



2023-2024 ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL MARCHING WOLVES

Welcome to the New Year! The following information has been assembled to help you, and your student know what to expect as a member of the Marching Wolves. Please let us know if you have questions.

2023 Band Camps - All camps take place on the St. Paul's Campus

NEW BAND MEMBER ORIENTATION

- Monday, July 17 – Wednesday, July 19, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

PERCUSSION CAMP (NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS)

- Monday, July 17 – Tuesday, July 19, 9:00 AM-4:00 and Wednesday, July 13, 9:00-12:30
- BRING YOUR LUNCH!

BAND CAMP FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS AND GOLDEN BLUES

- ***BAND CAMP FEE \$50 FOR ALL MEMBERS (BAND & GB's)***
- Band camp will be held **Monday, July 24, through Friday, July 28, 2023.**
Band & Golden Blues –Monday-Thursday - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM–6:00 PM
- Participation/Parental Permission and Student Medical Information/Release Form must be turned in on the first day of Band Camp. Will be emailed. Join our email list by emailing us at marchingwolves@gmail.com
- Band member annual fee is \$300.00. Annual fee covers the costs of music instructors and band directors; food, snacks, beverages, and supplies throughout the year; your first hat, yearly band shoes and two pair of gloves each year for band members, and uniform maintenance.
- Golden Blues member fee is \$200.00. This covers the cost of dance instructor and director; food, snacks, beverages, and supplies throughout the year.
- If you choose to mail your forms and payment before band camp, make checks payable to SPS Band Boosters and mail to:
Booster Treasurer:
Forms can also be scanned and emailed to marchingwolves@gmail.com; payment can be mailed separately.
- Lunch, beverages, and snacks will be provided by the Band Boosters all week. A menu will be emailed before the start of band camp. Your student should bring a lunch if they prefer a different food choice.
- ALL MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE A GOOD BREAKFAST AND ADEQUATELY HYDRATE EACH DAY BEFORE CAMP. **SEE BAND CAMP RECOMMENDATION SHEET.**
- Marching Wolves Group Photos and individual member photos will be taken Friday, July 28 beginning at 8 a.m. Proper grooming is required (school regulation haircuts and no facial hair). Order forms are available at joemichel.com under HS Sports Order Form.
- Direct any questions about band camp to marchingwolves@gmail.com

Football Season Practice Schedule for Band Members

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3:15 - 5:30PM	3:15- 5:30pm	3:15 - 4:30pm	3:15 – 6:00pm

Please note that these times are subject to change. After the football season, the practice schedule will change to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:20 to 5:30 p.m.

Please note that when the band has practice, performance on campus, or goes away for a game, parade, or other function, EVERY BAND MEMBER must help put away all instruments and all uniforms must be brought to the uniform room. The band room must be in satisfactory condition before the students are allowed to leave campus. Please be patient picking up your child as these things could take an additional few minutes.

2023 Regular Season Varsity Football Schedule - TBD

Date	Opponent	Location	Report Time	Game Time	Estimated Return Time
	Jamboree		TBD	5:30	TBD
			TBD	7:00	TBD
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Preliminary 2024 Mardi Gras Parade Schedule

Date	Parade	Location	Report Time	Parade Time
2/2 Fri	Excalibur	Metairie	TBD	6:30 PM
2/3 Sat	Olympia	Covington	TBD	6:00 PM
2/4 Sun	Carrollton	Uptown New Orleans	TBD	12:00 PM
2/10 Fri	Hermes	Uptown New Orleans	TBD	5:30 PM
2/11 Sat	Endymion	Mid-City New Orleans	TBD	4:00 PM
2/12 Sun	Bacchus	Uptown New Orleans	TBD	5:15 PM
2/13 Mon	Orpheus	Uptown New Orleans	TBD	6:00 PM

NOTE: This preliminary parade schedule is based on the previous year's participation. Specific Mardi Gras parade schedule and participation is subject to change.

Other Marching Wolves Performances to Note. These preliminary performances are based on the previous year's participation.

- Marching Wolves Annual Band and Dance Clinic
- Festival Disney April 2024 – trip details provided at Booster Club Meetings
- Battle of the Bands against Covington High School TBD
- St. Patrick's Day Parade

Additionally, the Spring Concert is usually held on the first or second Saturday of May, and the Marching Wolves Awards Night is traditionally held the Tuesday before exam week in May. Announcements will be made as early as possible for these dates and any additional performances scheduled.

Uniforms and Hats for Band Members

Uniforms: The Booster Club purchases band uniforms, and each band member will be fitted and assigned a uniform during band camp. The uniform consists of pants, vest, jacket, and tie. The student is responsible for keeping up with all parts of the uniform and keeping the uniform in a satisfactory condition. The uniforms are stored in the uniform room in the Band Building and are to be returned to the uniform room after each function. Every year, each band member receives a new pair of band shoes and two pairs of gloves. Shoes and gloves are to be kept by the student and brought to performances clean and in good condition.

The boys are required to wear a **white button-down collared dress shirt** with their official band uniform. This same shirt can also be used as their SPS dress school uniform. The below shirt is what is highly recommended because it is made of a lightweight, breathable material that is much more comfortable than an all-cotton shirt. Shirts are also kept by the student and brought to performances clean and in good condition.

Dress shirt to wear with Band Uniform



HATS: Mr. Moran will inspect the hats of returning band members. If the condition of the hat is inadequate or it no longer fits, the purchase of a new hat will be required. Hats are stored in the uniform room. You will be notified via email if a new hat is required.

NEW BAND MEMBERS will need to purchase their hats for \$100. The hats are the property of the student, and the care of the hat is his responsibility. Hats will be stored in the band room between performances.

DRI-FIT SHIRT: All band members are required to purchase the Marching Wolves Dri-Fit shirt. This shirt is worn for informal performances, and students may also wear these shirts to school on performance days. Returning members must purchase a new shirt if last year's is missing or in poor shape. The Dri-Fit shirts are purchased from Uniforms By Bayou 13488 Seymour Meyers Blvd., in Covington (985) 893-3700. Please order as soon as possible as these shirts are special ordered and not carried in stock.

Marching Wolves Booster Club

Parents, since your son or daughter has joined the Marching Wolves as either a band member or Golden Blue, you are now part of the Marching Wolves Booster Club. Please see the Parent Information and

Welcome letter, which is attached to the Participation/Parental Permission form for an overview of our Booster Club.

The Booster Club is responsible for communicating information to parents throughout the year such as performance dates, report times, Booster Club meeting dates, etc. All Booster Club communications are by email, therefore it is essential we have current email addresses, which we get from the Parental Permission form filled out by you. If your contact information changes, or if you ever feel you are not receiving communications, please contact us at marchingwolves@gmail.com.

*The first Marching Wolves Booster Club meeting for parents will be
Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 7:00 pm in Band Hall.*

Concessions are the Booster Club's primary source of income, and the money we earn from concessions allows us to keep our fees low and prevents us from requiring additional fundraisers throughout the year. The concession stands cannot operate properly without the help of all SPS Band and Golden Blue parents. A SignUp Genius link will be sent to volunteer for football games and soccer games.

Archdiocese Safe Environment Training

Parents, please note that if you would like to be a chaperone for any band trip or parade, you must have completed the Archdiocese Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Claire P. Coutrado clairec@stpauls.com

No student is ever turned away from participating in the Marching Wolves for financial reasons. Please speak directly to Mr. Moran if this is an issue for your family.

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St. Paul's Marching Wolves

Recommendations for Band Camp

Band Camp practices on the turf will be physically draining. WE STRONGLY URGE you follow the recommendations below to ensure your health and safety as you practice:

1 — **PRE-LOAD** — each member NEEDS the recommended hours of sleep, proper nutrition, and proper hydration to make it through the day. Eating and drinking during camp will NOT help a person catch up or even maintain their energy. Band members MUST Pre-Load — eat a good meal the night before (plenty of protein), hydrate fully BEFORE Camp (NO coffee, soft drinks or caffeinated beverages — plenty of water) and eat a light breakfast.

2 — **HYDRATE** — once the temperature reaches above 90 degrees, it is recommended that a sports drink be added to the hydration routine. This means for every 3 waters one sports drink should be consumed. Coolers with water and Gatorade are provided on the field and in the band room during Band Camp.

3 — **PROTECT** — apply **sunscreen** before camp daily — including tops of ears and back of the neck. The face is a very sensitive area. **Bring a hat to protect the face from sunburn.** Students may also wear sunglasses.

4 — **BE SMART** — relax in the shade during breaks, eat **PROPERLY** (no caffeine, light, nutritious meals during lunch, drink as often as possible) and rest as often as you can. This is not to be taken lightly. Stay home and relax in the evenings — a late night not only drains you physically, but the lack of sleep combined with the sun can drain you mentally as well.

We recommend bringing a Camelback, which can be purchased at Academy or Wal-Mart. Camelbacks will allow you to always have access to water during practice without having to wait for break time. Bring it to camp filled with ice and water only, and it can be refilled throughout the day from the water coolers. Please have the student put their names on them.

NO LONG PANTS. WEAR ONLY LIGHT-COLORED T-SHIRTS OR SHIRTS WITH SPF PROTECTION. BRING A HAT. PLEASE WEAR TENNIS SHOES WITH SOCKS; NO BARE FEET AND NO SANDALS.

If you have any questions, contact us at marchingwolves@gmail.com