

Penncrest High School Band

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2017-18 CALENDAR DATES

Please check www.penncrestband.org in August for updates. **Dates are subject to change.**

8/10	5-8 PM	Junior/Senior Uniform Fittings
8/15	5-8 PM	Freshman/Sophomore Uniform fittings

Band Camp

8/21-25	8AM – 5PM	Pool party after practice on Friday.
8/28	7:30AM-Noon: 3-7 PM	Teacher performance, group pictures Practice
8/29-30	3-7 PM	Freshman will be dismissed on 8/30 for their orientation.
8/31	3-7 PM	Practice
	7 PM	Parent Preview in the stadium
	8-9 PM	Band parent meeting, library
9/1	5:30 PM	Report for game that evening vs Marple Newtown

Full Marching Band Practices

Wednesdays 9/6-10/25	5 – 8 PM
Wednesday 9/13	3-5 PM
Wednesday 9/20	3-5 PM

Section Marching Band Practices

Mondays 6:30-8:30	Percussion
Mondays 5:30-7:30	Color Guard
Thursdays 3 – 4:30	Winds, Guard makeups

Fall Band Performances and Activities

Friday 9/1	7:00 PM	Marple Newtown – A**
Friday 9/8	7:00 PM	Harrilton - H
Friday 9/15	7:00 PM	Garnet Valley - A
Saturday 9/16	9AM-1PM	Practice
Friday 9/22	7:00 PM	Springfield - H
Saturday 9/23	1-4 PM	Practice
	5:00 PM	USBands show at Spring Ford
Thursday 9/28	7:30 PM	Strath Haven – A
Saturday 9/30	3:30 PM	Manheim Township Band Festival
Friday 10/6	7:00 PM	Upper Darby – A
Saturday 10/7	TBA	Owen J Roberts Band Festival
Friday 10/13	7:00 PM	Conestoga – H, 8 th Grade Night
Saturday 10/14	12-9PM	Penncrest Home Show – Carnival of Bands
Friday 10/20	7:00 PM	Lower Merion – H, Homecoming
Saturday 10/21	9AM-1PM	Practice
Friday 10/27	7:00 PM	Radnor – H, Senior Night
Saturday 10/28	2:00 PM	Media Halloween Parade
	TBA	USBands PA State Championships, Liberty U
Friday 11/10	10:30 AM	Delaware County Veteran’s Day Parade
Monday 11/13	7:00 PM	Band Fall Concert
Saturday 11/18	10 AM-4 PM	Band Holiday Craft Show**

** Informal uniform

Unless otherwise noted, all performances are mandatory and in full marching uniform.

Arrival time to Penncrest is one hour before home events, 90 minutes before away events.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN THERE ARE CONFLICTS WITH BAND, SPORTS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following excerpts are taken from the Penncrest Band Handbook:

- All performances, practices and activities are mandatory for all band members. In the event of a performance conflict that cannot be worked out, a written request to be excused is to be submitted one week prior to the event. This request will include the student's name, date in conflict, *specific reason* and parent signature. Late or incomplete requests will not be approved. Notification of approval or denial will be given to the student before the event. In emergency situations where a note is impossible, call the band office as soon as possible to let us know what happened, and bring in a written note afterwards. Unexcused absences from activities will result in no credit towards a band member's grade and shows a lack of commitment which can result in a reduced role with the ensemble, up to and including dismissal from the group.
- The following are acceptable requests for excusal: weddings, funerals, religious obligations, college visits that cannot be rescheduled, SAT tests, and illness or injury which prohibits student involvement. In all cases requests must specify the reason in order to be considered. In an emergency situation, notify the director by email or calling the office at 610-627-6325. The director, not student leaders, must be notified.
- Make every effort to avoid or solve conflicts before requesting to be absent. It is expected that every member understands their role and importance to the group and would not submit frivolous or vague requests that would have to be turned down. Flexibility is the key for all parties involved, and we should always seek a "win-win" solution to any conflict.

Band members who are unable to attend band camp in its entirety are not guaranteed a spot in the show. Inclusion in the halftime show will be determined by the amount of time missed, as well as how quickly the show can be learned by the band member.

The key to avoiding and working out conflicts is COMMUNICATION. Band members are expected to handle this responsibility and honor their commitments to all organizations of which they are a member. Giving as much advance notice as possible is a courtesy that you will offer to your activity directors. Do it as early as possible, and ask for excusals as seldom as possible!

Winter and Spring Tentative Dates

11/18	PMEA District Band Auditions, Rustin High School
1/11-13	PMEA District Band, Marple Newtown HS
2/10	10AM-4PM Penncrest Invitational Drumline and Color Guard Festival
2/12	2:30-4:30 PM Symphonic Band dress rehearsal
2/13	7 PM Winter Concert
2/22-24	PMEA Region Band, Valley Forge Military Academy
3/7	7PM Chamber Music Concert
3/10	Penncrest Jazz Night (jazz band)
4/12-14	WGI World Color Guard Championships, Dayton
4/13-15	Penncrest Musical (TBA)
4/16	Spring Concert dress rehearsal 2:30-4PM
4/17	7 PM Penncrest Spring Band Concert
4/19-22	PMEA All-State Festival, Lancaster
5/28	9:30 AM Memorial Day Parades, Media and Rockdale
6/1	Band Banquet @ Springhaven Country Club
6/8	10:30AM Graduation, Neumann University (wind ensemble)
6/9	Noon - 8PM Spring Training & Marching Band Show Premiere concert

PMEA events are for those students who have been selected for PMEA, or who wish to attend the concert.