

Marching Sequoits 2024 Calendar

	Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
Auditions	Leadership/Drum Major Auditions	May 3	3:30 PM	Band Room (143)
Auditions	Drumline Auditions	May 17	3:30 PM	Band Room (143)
Rehearsal	Full Band Rehearsals	May 29-30	8AM-11AM	Band Room & Stadium
Rehearsal	Full Band Rehearsals	July 2-3	8AM-11AM	Band Room & Stadium
Performance	4th of July Parade	Tue July 4	9:30 - Noon	Parade on Main Street
Rehearsal	Band Camp	August 5-9	Noon - 9 PM	Band Room & Stadium
Performance	2024 Halftime Preview	Fri August 9	8:00 PM	Stadium
Rehearsal	Band Camp	August 13-14	5:00 - 8:30 PM	Stadium
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Weekly Full Band Rehearsals Begin 8/21</i>	<i>Wednesdays until the end of the season</i>	<i>6-8:30 PM</i>	<i>Band Room & Stadium</i>
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Weekly Color Guard Sectionals</i>	<i>Fridays until the end of the season</i>	<i>6-8:30 PM</i>	<i>Band Room & East Deck</i>
Pictures	Picture Day	Thurs August 22	Time TBD	ACHS Stadium
Assembly	Sequoit Kick-Off	Fri August 23	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Game	v. Schaumburg	Fri August 30	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Competition	GL North Tournament	Sun September 8	All Day	GL North Stadium
Performance	Homecoming Parade/Bonfire	Thu September 19	5:45 Call Time 6:45 Step-off 7:15 Show	Main Street Parade & Stadium
Game	Homecoming v. Lakes	Fri September 20	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Game	v. Grayslake North	Fri October 4	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Game	v. Wauconda	Thu October 10	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Game	v. Grant	Friday, October 18	5:15 Call Time	ACHS Stadium
Performance	Season Finale Concert	Wed October 23	6:00 Call Time 8:00 PM Show	ACHS Stadium
Competition	Illinois Marching Band Championships	Sat, October 26	All Day	Memorial Stadium Champaign, IL
Games	Playoffs TBD	October 27 - Nov 11	<i>(we find out if we host games with only one or two weeks notice)</i>	ACHS Stadium
Color Guard	Uniform/Equip Return	Fri Nov 10	3:30pm	Band Room

Pocket Calendar:

Rehearsals	Performances	Contests	Football Games
May 29, 30, July 2, 3 Parade Rehearsals Aug 5-9, 13-14 Band Camp Wednesdays 6-8:30pm School Year Rehearsals <i>Fridays after school</i> <i>Color Guard Only</i>	July 4 - Parade Aug 9 - Preview Show Sep 19 - HOCO Parade/Bonfire Oct 23 - Season Finale	Sep 8 - Grayslake North Marching Knights Tournament Oct 26 - Illinois Marching Band Championships	Aug 30 Sep 20 (HOCO) Oct 4 Oct 10 Oct 18 TBD - Playoffs

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Antioch Community High School Music Department

2024 Marching Sequoits

Dear Families,

As we gear up for another exciting year here at Antioch Community High School, I am thrilled to extend a warm welcome to you and your talented students to join the Marching Sequoits, our esteemed Marching Band. I am Jonathan Untch, and it is with great pride that I embark on my 12th year as the director of this outstanding group. Over the years, I have witnessed the transformative power of music and performance in the lives of our students, and I am confident that this year will be no exception.

The Marching Sequoits represent more than just a musical ensemble; we are a tight-knit community dedicated to excellence, discipline, and camaraderie. Through our weekly Wednesday night rehearsals during the school year, students have the opportunity to develop their musical talents, refine their marching skills, and forge lifelong friendships.

But the benefits of joining the Marching Sequoits extend far beyond the field. Research has consistently shown that participation in music programs enhances cognitive abilities, improves academic performance, and fosters essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management. Moreover, the sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from performing on a competitive stage is invaluable and instills a strong sense of self-confidence in our students.

This year, I am particularly excited to announce that the Marching Sequoits will be competing at the prestigious Illinois Marching Band Championships at the University of Illinois. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their talents, represent our school with pride, and challenge themselves to reach new heights of musical excellence.

I understand that extracurricular activities are a significant commitment for both students and parents alike, but I would like to assure you that we work very closely with all of the coaches and sponsors at ACHS to make sure that students are able to participate in this ensemble at the same time as fall sports and other activities. I invite you to join us on this remarkable journey and to witness firsthand the magic of the Marching Sequoits. Together, let us empower our students to reach their full potential and create memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to an incredible year ahead!

Warm regards,

Jonathan Untch
Director, Marching Sequoits
Antioch Community High School

OUR MISSION: The Antioch Community High School Fine Arts Department is dedicated to providing outstanding musical experiences and opportunities to its students while helping them grow into responsible, mature adults. To make these experiences successful, we require discipline, organization, and commitment to the program. Being a part of the marching band is to be seen as an honor. Students will be expected to help serve as role models for the school and other organizations within it. As a result of our high expectations, discipline, leadership and social opportunities, the students have the opportunity to develop valuable life skills such as a positive self-image, time management skills, confidence, poise, responsibility, and loyalty as well as the musical abilities needed to be a successful musician.

VISIT www.achsband.com for updated information!

Summer Rehearsals

Wed May 29th, Thu May 30th, Tue July 2nd, Wed July 3rd: Full Band (8:00AM - 11:00AM)

During these rehearsals, students will learn the music and choreography of the halftime shows. The music needs to be memorized by August, so these rehearsals help students get ready for Band Camp Week. We will teach songs that will be played in the stands at football games, basketball games, assemblies, and other events as well. This camp will also cover the basic marching skills needed for our show and the 4th of July Parade.

JULY 4th PARADE

Call time 9:30 AM (but plan on arriving early, as parking is always at a premium on parade day)

Parade Step off at 10:30 AM (we line up in the ACHS Parking lot and march down Main Street until we reach the library. Students will be dismissed from there. They will have to walk back to the band room to pack up. There is unfortunately no way we can drive the kids back to the school after the parade.

COLOR GUARD SUMMER EVENING REHEARSALS

To be determined

Depending on building construction, the Color Guard may meet to continue to learn choreography for the show, football games, and assemblies. If we meet, we will begin in the band room.

BAND CAMP WEEK (& RECAP)

August 5-9 (Noon to 9:00PM) (Performance for family & friends in the stadium at 8PM on Fri Aug 9th)

August 13 & 14 (5:00PM - 8:30PM)

Band Camp is the week where the band learns the halftime show. The students are expected to know their music and choreography before they come to this camp so that the majority of the week can be used to learn all of the drill positions on the field. This week is extremely important to the success of our season. If a student misses any day of this camp, they will fall behind very quickly and may be considered an alternate.

We will not accept absences for Band Camp Week unless a student is ill. If a student can not participate in band camp week, they are more than welcome to still be a part of the band, but they will be made an alternate for the show. **Vacations, work, doctor's appointments, etc. are NOT valid reasons.** Below is a sample schedule of what a typical day of band camp week will look like. Times within the day may change, but we will never let your students out late!

Sample Schedule - Subject to change depending on the weather

11:30 Band Room Doors Open, Check-In (Eat lunch prior to noon start time)

12:00 Group Meeting in Auditorium

12:15-3:00 Music/Choreo Rehearsal

3:00-5:00 Marching Rehearsal

5:00-6:00 Dinner

6:00-9:00 Rehearsal in the stadium

Other important info for camp:

- Bring a sack lunch/dinner, or money for one of the fast food establishments across the street.
- Wear SCHOOL and WEATHER appropriate clothes that you can comfortably move around in.
- Bring sunscreen/hat/sunglasses in case we practice outside - ALWAYS bring a water bottle!!!!
- On the last day of camp, we will give a **mini-performance for families in the stadium at 8:00 PM.**

FULL BAND REHEARSALS

Full band rehearsals will occur once per week from **6PM-8:30** starting the first full week of school. We recommend students arrive by 5:15 to make it to the stadium on time.

COLOR GUARD SECTIONALS

Unless otherwise instructed, Color Guard will meet in the East Deck promptly at 3:30 on Fridays when there is no game or performance. The Section Leader will begin warm ups. (Check the whiteboard for updates)

Rehearsal/Performance Norms

- Arrive on time (“on time” is at LEAST 15 - 30 minutes early – you will need to gather your instrument and/or equipment and be ready to go at practice/performance time).
- If you will be late or cannot attend a practice or performance, please EMAIL and/or text (through the Remind app) either Mr. Untch (for wind and percussion) or Coach B (for color guard) ASAP.
- Showing up more than 30 minutes late is considered an absence.
- Absences for illness, religious activities, and/or a school related sport or activity are excused.
- **Absences for work, a non-school related sport or activity, and all others are UNEXCUSED.**
- Unexcused tardies and absences in addition to struggling with music, marching, and/or choreography will require make-up time or be moved to an alternate spot.
- Before leaving a rehearsal or performance, ALL members should check that instruments and equipment are put away, the band room/surrounding areas are clean, and the guard closet is clean.
- Do NOT leave without checking in with your section leader.
- You are responsible to make sure that your instrument/equipment makes it to the rehearsal/performance AND that it gets back after. Coordinate with your section leader or another band member to ensure that your instrument/equipment gets there AND back.
- Save the DRAMA for your llama. We are here to practice, perform, learn, and have fun.

*In addition to scheduled practices, it is highly recommended that you attend any clinics or rehearsals offered by the section leaders or veteran members.

REQUIRED FOR REHEARSALS/SECTIONALS

At every rehearsal and sectional, ALL BAND MEMBERS must have the following:

- Dot Book and Drill Chart Binder
- Instrument/Flags/Weapons/other props
- (Color Guard Only) Tape bag

Rehearsal Dress:

- Winds and Percussion: Cardinal Marching Sequoits Shirt, Drillmaster Shoes
- Color Guard: Grey Shirt, Black Shoes

FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORK SESSIONS

The Band Room will be open after school on Fridays from 3:30-4:15 for students who need help catching up on the music or marching. Students can work in small groups, or be able to work with a teacher one on one.

PERFORMANCES (FOLLOW ALL REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE NORMS - see above!!!!)

Dates:

There are 4 or 5 home games per year. If the team has a home playoff game, we will perform. Details on playoff games won't be available until the week prior to the game, so we need to be flexible. In addition to home games, we may perform at university band day and/or competition(s), the 4th of July parade, the homecoming parade, and some school assemblies. Please see the calendars above and lists of dates below for more details.

Performance Dress:

- Winds, Percussion, and Pit
 - Uniform, **BLACK** crew cut socks (NO low-cut or ankle socks), Drillmaster shoes, marching band t-shirt, black gloves

- Color Guard
 - Uniform Tunic, **BLACK** crew cut socks (NO low-cut or ankle socks), Black leggings, Black shoes (see Coach B for recommendations)
 - Make up (on your own - all makeup should be natural looking)

 - Hair: Two Braids to a low pony with a bow (bow will be provided)



Face	Cheeks	Lips	Eyes
Natural foundation	Natural blush	Raisin/Cinnamon colored lipstick/gloss	Brown/Taupe shadow Black eyeliner/mascara

COSTS

ALL Band Members:

To complete registration and reserve your student's spot in the band, please send a check to:

- Marching Band Cost (if you don't need marching drillmaster shoes) = \$150**
- Marching Band Cost (if you DO need new marching drillmaster shoes) = \$180**
- Activity Fee (\$40) assessed by the main office of the school in August or September**

Wind Players:

- Marching Flip Folio**
- Marching Lyre**

Please use this site as a reference, if you don't know what to get:
<https://www.qandf.com/store/supplies/supplies-by-type/marching/>

If you do not know what these things are, do a quick google search. You can find them on Amazon as well. But, we would recommend contacting local music stores if you can. Each instrument requires a different type of lyre and flip book, so make sure you include your instrument name in your searches.

Color Guard: (on your own) *(all prices are estimates)*

Required Expenses:

- Guard Gray T-Shirt: \$15**
- Black Shoes: ~\$50 (see Coach B for recommendations)**
- Black Leggings: ~\$15**
- Make up: ~\$25**

Optional Expenses:

- Gloves: \$20 (optional)
Ever-Dri Fingerless Gloves in Nude at www.bandshoppe.com
Style ID: GL445 (if you are going to order, try to combine with other members for lower shipping)
- Color Guard Crewneck Sweatshirt: \$40
- Extras (bows, team building, Online Store, etc): \$20 - \$40

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