

# Cave Spring High School Marching Band

## 2023-2024 Marching Band Member Expectations and Agreement

**Philosophy and Belief-** Marching Band is an activity that brings out the best in students by allowing opportunities to express and experience music, artistry, passion, friendship, excellence, performance, and commitment. 100% effort is the norm! from both the instructors to the students for this to be successful. All members support and encourage one another towards individual growth, which in turn raises the overall achievement of the entire team.

**Schedule-** The schedule of activities for the entire season— including all rehearsals and performances— can be found on the Cave Spring HS Band website: <https://www.cavespringhsband.com/calendar.html>

**Attendance for the full schedule of marching band events are required!**

**Performance Standards-** Excellence in performance begins with excellence in preparation. *Preparation outside of rehearsal is necessary for the band to achieve its true potential.* Everyone in the marching band is committed to standards of performance that result in full effort and involvement both on and off the band field.

**Behavior-** The members of the Marching Knights represent not only the marching band and music department, but all of Cave Spring High School and the entire Roanoke County school district as a result. **All school rules apply at every band event.**

**PDA- Students should follow school guidelines in regards to public displays of affection.** This makes other students uncomfortable will can not be tolerated. Students will be separated after a warning is issued. Students that violate school policies during rehearsal, at football games, competitions, or otherwise will be subject to all applicable disciplinary measures put in place by the Cave Spring Student Behavior code found in the student handbook.

**Financial Considerations-** Members must pay the band activity fees to participate in marching band. so please consider attending meetings every third Wednesday in the CSHS band room at 6:30. The calendar has the meetings listed as well.

**Preparation-** Students commit to coming to all rehearsals fully prepared, with instrument/equipment in good working order and **ALL** necessary items. Students are required to dress in appropriate clothing and wear close-toed shoes.

**Commitment and Attendance- Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.** Students who choose to participate in marching band are committing to being present and **early** for all rehearsals and performances for the full season. Please keep the following in mind regarding attendance:

- Absences are considered **excused** when permission is given in advance for a requested absence (**a minimum of two weeks in advance**) OR when a parent or guardian contacts band staff of a religious obligation or an emergency, such as severe illness, death in the family, or otherwise
- Absences are considered **unexcused** when a student misses rehearsal without approval, or when they are absent from rehearsal for a situation on the unexcused absence list (see next bullet point)
- **Absences that are NEVER considered excused include the following:** Homework, studying for tests, work, parties, music lessons, driving lessons, babysitting, and other similar activities.
- **Excessive absences or an absence very close to a performance may result in a student not being permitted to perform or, in severe situations, possible removal from the ensemble**
- If you are ever in doubt as to whether an absence is considered excused, please reach out to band staff.

**Communication-** The staff and directors believe that communication is a key component to excellence. The primary form of communication will be through email. Students and parents should make sure that their contact information is updated, and email is checked consistently. The calendar can be found on the band website; please note all dates and time.

**Parents are tasked with ensuring that their child is at least 15-20 minutes early to all rehearsals and performances.** Unlike many sports teams, there is no way to substitute for band members who do not attend. **No one is on the “bench,” and we do not have second strings;** missing even one person from a rehearsal or performance affects every other member of the band!

# Cave Spring High School Marching Knights -- Fall 2023 Calendar

**Percussion and Color Guard** camps will be instructed about meeting times through their coaches.

**Pre-Camp New Marchers @CSHS**  
**July 12-13** 8am to 12 noon.

**FULL BAND CAMP @ CSHS**  
**Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
*Staggered times for check-ins. Bring instrument and music, proper attire for marching.*

**Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8AM – 5:30 PM**

*(Parent Preview Event Friday)*

## **Weekly Rehearsal Schedule**

Monday -Thursday, 3:40 - 5:30 pm (*top field*)  
*We will only meet on Mondays till drill is set or sectionals are needed.*

Friday - Games (see below)

Saturdays – *Competition and/or* parades

**Football Games All games begin at 7pm.** Friday 8/25 vs. Western Albermarle ***Bogel Field***

Friday 9/1 vs. Northside HS

Friday 9/8 vs. Glenvar **(AWAY)**

Friday 9/15 vs. Christiansburg **(AWAY)** (*open, we will not be traveling*)

Friday 9/22 vs. Blacksburg **(Homecoming)**

Friday 9/29 vs. William Byrd **(AWAY)**

Friday 10/6 vs. Hidden Valley (CSMS Band night)

Friday 10/13 vs. Patrick Henry **(AWAY)**

Friday 10/20 vs. Salem

Friday 10/27 OPEN

Friday 11/3 vs. Pulaski HS **(Away)** (*open, we will not be traveling*)

## **Parades (TBD)**

Veteran's Day - Roanoke City

Christmas Parade - Salem City

## **Competitions (*tentative*)**

Saturday 9/30 @ William Fleming HS

Saturday 10/14@ Franklin County HS

Saturday 10/21 @ Lord Botetourt HS

Saturday 10/28 – @ William Byrd HS



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## Student Agreement

I hereby commit to become a member of the 2023-2024 Cave Spring High School Marching Band for the entire season. I agree to all rules and regulations as set forth by the band and the Roanoke County School District. I am dedicated to working with and empowering all members of the band, and I will strive to grow toward sustained excellence in rehearsals and performances.

**Damages to equipment, beyond normal wear and tear, will be my responsibility.**

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*Student Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent Name (PRINT)*

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