instrument, including percussionists (battery and pit), will need to pay the School District equipment use and maintenance fee. This covers the entire school year, not just marching band. **\$100**

**Marching Shoes** – Students are required to have a pair of marching shoes. The students will have an opportunity to try on shoes for the proper size, and we will place one large order. If your shoes still fit from a prior year, you are not required to purchase new shoes for the 2022 season. **\$40**

**Uniform Garment Bag** – All new students will need to purchase a garment bag to protect your uniform during transportation and storage. It is yours to keep when you graduate! **\$10**

Please visit [monarchbands.org](http://monarchbands.org) for all information on the marching band, other ensembles and the Band Boosters organization. For questions, please contact Chuck Stephen at [charles.stephen@bvsd.org](mailto:charles.stephen@bvsd.org) or Paige Kirkman [mohimarchingparent@gmail.com](mailto:mohimarchingparent@gmail.com)

I look forward to being a part of the marching band! My signature below indicates my commitment to being in the 2023 Monarch High School Marching Coyotes! Please scan and email this form to Paige Kirkman at [mohimarchingparent@gmail.com](mailto:mohimarchingparent@gmail.com) or turn in a hard copy by June 2-3<sup>th</sup> (June band camp). The students we include in the show are the students who have completed this form.

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Student Name (Print) Instrument

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Student Signature Date

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Parent Signature Date



Parents, by checking the box, I understand it is a requirement to have at least one family member (parent or guardian) work a shift at the Monarch Marching Festival, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

***Marching band assessment payment schedule:***

*June 2,3 (Camp)- \$100 deposit to secure your spot*

*July 7,8 (Camp) -\$100*

*August 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150*

*September 1<sup>st</sup>- \$125*

***If you would like to make an extra donation to support families who need financial assistance, please let Mr. Stephen or Paige Kirkman know and we will put the money in our financial assistance fund.***

*You may pay the assessment in its entirety at any point. If you are in need of financial assistance or need to work out a different payment schedule, please contact Mr. Stephen [Charles.stephen@bvsd.org](mailto:Charles.stephen@bvsd.org)*

I have checked the band calendar at [monarchbands.org](http://monarchbands.org) . Please note any conflicts below. The director also needs advance notice if you will miss any rehearsals, which are also listed on the calendar. Absences are only excused through Mr. Stephen or one of the staff members (not through section leaders).

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