

# STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL TITAN MARCHING BAND

## Handbook 2017-18



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**ATTITUDE + RESPECT + COMMITMENT = SUCCESS**



2017-18 SHOW:  
**WIZARDS & MAGIC!**



First of all, I would like to welcome you to the Pride of Stevenson High School, the Stevenson Titan Marching Band! It is indeed an honor to be the director of such a fine ensemble. As the Director of Bands here at Stevenson, I would like to take some time to share some important information with you that will help you in making the transition to Stevenson a success.

We have rules, and one that you NEVER want to break is that you represent this band both in and out of school. If I hear about any incident that may cause our group's reputation to be hurt, or something you have done to bring embarrassment to this organization, you may be removed from this organization. No discussion, no excuses. **Also as a Stevenson High School requirement, you must be enrolled in a Band class to participate in the Titan Marching Band as an Instrumentalist.**

Attitude + Respect + Commitment = Success is the essence of our philosophy here at Stevenson High School. All members are expected to be available for all performances. All performances are a part of each student's grade in their concert classes during the school day here at Stevenson and at their respective Junior High School.

**Physicals are mandatory for all members of the Marching Band and must be completed by August 7, 2017.** This is a Utica Community Schools rule. It is for the safety of your child that they have a recent physical prior to leaving for Band Camp. If they have had one this spring, it must be dated after April 15<sup>th</sup>. 2017. This is a UCS rule for Summer Camps.

#### Away Band Camp supply list (highlights)

- Personal water bottle
- Lyre and music flip folder, with 8-12 windows
- Personal field marker, (your choice, flat is preferred)
- Pencil, Highlighters, 2-3 colors
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito Spray (we are up north in the woods!)
- Hat
- Three ring binder with clear page protectors
- Please do not wear new shoes to Band Camp! Break them in first
- Please see the Booster list for other detailed camp needs

#### Memorization of music

Eventually, all music must be memorized. We realize all students learn at different levels, but we have a system that works pretty well, not to worry. The faster the music can be memorized, the better the show will look and sound.

#### Uniforms

**All uniforms are to go home following performances** so they can be aired out. Use fabric softener sheets in your garment bags to help keep uniforms fresh. Racks are provided in the band room to hang uniforms properly if they are brought to school on the day of a performance. **NEVER STORE YOUR UNIFORM IN A BAND LOCKER OR LEAVE THEM ON THE**

**FLOOR.** Students are responsible to return their uniforms in the same condition as they were issued and are the property of Utica Community Schools. Parents/students are responsible for the full replacement cost of their uniform should it not be returned or is damaged beyond repair. **Do not cut or trim uniform material!**

For summer activities, we wear white shorts, white socks and our navy blue performance shirts. (**NO SHORT SHORTS or STRIPES**). All shorts must be approved prior to away camp. We do sell the shirts and the shoes to all students prior to camp in August. The order forms and due dates are included in the Band Camp packet forms. Students are responsible for keeping track of their marching shoes and baseball caps – don't leave them in the band room!

### Behavior

School rules are in effect at all times. Members are expected to act accordingly when in uniform at every performance. If there is a problem that occurs, the Travel Contract included in the Booster packet will explain all the repercussions possible depending on how severe the act was. Parents/guardian and students must sign all contracts.

### Cost & Payments

A pay-to-march fee of \$450 is charged for students that participate in Marching Band and **is due in full on Monday August 7, 2017.** See the band camp packet for full details. Due to increased banking costs, returned checks are charged a \$25 fee. You will not be allowed to write checks for future band expenses should a returned check and the associated \$25 fee not be resolved satisfactorily. This follows the policy that is enforced by Utica Community Schools.

Unpaid Marching Band fees at the conclusion of Band Camp on August 21<sup>st</sup> will result in the student not being permitted to travel on any other trips and his/her report card could be held back until the balance is paid. If the student is a senior, his/her cap and gown will be held back and he/she will not be permitted to walk at the graduation ceremony.

### School Trips/Travel

If any students are in jeopardy of failing a class, the school and parents have a right to deny that student their right to attend the trip. **THERE CAN BE NO REFUNDS, DEPENDING ON THE DATE OF CANCELLATION.**

## **SUMMER 2017 MARCHING BAND DATES**

June 14th	Full Marching Band Music Rehearsal, 12-2pm. <b><u>MANDATORY</u></b>
June 27th	Section Leader / Drum Major Leadership training at Mr. Sekich's house @ 6pm.
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sectionals @ SHS run by Mr. Sekich 10am-11am Flutes/Clarinets 11am-12pm Horns/Alto Saxes 1pm-2pm All Brass/Low Woodwinds
August 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Home Band Camp @ SHS 8:30am-3pm Bag lunches Mon-Thur. <b>No students may leave campus.</b>
August 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Away Band Camp in Traverse City Michigan LAKE ANN CAMP.

# Important Marching Band Dates for 2017-18

August 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Home Band Camp @ SHS 8:30am-4pm Bag lunches M-Thu.
August 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Away Camp, Traverse City MI, Lake Ann
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal 5-7pm, Parade Band and Pre-Game practice for game
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Home Football game.</b> 5:30pm call time
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-8pm (All Tue rehearsal call times are 5:45pm)
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm (Parent's Show 8:30pm)
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Home Game, Friday Night Lights with Junior Highs.</b> 4pm call time.
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Night Rehearsal 6-9pm.
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Homecoming Parade &amp; Game.</b> 5pm call time at Church, game starts at 7pm
October 1 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>UCS Band-a-rama</b> 12pm call time at SHS. Dinner break at 3pm. Show 6pm
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday Night rehearsal 6-9pm.
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	MINI Home Band Camp, 10am-4pm at SHS.
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Last Tuesday night rehearsal. 5-6:30pm.
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Run show after school. <b>MSBOA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL.</b> Call time at SHS 6pm in full uniform.
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Home Game, SENIOR NIGHT,</b> 5:00 pm call time for seniors performing Music from <i>Heart of a Hero</i> . All others call time is 6pm.
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	MSBOA Rain Date. TBA, if necessary
Oct-Nov	Football playoffs. TBA, if necessary
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Marching Rehearsal in Auditorium for Winter Concert, 4pm
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winter Concert,</b> 7pm
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Marching Band Banquet, 7pm @ Century Banquet Center, 6:30pm
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Full Marching Band @ the Stevenson Cluster Concert,</b> Main Gym. 6pm performing Homecoming Music.

We will inform you ASAP to any changes. Thank you for your cooperation.



Stevenson Instrumental Music Web site page is [www.shs-music.org](http://www.shs-music.org)  
Please visit for all dates, events and fundraising information. Also please add the **2017-2018 Stevenson Titan Marching Band** on Facebook for important messages! This is for all students and parents.

Marching Band Remind Messages: Text @mrsekic to 81010

Band Booster Remind Messages: Text @shsbbc to 81010

Thank you,  
Mr. Sekich

# Expectations of the Stevenson Titan Marching Band

1. Our time together as a group is important and must be focused.
2. That the musical sounds we make are beautiful. Music comes first!
3. Our rehearsal time is for ensemble development, **not for practicing parts.**
4. That individuals learn to prepare independently away from the rehearsals aka Homework = Practicing
5. That we are a family community. We are team oriented in that we create an **atmosphere built on respect and friendliness.**
6. We are goal oriented in terms of musical achievement and performance.
7. That we are committed to the highest musical/visual/technical standards of our band.
8. That we prioritize becoming more musically sounding away from the band. (Practice)
9. A standardized formation will be set for every outdoor rehearsal.
10. When you are called to attention, we do not speak or move. One Band, One sound, One philosophy.

## *Words to the Titans Fight Song*

Hail Hail to the Titans,  
Our victory march has just begun,  
Though the battles long may rage,  
They'll all fall before us, cause we're number one,  
And when the Titans march to victory,  
You better hear what we say,  
Cause we will fight, fight, fight,  
And we will win tonight,  
Because we're Titans all the way...

HEY!

**2017-2018 STEVENSON TITAN MARCHING BAND SHOW**

**WIZARDS AND MAGIC!**

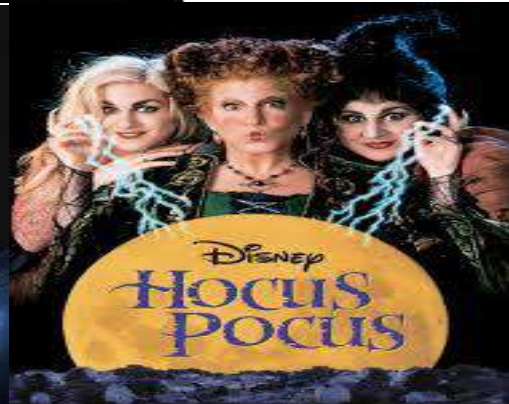
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THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE

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# **PROPOSED 2017 LAKE ANN BAND CAMP SCHEDULE**

## **Sunday, August 13**

- 7:30 am Call time at Stevenson
- 8:45 am Depart for Lake Ann
- 11:00 am Lunch break in Clare
- 12:00 pm Lunch break ends
- 2:00 pm Arrive at Lake Ann, Group photo
- 2:15 pm Luggage to cabins
- 3:30 pm Field - full band
- 4:45 pm Dinner
- 5:30 pm Field - full band
- 8:30 pm tba
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

## **Monday, August 14**

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:15 am Chaperone meeting
- 7:45 am Field - full band
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Sectionals
- 2:30 pm Field - full band
- 3:00 pm Free time / Red Canoe activity center
- 3:00 pm Seniors to Goliath
- 4:45 pm Dinner
- 5:45 pm Field - full band
- 8:45 pm Field – group activity tba
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

## **Tuesday, August 15**

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am Field - full band
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Sectionals
- 2:30 pm Field - full band
- 3:00 Free time / Red Canoe activity center
- 4:45 pm Dinner
- 5:45 pm Field - full band
- 8:45 pm Ice Cream Social / Skits (Cafeteria)
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

## **Wednesday, August 16**

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am Field full - band
- 12:00 pm Lunch

- 1:00 pm Sectionals
- 2:30 pm Field full - band
- 3:00 pm Free time /Red Canoe activity center + Waterfront / Paintball / Zipline
- 4:45 pm Dinner
- 5:45 pm Field full - band
- 8:45 pm Dance - On site / Pizza (Cafeteria)
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

## **Thursday, August 17**

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 7:45 am Field - full band
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Sectionals
- 1:45 pm Field - full band (Spam carving)
- 3:00 pm Free time /Red Canoe activity center + Waterfront / Paintball / Zipline
- 4:45 pm Dinner
- 5:45 pm Field - full band
- 8:15 pm Cabin Check (must clean and pack)
- 9:00 pm Senior Circle, bonfire area or Tin Can
- 9:00 pm Chaperone meeting - Welcome Center
- 9:00 pm Stafferone meeting - Red Canoe
- 12:00 am Lights Out

## **Friday, August 18**

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Field - full band
- 11:30 am Run Show
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Final cleaning / packing
- 1:45 pm Load buses ONLY AFTER final inspections by Mr. Austerman & Mr. Petrimoulx
- 2:00 pm Buses depart for home
- 6:00 pm Estimated time of arrival at Stevenson

**ALL TIMES/ACTIVITES SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE AS NECESSARY &  
DIRECTED**



# 2017 AWAY BAND CAMP PACKING LIST AND HELPFUL HINTS

**What to Pack:** (Remember: Lake Ann is a Christian Camp, modesty is a must!!)

1. Shorts – No extremely short shorts
2. T-shirts and tank tops – No spaghetti straps or cami's, no inappropriate sayings or designs
3. Bathing Suit – No bikinis, girls should only bring a one piece suit or "tankini"
4. Warm clothes – jeans and a sweatshirt or jacket – it usually gets cool at night
5. A "casual-nice" outfit for the dance (i.e. shorts and a polo, casual skirt, etc.)
6. Personals – p.j.'s, underclothes, etc
7. At least 2 pairs of good white socks **per day** (minimum of 10 pairs)
8. Supportive, broken in athletic shoes
9. An extra pair of athletic shoes
10. Sandals or flip-flops (feet need time to "air out" after all the marching!)
11. Rain gear – raincoat or poncho (hint: pack a few \$1 ponchos that can be tossed)
12. Personal hygiene products – no glass containers
13. Beach Towel and Bath towels. Towels will be hung outside to dry so you may need several
14. Sleeping bag and pillow, or bedding for a twin bed (we are in twin-sized bunk beds)
15. Spending money (for coffee bar/snack bar) The camp store has some clothing and souvenirs
16. Snacks (must be kept in zip lock bags or a plastic sealable container)
17. Marching supplies – **personal water bottle**, music flip folder with 8-12 windows, lyre, personal field marker, pencil, highlighters (2-3 colors), 3-ring binder with clear page protectors, hat, and sunglasses
18. Sunscreen and insect repellent (for your personal use each day)
19. Cinch sack or small backpack to carry marching supplies, rain gear, sunscreen and insect repellent to and from rehearsals
20. Alarm clock, flash light, fan (suggestion: coordinate one box fan per cabin)
21. iPod/MP3 player, cell phone, book, for down time. Don't forget your charger and cable, earbuds/headphones, and a multi-outlet extension cord/power strip
22. Ankle and/or knee support braces, if worn/needed

## HELPFUL HINTS

1. **SOCKS AND SHOES MUST BE WORN ON THE MARCHING FIELD AT ALL TIMES – NO SANDALS. Shoes and socks protect your feet from injury, sunburn and insect stings.** Don't bring brand new shoes – break them in before camp to prevent painful blisters
2. Wear sandals or flip flops during down time to air out your feet
3. Chafing is another common issue – look for anti-chafing products in the drugstore
4. Mark your name or initials on clothing and belongings (especially on band gear, as everyone has the same t-shirts, etc.)
5. Bring light colored clothing – dark colors absorb the heat
6. Try to get some exercise before band camp. You are on the marching field for many hours and this could be difficult if you are too sedentary before camp
7. **EAT and DRINK** properly at camp, this is not the time for diets; you will need energy and fluids to participate. Limit pop during the day
8. Get proper rest. You will be tired from marching and wakeup call is early. Do not socialize in your cabin too late at night
9. Your stafferones are there for you - ask them for advice
10. Attitude + Respect + Commitment = Success



# Stevenson Marching Band Past Show Themes

1992-1993	Cartoon Show	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1993-1994	Broadway Show	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1994-1995	Fiddler on the Roof	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1995-1996	James Bond	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1996-1997	Beethoven Show	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1997-1998	Western Show	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1998-1999	Big Band Jazz	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
1999-2000	Star Wars	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2000-2001	West Side Story	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2001-2002	Aaron Copland	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2002-2003	Jesus Christ Superstar	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2003-2004	Disney Fantasmic	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2004-2005	The Mask of Zorro	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2005-2006	Jekyll and Hyde	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2006-2007	Hollywood Highlights	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2007-2008	The Beatles	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2008-2009	Motown USA	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2009-2010	Les Miserable	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2010-2011	The Piano Man Show	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2011-2012	Road Trip USA!	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2012-2013	Welcome to the Jungle	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2013-2014	VEGAS, BABY!	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2014-2015	One upon a Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2015-2016	Heart of a Hero	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2016-2017	FRIENDS!	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2017-2018	Wizards & Magic!	???????????

**25 years in a row**



# Stevenson Marching Band Contract

## DUE AUGUST 7, 2017

I will attend all rehearsals/performances throughout the Marching Season as a member of the Stevenson Titan Marching Band. Performance conflicts in others areas of sports are excused *depending on our event.* Work is NEVER an excuse. *Under no circumstances are any students to leave the football games early without permission from Mr. Sekich.*

I fully understand if I miss, or I am late for ANY rehearsal/performance, I will be benched for the next performance, (depending on the reason), and my grade WILL be lowered. This is a part of EVERYONE'S GRADE. If I do not have any music class for a grade, *this still applies to you.* If I miss TWO events/practices, I understand that I will be dropped from the Marching Band (depending on the reason). I also MUST supply Mr. Sekich with a letter, written by myself, with a signature from my parents/guardian explaining my actions.

I fully understand that I am responsible for all of my own decisions and actions and that many others depend on my attendance on a regular basis to assure that the Stevenson Marching Band is ready to perform. All students will be acting on their best behavior *at all times*, this will not be compromised. **Also as a Stevenson High School marcher, you must be enrolled in a Band class to participate in the Titan Marching Band. There are no exceptions. If you are not on a class list by September 5th, you will be removed from the Marching Band roster.**

MARCHING BAND IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT. All members MUST participate every day at every rehearsal. Your attendance is vital to our success at all times.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Mr. Sekich  
Director Stevenson Marching Band

*Mr. Pfannes*  
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Mr. Pfannes  
Principal Stevenson High School