

KALANI FALCON MARCHING BAND NEW MEMBER PACKET

Hello future Falcons,

We are currently in a unique time in our world and learning day by day to adapt to this challenge. I really would have like to meet you face to face, but since we can't, I have decided to cover important topics here before you decide to register for 2020 marching band season. Please download file for the syllabus, rehearsal schedule and agreement form.

Keep in mind with the current situation with COVID-19, the rehearsal dates in May, June, July may change as we follow the CDC and State Health Department guidelines.

General Information:

- This is an optional band class. Students are not required to join marching band.
- To join marching band, students must be registered in a band class (band 1 – 4) or any music class for those who are interested in doing color guard (flags)
- This is a graded class. Students will receive a half (.5) credit under the class name “Applied Music”
- Students who play double reed instrument should consider playing in the pit percussion (xylophone, bells, etc.) or do color guard. If you are proficient* on another instrument, you may choose that option. *proficient meaning you are beyond learning how to play the instrument and can play music at the medium-easy to medium level of difficulty.
- There are several mandatory rehearsals that cannot be missed: 1st year member rehearsals, marching music fundamentals, Summer band camp and Fall band camp.
- All rehearsals are sequential meaning that, skills are learned and built upon one another. Missing one will set you and the group back.
- All Sunday rehearsals once school starts are very important because if we get rained out or have too many absences, we lose valuable field time. Sunday is the only day we have use for the field during the week.
- Commitment to marching band requires your time, effort and dedication to everyone in the band.
- Please read the syllabus completely and go over the rehearsal dates. The performance dates have not been confirmed, but they are based on how they were scheduled in the past.
- If you will be registering for marching band, make sure to fill out the online google form with the link given, and send in your marching band fee and agreement form to the address listed.
- Marching band fees covers the use purchasing of the drill & visual design, music, bus transportation, individual rehearsal resources, and other expenses related to the marching band.

Frequently Asked Questions:

**KALANI FALCON MARCHING BAND
NEW MEMBER PACKET**

Q: Can I play sports and join the marching band?

A: You may do both if they do not conflict with the marching band rehearsals or performances. Most O.I.A. Fall sports do not interfere with the marching band schedule, including Football. There may be one or two sports that conflict: Air Riflery and Bowling.

If you are in a club sport outside of school, it is possible that there will be conflicts with rehearsals and performances. Make sure you are aware of the dates prior to signing up for the marching band.

Q: I will be on a trip during one of the band camps and will only miss one day of the camp rehearsal. Can I still join the marching band?

A: No, each day is mandatory for the camps. Every rehearsal is a scaffold of learning new things.

Q: What will happen if I get injured during the marching season? Do I still have to attend practices?

A: Injuries during the marching season are dealt with on a case-by-case basis between the injured member, the leadership team and the director. There have been cases where the injured member still attends rehearsal but doesn't participate but able to follow along.

Q: When and where does the marching band perform?

A: The marching band does a variety of performances including competitions, parades and as the pep band at Kalani home football games.

Q: Are pep band performances mandatory?

A: Yes, all marching band members are expected to attend Pep band performances both at football games and school assemblies unless you have clearance/permission from the band director.

Q: What if I am not feeling well or sick but don't want to miss rehearsal?

A: Your health is first priority. If you cannot attend rehearsal due to illness, contact the band director and/or your section leader ahead of time. If you do not feel well during a rehearsal, you may sit on the side and observe until you feel better unless you need to be picked up by your parent. However, remember that one person missing from the field will set back the entire band so try your best to stay healthy throughout the season.

KALANI HIGH SCHOOL
2020 MARCHING BAND
Email: kalaniband@gmail.com
Website: kalanihighschoolband.org

COURSE SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTION:

The Kalani High School Marching Band is an OPTIONAL activity that is made up of students grade 9-12. The marching band performs at parades, marching band festivals and competitions, as well as the Kalani High School Varsity Football Games. All students will receive a 1/2 credit during the 1st semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Grading period begins with the first rehearsal during the summer.

Marching band requires hard work, a lot of repetition, long hours, and is mentally and physically challenging. A lot of time will be spent out in the sun, and it can become frustrating when we do drill repetitions. Is marching band for you? You need to ask yourself this question: "Why am I here?" Is it because you have to be here? Or is it because you want to be here? How you answered this question will determine if you will enjoy marching band. You will not see your efforts until you perform your first show during the festival season. Marching band is like a marathon; it's a slow, time consuming effort that builds upon each rehearsal until you finally perform the complete show.

The success of the marching band relies on the commitment and attitude of each individual in the band. Every person in the band is a contributing member – when one person is missing, everyone is affected.

- Registration for the 2020 "Falcon" Marching Band will be from April 1 – April 30, 2020.
- Students will have an opportunity to drop marching band without penalty by May 31. After May 31, you will lose your marching band fee.
- Alternates (substitutes) will be determined by the date registration was completed, instrumentation, experience, attendance, and attitude.
- Forms that are turned in after the deadline or one of the last ones to be turned in at the deadline, may place you in an alternate position.
- Students without an assigned position will be considered an alternate. When a position opens up, alternates will be asked to fill the position.

The drop date is important because we need to finalize the roster by the end of May so that we can order our music and drill. If there are a lot of students dropping out after that, it will delay or cause problems for the drill designer.

The school year will begin on August 4, 2020, so each rehearsal during the summer is very important and must be used efficiently. Please read the course syllabus and take note of the rehearsal schedule.

PHILOSOPHY:

Marching band is intended to foster teamwork, perseverance, time management, responsibility, commitment, and pride. The main goal is to grow as an individual and learn how to work together to achieve a common goal. Overcoming adversity and challenges will help build inner strength and character.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must concurrently enroll in one of the following band classes during the school year. (BAND 1, BAND 2, BAND 3, BAND 4 – Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble)
- Color Guard members must be enrolled in a music course offered at Kalani. No percussion students may audition for color guard.
- There are no auditions to be a part of the marching band, there will be auditions/selections for students interested in Color Guard and Percussion.
- Students are required to play on your primary concert instrument (exception for double reed students only).
- If you choose to play on a secondary instrument, you will need to audition on that on that instrument BEFORE registering for marching band: set up appointment with the band director.

A marching band fee of \$135 will be assessed to each student. This fee will cover the cost of the music, drill, paint for the field, props and bus transportation. This fee is due with your completed registration form.

EXPECTATIONS:

Students must abide by the rules set forth by Kalani High School and the Department of Education in addition to the rules of the Kalani High School Band. To insure your own safety as well as others the following rules should be followed.

All students must be committed to the marching band. This is an optional activity and therefore, if you choose to be here, you choose to follow through on your obligations to the band.

This is a performance-based activity, rehearsals are very important to the success of the band.

- Students must make time for rehearsals, performances, and more importantly-study time.
- Students should also have a personal organizer to help set up a "schedule of routine" to help assist with time management.
- Students must also follow directions given by the band director, advisors, drum major, and section leaders.
- Unlike concert band, marching band requires EACH INDIVIDUAL to perform their own assigned music and position on the field.
- Students must also practice the music as well as memorize all of the parade and show music
- Students will be held responsible for memorizing their music, drill and/or routine PRIOR to rehearsal.
- Students must bring pencils, music, plot cards/dot books, and instrument to all rehearsals. It is mandatory to have these items while on the field during rehearsals.

REHEARSAL EXPECTATION:

- Rehearsals will be held throughout summer and continue through November once school starts.
- If you are taking trips, summer classes, etc., you need to let the band director know the dates and times you will not be able to attend rehearsals. If you will be involved with sports, please let the director know to see if it will be a major conflict with marching band.
- When school starts in August, rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoon and on Wednesday or Thursday mornings at 7:00am before school starts and afterschool on specified days before a performance.
- Since we have to share the football field with other sports, the Sunday rehearsals are the most important ones in which we must utilize the field as best as possible.
- When school starts, we have to share the field time with the football team. After school field rehearsals will most likely not be possible, as we will not have use of the field.
- Color Guard and Percussion will have weekly sectionals scheduled after school on a set schedule as well as sectionals by the other sections, set by section leaders and the band director.
- It is mandatory that first year marchers attend the rookie rehearsals. Marching fundamentals and music will be taught. If you miss these rehearsals, you will not be able to catch up with rest of the band.
- IF YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BOTH BAND CAMP REHEARSALS, DO NOT JOIN MARCHING BAND – Plotting of the drill will begin with Summer Band Camp and finish with the remainder of the drill during Fall Band Camp.
- The performance season begins the week after Fall Band Camp. If you will be missing a lot of rehearsals because of other commitments, you may have to reconsider joining marching band.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS:

- The “2/3 Rule”: Students must attend at least 2/3 of the rehearsals between performances to be eligible to perform.
- If you have missed a significant amount of rehearsals and/or have not learned drill that will be performed, you will not be eligible to perform.
- Most of the performances take place in October and November. There may be various community performance opportunities throughout the season.
- All students are expected to participate in EVERY performance.
- If you have a conflict that is not school related, you will not be excused for that performance. If you cannot fulfill this obligation, do not join marching band.

CHAIN OF COMMAND:

The student leadership assists the band director and should be treated with respect. Section leaders are selected by the band director through auditions and recommendations. Keep in mind that the student leaders are human, as well as the band director; we will make mistakes. The following is a chart of the chain of command.

BAND DIRECTOR / ADULT ASSISTANTS / ALUMNI
DRUM MAJOR
SECTION LEADERS
BAND OFFICERS

CLASSROOM/FIELD RULES:

1. All school rules are in effect.
2. Only band students are allowed in the music building. Friends not part of the band must wait for you outside.
3. No swearing
4. No eating, drinking, or gum chewing anywhere in the music building, including on the field during rehearsals.
5. No horseplay and excessive yelling in the band room. Be considerate of others around you.
6. Absolutely NO CARD playing or video games of any sort is allowed in the music building. If you are bored, read a book or PRACTICE!
7. Always clean up after yourself. Put your chair, stand, and instrument away properly.
8. Do not play with any of the percussion instruments. If you are not a percussionist, you may accidentally damage it and be held responsible for any damages to the instruments.
9. Respect other people's property, do not borrow anything, including instruments without asking for permission.
10. Students are to remain in uniform whenever they are in the public eye. Shirts must be tucked in neatly and zippers and buttons must be fully closed. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the band director and leadership team.

GRADING:

Performances.....	30%
Rehearsal Attendance	50%
Music/Routine Memorization	20%

Grading Scale:

91-100%	A
81-90%	B
71-80%	C
61-70%	D
60%-BELOW	F

- Performances are worth 25 points each, multiplied by the amount of performances during each grading quarter. (1st quarter grading begins with summer practices).
- Rehearsals are worth 5 points each, minus 2 (-2) for unexcused tardy, minus 5 (-5) for unexcused absence. Points are calculated on the amount of rehearsals scheduled per grading quarter. Additional rehearsals set by section leaders; percussion and color guard rehearsals are also counted.
- Students must attend at least 2/3 of rehearsals before the first performance and in between performances. These include sectionals scheduled by your section leaders. If you do not meet the minimum requirements, you will not be able to perform and receive points/credit for the performance you missed due to missed rehearsals.

KALANI HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

2020 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

(DRAFT subject to change)

May 21	Thurs.	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Audition
May 22	Fri.	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Workouts
May 23	Sat.	9:00am – 12:00pm	Mandatory 1st year member rehearsal
May 24	Sun.	1:00pm – 5pm	Mandatory 1st year member rehearsal
May 26	Tue.	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Workouts
May 27	Wed.	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard Auditions / Percussion Workouts
May 31	Sun.	LAST DAY TO DROP MARCHING BAND	
June 10	Wed.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 11	Thurs.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 17	Wed.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 18	Thurs.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 24	Wed.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 25	Thurs.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Color Guard / Percussion Rehearsal
June 27	Sat.	8:00am – 12:00pm	Field Rehearsal (Marching/Music Fundamentals)
June 28	Sun.	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Field Rehearsal (Marching/Music Fundamentals)
July 3	Fri.	8:00am – 12:00pm	Field Rehearsal (Marching/Music Fundamentals)
July 4	Sat.	8:00am – 12:00pm	Field Rehearsal (Marching/Music Fundamentals)
July 19	Sun.	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Field Rehearsal (Marching/Music Fundamentals)
July 20-24	M-F	8:00am – 5:00pm	SUMMER BAND CAMP
July 26	Sun.	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Marching Band – Show Preview
August 2	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
August 9	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
August 12/13	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
August 16	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
August 19/20	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
August 23	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
August 26/27	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
August 30	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
September 2/3	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
September 6	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
September 9/10	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
September 13	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
September 16/17	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
September 20	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal

Revised: 03/09/20

KALANI HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

2020 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

(DRAFT subject to change)

September 23/24	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
September 27	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:30pm	Field Rehearsal
Sept/Oct. 30/1	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
October 4	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
October 5-8	M-Th	8:00am – 5:00pm	FALL BAND CAMP
October 11	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
October 14/15	W/Th	7:00am – 7:45am	Morning Sectionals
October 18	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
October 23	Fri.	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Field Rehearsal
October 25	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
October 30	Fri.	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Field Rehearsal
November 1	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
November 8	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
November 13	Fri.	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Field Rehearsal
November 15	Sun.	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Field Rehearsal
November 21	Sat.	3:00pm – 7:00pm	Parade Rehearsal / Dinner
November 24	Tue.	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Parade Rehearsal
November 25	Wed.	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Parade Rehearsal

Tentative Performances – **Dates are not confirmed**

Sept/October	Halftime at Kalani Varsity Game / Homecoming
October 17	Menehune Classic
October 31	Kapolei Band Festival
November 2	Oahu Marching Band Festival
November 7	Kamehameha Tournament of Bands
November 10	Rainbow Marching Band Invitational
November 14	Mililani Bandfest
November 27	Waikiki Holiday Parade

UNIFORMS:

Students must purchase required uniform items from the band. During the summer, shoes, gloves, gauntlets and pants may be ordered through the Kalani Band Boosters. If an item is not purchased through the Boosters, the band directors and uniform committee must approve it.

EXPENSES:

The following are anticipated expenses in addition to the registration fee. All prices listed are approximate:

- Pants "Bibbers" \$50 (excludes color guard and rifles)
- Shoes - \$35
- Gloves - \$5
- Gauntlets - \$10
- Pep Band Shirt \$16
- Marching Band Music Folio Folder - \$5 (approx.) (excludes color guard and rifles)
- Lyres - \$5 - \$15 (approx. – flutes excluded) (excludes color guard and rifles)
- Extra Folio Sheets - .50 each (approx.) a total of 12-15 Sheets will be enough.

Additional uniform costs will be assessed to the drum major and color guard as needed.

REMINDER:

Register online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/NEWfalconMB>

You will be officially registered when:

1. Online form is submitted
2. Parent authorization and agreement form is submitted
3. \$135 Payment is submitted

\$135 Marching Band Fee and acknowledgement forms due by May 1, 2020.

Make checks payable to:

KALANI FALCONS BAND BOOSTERS

DROP DATE is May 31, 2020

Mailing Address:

Kalani High School Marching Band
attn: Dennis Kaneshiro
4680 Kalanianaʻole Highway
Honolulu, HI 96821

***** PRINT AND MAIL THIS PAGE *****

2020
KALANI HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
New Members Registration Form

PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2020

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

Make sure to register online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/NEWfalconMB>

Registration will not be considered complete without fees received.

PAYMENT METHOD:

_____ CASH _____ CHECK (make checks payable to: KALANI FALCONS BAND BOOSTERS)

Agreement

I have read the Kalani High School Marching Band Course Syllabus and fully understand my responsibilities and expectations to be a part of the marching band. I fully understand that I may forfeit my commitment deposit/marching band fee if I choose to drop out of Falcon Marching Band after the drop date (May 31, 2020). I will also do my best to abide by the rules set forth by Kalani High School, the Department of Education, and the Kalani High School Band.

STUDENT'S NAME (PRINT)

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Don't forget to attach your marching band fee \$135
Make Checks Payable to: KALANI FALCONS BAND BOOSTERS