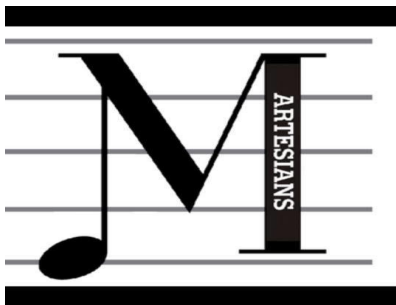




**MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
MARCHING ARTESIANS**

*Parent-Student  
Handbook*

**2023**



## Agenda

Welcome

Marching Band - ISSMA Scholastic vs Open Class

Introduce Staff

Show Theme - "Mechanize"

Handbook

Calendar - website/Google calendar

Fall break and ISSMA Finals/Fall Foliage Parade

Marching Band Fees

Fundraisers

Pork Barn (student accts)

Car Wash (mid Aug - general fund)

Candle Sale (November - student accts)

Forms (4)

Volunteer Form (Google Form)

CBC & Driver's License (Paper)

Medical Form (Paper)

Contract Acknowledgement (Paper)

Uniforms

-We will fit students during the July camps. Our photography session is scheduled for Aug 2, 2023

-Angie DeBaets could use some helpers. 1) To clean uniforms now. 2) To help fit kids in July.

-Guard Specifics - Your needs will be different and more information will come later as your uniform is determined.

Mailbox

On my office window

Technology

-Website - [www.artesianmusic.org](http://www.artesianmusic.org)

-Communication - Facebook Page "Martinsville Marching Artesians Member Group"

-Anyone interested in being a coordinator for the website (Laurie Johnson) and social media presence?

In Conclusion

### **Martinsville High School Marching Artesians**

Welcome to another great season of marching band at Martinsville High School! I look forward to what we can all accomplish together. It will be a year of excitement, hard work, fun, and new opportunities. We will come together as parents, students, and staff to work towards a common goal of education and excellence. One of our missions with the music program is to teach life lessons through the experience of music. We are thrilled that you have chosen to participate in this wonderful activity and look forward to working with you!

The purpose of this handbook is to provide you with a resource for the marching band season. We have tried to cover as much information as possible, but please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. “Veteran” parents are also a great resource and have a wealth of knowledge. We hope you will choose to be active in your son or daughter’s experience by volunteering (more on this later) and attending performances.

#### **MHS Marching Band Staff**

Ken Belt, Director of Bands      [ken.belt@msdmartinsville.org](mailto:ken.belt@msdmartinsville.org)      765-342-5571 x 4043  
James Powell, Band Director & Percussion Director  
Todd Clevenger, Visual Coordinator & Drill Designer  
Lily Wever, Guard Director  
Kai Nix, Guard  
Matt Rivera, Music & Visual (Brass)  
Greg Pearson, Percussion  
Elizabeth Heath, Music & Visual (Woodwind)

## Marching Band Fees

**Marching Band Fee:           \$ 300.00**  
**Shoe Fee:                       \$ 25.00 (if needed)**

This can be broken down into installments, dues dates are listed below.

<u>Payment</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Deposit	June 2, 2023	\$ 50.00
1	July 28, 2023	\$ 75.00 +shoe fee, if needed (\$25.00)
2	August 25, 2023	\$ 100.00
3	Sept 22, 2023	\$ 75.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 300.00 (\$325.00 if shoes are needed)</b>

**If the fees are paid in full by August 15, 2023, you may discount the fees by \$25.00, therefore making your fee \$275.00 (or \$300.00 including shoe fee).** Please adhere to the above payment schedule, as the marching band needs to pay bills and pay staff in a timely manner. You may pay any part of or the entire amount ahead of schedule.

If other payment arrangements are necessary, please contact Mr. Belt to discuss this matter.

**We do not want economics to be a reason for a student not to participate in marching band!**

We will be evaluating student accounts during the summer and fall to make sure a student account does not fall behind. If an extenuating circumstance should arise, communication is the key!

### **Why is the marching band fee necessary and what does it cover?**

Marching Band is an extracurricular activity and we are a self-sufficient organization. The fee covers the expenses for the weeks of band camp, the marching drill, the musical arrangements, supplementary staff, uniforms supplies and uniform maintenance, prop materials, as well as administrative costs of running a marching band, and everything else in between. The students will also receive a show theme t-shirt to wear under their uniforms. We do try to keep fees as low as possible, but as you can see, there are many things that go into running and maintaining the marching band.

### **What fund-raising opportunities are available?**

There are several opportunities for students to raise dollars towards their fees, which will be discussed at this evening's meeting. (Pork Barn and Candle Sale) There will also be fundraisers that will be strictly for the general fund of the Band Department (Car Wash), but the majority of what we do has a direct benefit to the student's account. Fundraisers that go towards a student's account to assist in paying fees are the Pork Barn at the County Fair and the Candle Sale.

### **COMMUNICATIONS: How Do I Find Out What is Going On?**

We primarily use a Facebook page. If you or your child is not on Facebook, would you please consider doing so for this purpose. This is the best way to keep up with our day to day and week to week schedules.

I know there may be some apprehension about social media, and yes, it can have issues, but it is such a powerful way to communicate with all students and parents very quickly. The marching band page is not intended as a social group-chat, but merely a means of distributing important information. Mr. Belt monitors and approves all posts before they are made public, so there is never any concern about inappropriate material being posted or read by its members. It is also a private page, so outside people are not a part of our page.

#### **Facebook Page “Martinsville Marching Artesians Member Group”**

Facebook is probably used more by us parents than the students. But Facebook allows much more in the way of photos, recordings, videos, and documents to be posted than the other social platforms, so students, if you would please consider joining Facebook, even if it is just for the Marching Band page. Make sure to turn on your notifications so you know when an item is posted.

The Marching Band page is a closed group, you will find other Facebook pages from previous years out there. If you are not already on the page, search “Martinsville Marching Artesians Member Group, like the page, and I will then allow for entry. I do keep this group to only student members and their parents. It is not intended to be a page for the community of Martinsville and beyond. We do post videos of rehearsals that are not meant for public viewing, but for educational purposes of the student members. There are also copyright laws that prohibit public posting of our music.

We also have a public Facebook page and an instagram page for the general public.

**Website** - We have a new website up and running, the web address is: [www.artesianmusic.org](http://www.artesianmusic.org). This will become our hub of information as time goes on. Right now, the calendar is posted under “Band Calendar”. I foresee keeping the private Facebook pages for posting videos of music and rehearsals, things we may not necessarily want the whole world to see, as well as information that is only pertinent to that specific group. Look for this website to grow with time.

**When it comes to matters of attendance**...please do not use the Facebook page for this reason, that is not something that should be intended for the entire marching band to see. When conflicts arise, please communicate directly with Mr. Belt at my school email, [ken.belt@msdmartinsville.org](mailto:ken.belt@msdmartinsville.org). Guard members, please communicate with Lily Wever, [lilywever@gmail.com](mailto:lilywever@gmail.com) and also cc me on that email, this just keeps me in the “loop” of information.

**Volunteer Form**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

OK to text information to Cell?      Yes \_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_      Grade (2023-24): \_\_\_\_

Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

OK to text information to Cell?      Yes \_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which areas you wish to assist or chair.**

Chaperone Trips                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Transportation (Drive Eqpt)      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Do you own a truck that can haul a trailer?      Yes \_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_

Food Committee                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Fundraising                              \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Uniforms                                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Pit/Prop Crew                              \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Prop Construction                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Spirit/Publicity                              \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Senior Night                                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Award's Night                                      \_\_\_\_ Volunteer      \_\_\_\_ Chair

Comments:

**Contract Acknowledgement Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code (Please list city if other than 46151): \_\_\_\_\_

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ OK to text info to Cell? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Parent Cell1: \_\_\_\_\_ OK to text info to Cell? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Parent Cell2: \_\_\_\_\_ OK to text info to Cell? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Student T-Shirt Size (Adult Size)

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- XL
- 2XL
- 3XL
- 4XL

***The Marching Artesian Handbook has been read, and we understand the policies set forth, especially in regards to fees and payment due dates as well as the calendar.***

***Student Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent/Guardian Signature*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***Date*** \_\_\_\_\_