






# 2024-2025 Palmetto Ridge High School Marching Pride Information Meeting Monday, April 8, 2024

Below is information regarding our 2024-2025 marching band season schedule, fees, and expectations.

## 1. PRHS Band Program

- The band program is open to all interested students. Membership in the auxiliary class is determined by means of an audition with respect to the number of persons needed for the class. Members of the auxiliary units are considered members of the band.
- Students will have an equal and fair opportunity for band participation and will be placed into each class at the discretion of the Director. Students who fail to meet the band's academic and behavioral standards may be dropped from the class.
- All students in band are expected to maintain an academic average of 2.0 to be eligible for participation. Continued membership is contingent on the student's eligibility.
- This is a co-curricular activity. All students in the PRHS Band Program must be enrolled in a band/auxiliary class during the school day to be eligible for membership in the PRHS Marching Pride. (Band 1, Band 2, etc. for band, Dance Techniques 1, Dance Techniques 2 for auxiliary, and Jazz Ensemble 1, Jazz Ensemble 2, etc. for jazz band.)

## 2. How do I join the Marching Pride?

<p><b>If you play a wind instrument...</b> (Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, or tuba)</p> <p><b>All band students need to register with this QR code!</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auditions are not required to participate.</li> <li>• <b>In order to be a member of the Marching Pride, all band students must be enrolled in a band class. (Band 1-6)</b></li> <li>• <b>All students in a band class are required to do marching band.</b></li> <li>• <b>Incoming freshmen are automatically placed into Wind Symphony if they play a wind instrument.</b> Incoming freshmen that play a wind instrument may choose to audition into a higher-level band by scheduling a band placement audition. Auditions will be held on the following dates: April 23, 24, and 25 from 4:30-5:45pm. To schedule an audition, please email Mrs. Robinson at <a href="mailto:robina2@collierschools.com">robina2@collierschools.com</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>If you want to be in the Drumline...</b></p> <p><b>All percussion students need to sign-up for auditions with this QR code!</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are required to audition for marching band season drum placements. Students with no percussion experience will be required to audition in to the class.</li> <li>• <b>In order to be a member of the Marching Pride, all band students must be enrolled in a band class. (Band 1-6)</b></li> <li>• <b>All percussion students are in the same band class during the school day.</b></li> <li>• <b>All students in a band class are required to do marching band.</b></li> <li>• Percussion auditions will be on April 23, 24, &amp; 25 (5:00-7:00pm).</li> </ul>
<p><b>If you want to be in the Auxiliary Team...</b></p> <p><b>All auxiliary students need to register with this QR code!</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auditions are required to join and participate.</li> <li>• All auxiliary students are expected to learn how to spin flag and dance.</li> <li>• <b>In order to be a member of the Auxiliary Team, all students must be enrolled in the dance technique class. (Dance Techniques 1-4)</b></li> <li>• <b>All students in the dance techniques class are required to do marching band.</b></li> <li>• Auxiliary Auditions will be on May 7 from 4:00-7:00pm, May 8 from 4:00-6:00pm, and May 10 by appointment.</li> </ul>

### 3. How much does it cost to be in the Marching Pride?

<p><b>If you play a wind or percussion instrument...</b> (Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, or percussion)</p>	<p><b>The band fee is \$300.</b> <i>Band fees are due by May 15, 2024.</i> The band fee covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uniform rental</li><li>• (2) Band T-shirts</li><li>• Marching band shorts</li><li>• Gloves</li><li>• All meals at home games</li><li>• Band Booster Dues (Helps to pay for competition fees, MPA assessment fees, music, drill, additional band staff, transportation, and other costs that are needed throughout the season.)</li></ul> <p><b>Additional Instrument Rental/Percussion Fee (\$100) for students who need to use a school instrument.</b> <i>This additional fee is due on May 15, 2024.</i> We can only provide the following instruments: oboe, bassoon, tenor saxophone, French horn/mellophone, euphonium/baritone, and tuba/sousaphone. For percussion students, this fee helps to cover the cost of marching sticks, marching and concert mallets, drumheads, drum stands, and other percussion accessories.</p> <p><b>Future purchase: Marching band shoes (range from \$35-40) are required for all new band members.</b> <i>These orders and payments will be taken in July at the Kick-Off Meeting. <u>Please do not send payments for shoes until July.</u></i></p>
<p><b>If you are in the Auxiliary Team...</b></p>	<p><b>The outdoor auxiliary fee is \$350.</b> <i>Auxiliary fees are due by May 15, 2024.</i> The auxiliary fee covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• (2) Band t-shirts</li><li>• (1) Tights</li><li>• (1) Earrings</li><li>• Auxiliary Equipment &amp; Uniforms (New members will receive a pre-game uniform, which will be used at parades and football games. Returning members will have to purchase a new pregame uniform if needed. All students will receive a show uniform, poms, flags, and other equipment needed for performances.</li><li>• All meals at home games</li><li>• Band Booster Dues (Helps to pay for auxiliary equipment, auxiliary outdoor uniform, competition fees, music, drill, additional band staff, transportation, and other costs that are needed throughout the season.)</li></ul> <p><b>New auxiliary members are required to purchase the following items at the Kick-off Meeting in July.</b> <i>These orders and payments will be taken in July at the Kick-Off Meeting. <u>Please do not pay for these items until July.</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor shoes - \$35-40</li><li>• Warm-up jacket - \$55-60</li><li>• Auxiliary duffle bag - \$50-55</li></ul> <p><b>Please note that for auxiliary, there is a marching season fee (\$350) and then there is an indoor fee (\$100-175) for the second semester.</b></p>

#### 4. How do I pay my band fee?

- The most preferred form is check or money order. Please address your payments to “PRHS Band Boosters” and be sure to write your student’s name and ID number on the check.
- ***We strongly discourage families to pay by cash.*** If you must pay by cash, please be sure to pay with the exact amount. We cannot provide change.
- Payments are also accepted with credit card, but there is a \$10 charge fee per transaction. Online payments can be made on the home page of our band website: [www.prhsbands.org](http://www.prhsbands.org). You can also use the provided QR code:
- Incoming freshmen can either mail or drop off their fees at the school.
- Please address the envelopes as:

**Palmetto Ridge High School  
Attn: Annabelle Robinson  
1655 Victory Lane  
Naples, FL 34120**

#### Online Payments



#### 5. What if we cannot pay all of our fees by the assigned due date?

Please email Mrs. Robinson at [robina2@collierschools.com](mailto:robina2@collierschools.com) by May 8, 2024, to set up a payment plan. Student clothing (band shirts, auxiliary uniforms, etc.) will not be ordered without payment. Positions in the field drill will not be written for students who do not turn in their band fees or at least establish a payment plan with Mrs. Robinson.

#### 6. Can the band fees be refunded?

Our Band Boosters will be paying bills and invoices as soon as the fees are turned in. We can only offer partial refunds once payments are made. We will not issue out any refunds on band fees after Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

#### 7. Attendance Policy:

- Students are required to attend all of band camp, rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. Students are required to be well prepared and on time to each rehearsal or performance.
- Disciplinary actions including grade deductions, suspension from marching band activities, or removal from the field drill, may result from excessive excused and/or unexcused absences from rehearsals and performances.

#### 8. Physical Exam Requirement:

- All students must submit a physical evaluation form completed by their doctor by the Kick-Off Meeting on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Physicals are good for an entire school year. **Please do not send in any physical forms until Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.** We may be collecting forms through Aktivite. More information will be sent via email over the summer.
- We will accept the physical form provided by your healthcare provider. You may also use the FHSAA form provided by the Activities Office. Students who are not participating in sports can use the CCPS Marching Band Physical provided on the band website: [www.prhsbands.org](http://www.prhsbands.org) → Students → 2024-2025 Info → Required Band Camp Forms
- OrthoCollier will be providing FREE sports physicals for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year on June 1, 2024, from 10:30am-2:30pm at Gulf Coast High School. You must bring a signed consent form and a copy of the FHSAA Physical Form. *(Reminders will be sent via email through Presto Assistant.)*

#### 9. 2025 Marching Pride Band Trip:

The Marching Pride plans to travel to New York City in March 2025, pending School Board approval. We hope to have more information at the first trip meeting in August.

#### 10. PRHS Band Boosters:




- The PRHS Band Program and Booster Organization depends on our parent volunteers. Volunteering is a great opportunity to support the band program while staying involved in your child’s band experience.
- Volunteer opportunities are announced before every game via email through our weekly newsletter. For more information, please contact Mrs. Michelle Jones, [awp@archwoodproducts.com](mailto:awp@archwoodproducts.com).

## 11. Contact Information:

**Director of Bands, Annabelle Robinson**  
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 Band Website: [www.prhsbands.org](http://www.prhsbands.org)

**Assistant Band Director, Anthony Claro**  
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For the latest information, visit these social media platforms:

	Follow @PRHSBands on Twitter and Instagram
	Like "Palmetto Ridge Band" on Facebook.
	Sync all of the PRHS Band Events with your smartphone. Visit <a href="http://www.prhsbands.org">www.prhsbands.org</a> and click on "Calendar."

## 12. Important Dates:

- Incoming Freshmen Band Placement Auditions, April 23-25, by appointment
- Percussion Auditions, April 23-25, 5:00-7:00pm
- Auxiliary Auditions, May 7 from 4:00-7:00pm, May 8 from 4:00-6:00pm, & May 10 by assigned times
- Drum Major Auditions - May 7, by appointment
- 2024-2025 Marching Pride Commitment Forms & Fees Due – May 15
- 2024-2025 Marching Pride Uniform Fittings for New Band Members – May 15, 4:30-5:30pm
- Band & Auxiliary Officer Interviews – May 15-17, by appointment



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## 2024-2025 PRHS Band & Auxiliary Events Calendar

*Please note the dates listed below are subject to change.*

*The band calendar is available at [www.prhsbands.org](http://www.prhsbands.org).*

### Band Camp

Band Camp Week #1	July 29 – August 2 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
Band Camp Week #2	August 5 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM) August 6 – August 9 (2:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

*Attendance at band camp is mandatory for all students. Weekly marching band practice will typically be on Tuesday and Thursday 6:00-9:00pm. There are some Friday night rehearsals! Holidays and CCPS events will slightly alter the rehearsal schedule.*

### Varsity Football Games & Marching Band Competitions

Friday, August 16	Home vs. Lely HS, Call 5:45pm
Friday, August 23	Away at Evangelical Christian School, Call 4:30pm
Friday, August 30	Home vs. Somerset HS, Call 4:30pm
Friday, September 6	Away at Ida Baker HS, Call 4:30pm
Friday, September 13	Home vs. Aubrey Rogers HS, Call 5:00pm *8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Night*
Friday, September 20	Away at Bonita Springs HS, Call 4:30pm
Friday, September 27	Away at Gulf Coast HS, Call 4:30pm
Saturday, October 5	Naples Southwest Florida Games Competition, Call TBD
Thursday, October 10	HOMECOMING vs. Immokalee HS, Call 5:00pm
Thursday, October 17	Home vs. IMG Blue HS, Call 5:00pm
Saturday, October 19	Palmetto Ridge High School Marching Band Invitational, Call TBD
Friday, October 25	Home vs. Golden Gate HS, Call 5:00pm *Senior Night*
Saturday, October 26	FBA District 22 Marching Band MPA/CCPS Band Show, Location & Call TBD
Saturday, November 2	Marching Band Competition, Location TBD

*We will not have a Family Night Preview Performance this year because of the preseason home game on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.*

### Additional Performances & Events

July 27	Band Camp Kick-Off Meeting (New Band Members 12pm, Returning Band 2pm, All Auxiliary 3pm)
September 21	FMEA All State Auditions
November 19	CCPS All County Honor Band Auditions at Aubrey Rogers HS
December 6	<i>Ave Maria Hometown Holiday Parade (tentative date)</i>
December 12, 13	Winterfest Concerts
January 8-11	FMEA All-State Conference (select students)
January 16-18	CCPS All County Honor Band Festival (select students)
February 7	FBA District 22 Jazz Band MPA
February 7, 8	FBA District 22 Solo & Ensemble MPA
February 7,8	FBA District 22 Auxiliary MPA
February 18	CCPS Concert Pre-MPA (Wind Ensemble)
February 28	Mid-Year Band Concert (Concert & Jazz Bands)
March 6, 7	FBA District 22 Concert Band MPA
March 15-18	<i>NYC Band Trip (pending Board approval)</i>
March 2025	FBA State Solo and Ensemble & Jazz MPA
March 2025	FBA State Auxiliary MPA
April 15	Rhythm of the Pride Recital (Auxiliary & Percussion)
April or May 2025	FBA State Concert Band MPA
May 8	Spring Band Concert (Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Pride)
May 9	2025 PRHS Band Awards Banquet
May 23	2025 PRHS Graduation Ceremony

*Indoor Guard, Indoor Dance, and Concert Band rehearsals and performances will be added a later date.*