

# STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL TITAN MARCHING BAND

## Handbook 2019-20



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**ATTITUDE + RESPECT + COMMITMENT = SUCCESS**

2019-20 SHOW:

**We Will Rock You: The Music of Queen**

The last page of this packet MUST be signed and returned **no later than August 7<sup>th</sup>** by both a parent/guardian and the Marching Band member, including Colorguard!

# 2019-20 STEVENSON TITAN MARCHING BAND SHOW

## **WE WILL ROCK YOU: THE MUSIC OF QUEEN!**

- Bohemian Rhapsody
- We Will Rock You
- Crazy Little Thing Called Love
- Another One Bites the Dust



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 and Utica Community Schools 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 or the Utica Academy for International Studies.

**Physicals are mandatory for all members of the Marching Band and must be completed by August 12, 2019.** 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>, 2019. This is a UCS rule for all 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, Bug Spray, Hat
- 2 "Dot Books" (section leaders will need a 3-ring binder and sheet 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**, primarily 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 for uniforms to be hung 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 (approximately \$500) should it not be returned or is damaged beyond repair. **Do not cut or trim uniform material!**

For summer activities, we wear white shorts (**NO SHORT SHORTS or STRIPES**), marching shoes, socks that match the shoe color, and a performance t-shirt (either our navy blue performance shirts or the current season's theme shirt). Blue Titans Band baseball caps are worn at Mr. Sekich's direction. All shorts must be approved prior to away camp. We do sell the navy blue shirts and the marching shoes to all students prior to camp in August. Students are responsible for keeping track of their marching shoes and baseball caps – don't leave them in the band room or you will be responsible to purchase replacements in order to perform.

## 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 explains all the repercussions possible depending on how severe the act was.

**Parents/guardians 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 12, 2019.** See the band camp packet for full details.

Unpaid Marching Band fees at the conclusion of Home Camp on August 16th will result in a fine being placed on the student's Power School account. Unpaid fines will prevent the student from being permitted to register for classes, traveling on any other student trips, participating in certain extra-curricular activities, and, if a senior, participating in graduation activities.

## 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.**

## 2019-20 MARCHING BAND DATES

Various	Sectionals (instrument groups playing together)
Jun 18 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Section Leader / Drum Major Leadership training at Mr. Sekich's house @ 6pm.
<b>Jul 20<sup>th</sup>, Sat</b>	<b>VGEF Golf Outing</b> (details & times TBA)
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wed	Sectionals @ SHS run by Mr. Sekich 10am-11am: Flutes/Clarinets 11am-12pm: Horns/Alto Saxes 1pm-2pm: All Brass/Low Woodwinds
<b>Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Mon</b>	<b>PHYSICAL &amp; FINAL PAYMENT DUE</b>
August 12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Home Band Camp @ SHS 8:30am – approximately 3:30 PM Bag lunches Mon-Thur. <b>No students may leave campus.</b>
August 17 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Away Band Camp in Hillsdale, MI – Michindoh Conference Center
Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-8pm ( <i>note end time for this rehearsal!</i> )
Sep 10 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm
<b>Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, Fri</b>	<b>Home Football game / 5pm</b> ( <i>Snake the Halls, report @ 1:30pm</i> )
Sep 17 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm
Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm
<b>Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, Fri</b>	<b>Home Football game - Homecoming / 5pm</b> ( <i>Pep Rally, report @ 1pm</i> )
Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 6-9pm / Parent Show 8:30 PM
<b>Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, Sat</b>	<b>Chippewa Valley Invitational (times TBA)</b>
<b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Sun</b>	<b>UCS Band-a-rama / 12pm Rehearsal (Performances 6pm)</b>
Oct 8 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Tuesday Night Rehearsal, 4:30-7pm
<b>Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Fri</b>	<b>Home Football game – Friday Night Lights / 3pm</b> ( <i>Snake the Halls, report @ 1:30pm</i> )
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	Mini Home Camp, 1-6pm
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Run show right after school at 3:00pm
<b>Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Tue</b>	<b>MSBOA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL @ SHS, times TBA</b>
<b>Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, Fri</b>	<b>Home Football game – Senior Night / 5pm seniors, 6pm others.</b> <i>Seniors perform music from "Wizards &amp; Magic" show. Senior parents on track at halftime (Snake the Halls, report @ 1:30pm)</i>
*Nov TBA	Possible playoff football games, Fri or Sat
Dec 9 <sup>th</sup> , Mon	Marching Band Banquet, 6:30pm @ Century Banquet Center
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup> , Tue	Indoor Marching Band Rehearsal for Winter Concert, 2:30pm
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> , Thu	<b>Winter Concert, 7pm</b>
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup> , Wed	<b>Full Marching Band @ the Stevenson Cluster Concert, Main Gym. 6pm performing Homecoming Music</b>

We will inform you ASAP with the inevitable changes. Thank you for your cooperation.



Stevenson Instrumental Music Web site page is [www.stevensonbands.org](http://www.stevensonbands.org)  
Please visit for all dates, events and fundraising information. Join the **2019-20 Stevenson Instrumental Music Program** group on Facebook for important messages! This is for all current students and parents.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stevensonbands/)

Marching Band Remind Messages: Text @mrsekic to 81010  
Band Booster Remind Messages: Text @shsbcc 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!

# 2019 AWAY BAND CAMP PACKING LIST & HELPFUL HINTS

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 may get cool at night
5. A "casual-nice" outfit for the dance (i.e. shorts and a polo, casual skirt, etc.)
6. Extra clothes (don't overdo it, you must carry your own luggage)
7. Personals – p.j.'s, underclothes, etc
8. At least 2 pairs of good white socks **per day** (minimum of 10 pairs)
9. Supportive, broken in athletic shoes
10. An extra pair of athletic shoes
11. Sandals or flip-flops (feet need time to air out after all the marching!)
12. Rain gear – raincoat or poncho (hint: pack a few \$1 ponchos that can be tossed)
13. Personal hygiene products – no glass containers
14. Beach Towel and Bath towels. Towels will be hung outside to dry; you may want several
15. Sleeping bag and pillow, or bedding for a twin bed (we are in twin-sized bunk beds)
16. Something to put dirty clothes in (can liners), 2 plastic hangers for hanging wet items
17. Spending money / debit card for coffee bar/snack bar. The camp store has some clothing and souvenirs too (\$\$\$).
18. Snacks (must be kept sealed containers / baggies to keep bugs and vermin away)
19. Marching supplies – **personal water bottle**, music flip folder with 8-12 windows, lyre, personal field marker, pencil, highlighters (2-3 colors), "dot books", hat, and sunglasses
20. Sunscreen and insect repellent (for personal use)
21. Cinch sack or small backpack to carry marching supplies, rain gear, sunscreen and insect repellent to and from rehearsals
22. Alarm clock, flashlight, fan (suggestion: coordinate one box fan per cabin)
23. 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
24. 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. Dryer sheets in your luggage can help keep things smelling better – bugs don't like them either
7. 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
8. **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
9. Get proper rest. You will be tired from marching and wakeup call is early. Do not socialize in your cabin too late at night
10. Your Stafferones are there for you - ask them for advice first

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# 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2018-2019	Super Bowl Hits	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
2019-2020	The Music of Queen	???????????

**27 years in a row**  
**Class of 2020 – What will your legacy be?**





# Stevenson Marching Band

## Handbook Acknowledgment & Agreement

### Due on or before Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Sectionals

We have received and read the 2019-20 Marching Band Handbook and understand that we are expected to adhere to the responsibilities of Stevenson Marching Band members. More information, including a digital copy of this handbook, is available online on our web site: [www.stevensonbands.org](http://www.stevensonbands.org) (look for Marching Band under the Bands menu)

Students will attend all rehearsals/performances throughout the Marching Season as a member of the Stevenson Titan Marching Band. Performance conflicts involving other UCS-sponsored activities (sports, etc) 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 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 safely. All students will be acting on their best behavior **at all times**, this will not be compromised. **Also, as a Stevenson High School marcher that plays ANY instrument, 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 3rd, 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 and safety at all times.

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Please PRINT Student's Name (must be legible to receive credit)

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

*Mr. Sekich*

Mr. Sekich – Director, Stevenson Marching Band