



Dear "Rider" Marching Band Member,

April 8, 2024

Congratulations on joining the 2024-2025 edition of the Caesar Rodney "Rider" Marching Band! The CR marching band program focuses on musical and visual excellence, development, and achievement from mid-August to early December. The marching band supports our high school, and our community, and is a competitive unit that travels throughout the state. Most recently, the CRMB won the 2022 Regional Championships and 2024 State Championships in the Tournament of Bands marching band circuit.

We are hosting 3 **Spring Marching Band Camps**. These rehearsals will be on Thur. May 23, Wed. May 29, and Tues. June 4: 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the CRHS Band Room. All members are required to attend at least **two** of the **three** rehearsals. Failure to do so will result in your removal from the marching band. At these rehearsals, you will receive your music for the season, bond with your sections, and begin learning the techniques needed to be successful in the CRMB!

Parents of New Members: On May 23, the Band Parents Association will hold an information night for new band parents at 6:00 PM in the LGI Room. Directions will be posted around the school. This meeting will conclude when the spring camp ends, at 8:00 PM.

Schedules:

Summer Rehearsals: Our instructional staff will hold additional rehearsals throughout the summer to refine technique and better prepare for the start of band camp (learning music, drill, etc). Students are expected to attend unless they are away or sick. These summer rehearsals are for percussion, woodwinds, brass, and color guard.

Band camp: Band camp begins before school starts in August!

Fall Rehearsals: Once school begins, we will rehearse on Tuesday/Thursday nights from 6-9 pm, attend football games on Friday nights, and attend marching band competitions through the Tournament of Bands on Saturdays.

The full summer/fall schedules are now available on www.crband.org

Contact: For general questions, please contact one of the directors listed below. For section-specific questions, please contact members of our instructional team.

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