

Join the UP Marching Band!

Dear Parents,

The Union Pines Marching Vikings for the 2012-2013 school year is now being organized! All parents of students who are interested in the Union Pines Marching Band are invited to a *special meeting* in the Union Pines Band Room on **February 7, 2012 at 6PM**. This is an informative meeting to discuss joining the UP band and the spring trip we have planned for April 2013.

The Union Pines Band program consist of 140 + band students, which is a rather large percentage of the school, great than 11 percents if the student body. The band is very competitive and because they are a rather large group, they compete in the largest division, class 4A, across the state, even though Union Pines High School is classified as a 3A school.

Each year a new group of students eagerly await the opportunity to join the award winning Marching Vikings. It is a fact that the study of music is one of our greatest mind trainers and joining the band could be one the most important steps in your student's education. Some of the benefits your student receives from this experience are discipline, responsibility, self-esteem, teamwork, as well as an enjoyment and lifelong appreciation of music. Any student willing to put in a reasonable amount of effort and practice can succeed.

Research has shown that band students...

- Are more engaged in their school and community
- Think 'outside-the-box' much more than non-musical students
- Score higher in English and Mathematics
- Score higher on their SAT
- Have higher positive social interaction
- Have an extremely low rate of drop-out
- Have a stronger desire to achieve general success and greatness in all they do.

Band provides an opportunity for your student to explore the world through the instruction and performance of an instrument. Several events and performance opportunities will be presented throughout their high school years and beyond. These include concerts, trips to performance festivals and theme parks, parades, and numerous other opportunities!

Band meets during the school day as an elective just like any other class and at other times after school. **That means your student can join band and still play sports and join with other extracurricular activities!** Some parents/students feel that band interferes with other opportunities throughout school, but this is a complete myth!

We believe every student should have the chance to learn and participate in music and you can make this a reality by signing your student up for the UPHS Marching Band. Hope to see all of you at the February 7th meeting at 6PM in the band room at Union Pines to sign up! Also, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time. It's All Good.

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