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## MEIGS BAND

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**Expectations for  
students and parents...**

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The Marauder Band has a long and proud tradition, not only in our community but throughout the band community as well. Members of our band enjoy a great variety of performance opportunities: football games, competing with other bands, and parades are just a few examples. More important than performance, equally as important as our musical progress, are perhaps the incidental lessons we learn along the way. Members of the Marauder Band learn to function and thrive in a group situation where all efforts are focused toward a common goal. Unlike traditional classes where success is entirely the responsibility of the individual, the success of our band is the culmination of the efforts of many. Band is not about the individual. Band is about the group. Students in the Meigs Band have to deal in a positive manner with those around them, learning to deal with the inadequacies of others as well as their own inadequacies. One quickly discovers, that in addition to the obvious, band quickly becomes an extended family, a calm during the storm or simply a place to be. Sometimes that is all we need.

I am compelled to tell you that there are expectations, hence the reasoning behind this handbook. Read it, discuss it, and see me with any questions you may have. But do be aware that you will be held accountable to shoulder your share of the load and be productive. No one starts their day hoping to be a failure. Everyone wants to succeed. However I have learned that the difference between a winner and a loser is the desire to prepare to win.

I hope that your time as a Marauder Bandsman is enjoyable and that you create many fond memories.

Best of Luck,

Toney Dingess  
Director MHS Bands



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### TYPES OF FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

FAIR BOOTH	MEIGS COUNTY FAIR
CONCESSIONS	HOME GAMES (FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL)
CANDY MAKING	VALENTINE'S DAY/EASTER
TAG DAY	MAY
VARIOUS OTHER FUNDRAISERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	

### WHAT THE FUNDRAISERS PAY FOR

- MUSIC
- EQUIPMENT
- BUSES
- UNIFORM COAT AND HAT
- INSTRUMENT REPAIRS
- COMPETITION FEES
- MEALS AT COMPETITIONS
- SENIOR GIFTS
- BANQUETS
- BAND MEMBERS' TOUR SHIRTS
- BAND TRIPS

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ALL FUNDRAISERS IS VITAL TO THE BAND PROGRAM!!!**

### HOW YOU CAN BECOME A BOOSTER

ANY PARENT, GUARDIAN, GRANDPARENT, OR FRIEND MAY ATTEND OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. YOUR ASSISTANCE AND OPINION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WANTED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A MEETING PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR OFFICERS LISTED ON PAGE 14 AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ANY INFORMATION DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING.

### MEIGS BAND BOOSTERS BYLAWS

THE BYLAWS FOR THE BOOSTERS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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***Meigs Band Boosters***

OFFICERS

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	DAWNINE YEAUGER	
UNIFORM OFFICER		740-645-9253
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WHAT WE DO

OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE OUR KIDS THE BEST, MOST POSITIVE EXPERIENCE THEY CAN HAVE!! OUR MOTTO IS "LETS NOT SAY IT ISN'T AS GOOD AS IT ONCE WAS! LET US ALL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND MAKE IT BETTER THAN IT HAS EVER BEEN!" IT IS UP TO US TO MAKE SURE OUR BAND PROGRAM HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO DO THE THINGS THEY WANT TO DO AND TO BUY THE AWESOME MUSIC AND EQUIPMENT THEY NEED. WITHOUT EVERYONE'S HELP IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET THE JOB DONE! WE NEED YOU!!

WHEN WE MEET

THE MEIGS BAND BOOSTERS MEET THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE BANDROOM AT 6 PM.



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BAND IS A CHOICE AND A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE BAND PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL. MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR THEIR BAND, RESPECT THEIR FELLOW BANDSMEN, AND BE A POSITIVE FORCE IN THE PROGRAM. MEMBERS WHO CAUSE DISSENTION AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BAND, ABUSE THE REPUTATION OF THE BAND, OR SHOW CONTINUING DISRESPECT FOR OTHERS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. PLEASE, IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE A PART OF THE MARAUDER BAND, IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PRACTICE AND BE PRODUCTIVE, THEN DO EVERYONE A FAVOR AND QUIT. WE ARE TOO BUSY TO BE BOTHERED BY CRY BABIES AND NEGATIVE PEOPLE. AS WE SAY HERE IN THE MHS BAND.."THE DOOR SWINGS BOTH WAYS.'

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## *Academics*

### ACADEMICS ARE A PRIORITY

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR BAND STUDENTS.

WE HAVE HAD MORE VALEDICTORIANS FROM THE BAND PROGRAM THAN FROM ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION AT MHS. A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE HONOR SOCIETY IS FROM THE MUSIC PROGRAM AND THE HONOR ROLL IS CHOCK FULL OF BAND MEMBERS. WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN OUR REPUTATION, NOT ONLY MUSICALLY BUT ACADEMICALLY AS WELL.

### BAND IS A TIME CONSUMING ACTIVITY, AS ARE MANY OTHER WORTHWHILE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

STUDENTS IN BAND HAVE TO TAKE EXTRA CARE NOT TO FALL BEHIND IN THEIR CLASSWORK. A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF GRADE ISSUES COME FROM FAILURE TO TURN IN HOMEWORK. THIS IS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO BAND PARTICIPATION, BUT TO LAZINESS.

I DO EXCUSE STUDENTS FROM BAND CLASS TO MAKE UP WORK AND FOR TUTORING. THE PROPER PROCEDURE FOR MISSING CLASS TO MAKE UP WORK IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER REQUESTING THAT YOU BE ALLOWED TO COME TO THEIR CLASS.
2. STUDENT TUTORS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
3. STUDENTS MAY NOT MISS CLASS MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK.
4. THIS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABUSED.

IF I FEEL THAT SOMEONE IS USING THIS TO SIMPLY SKIP REHEARSAL THEN THAT STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED THIS PRIVILEGE.



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## *Meigs Marauder Guard*

### Practice/Performance

1. APPROPRIATE DRESS IS: NO JEANS, NO SANDALS.
2. NO JEWELRY DURING PERFORMANCE/PRACTICE: THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE. EARRINGS CAN GET CAUGHT IN YOUR EQUIPMENT AND RIP YOUR EAR, ETC.
3. HAIR UP AND OUT OF YOUR FACE.
4. NO GUM.
5. NO GOSSIP, SPREADING RUMORS, OR STIRRING UP TROUBLE. THE ONLY BUSINESS THAT YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IS YOUR OWN.
6. THE GUARD MAY BE ASKED TO PRACTICE EXTRA. I EXPECT ALL MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT.

### Equipment

1. TAKE CARE OF YOUR EQUIPMENT.
2. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR PRACTICE FLAGS HAVE CAPS (1 INCH RUBBER).
3. NEVER SIT ON A PERFORMANCE FLAG.
4. PERFORMANCE EQUIPMENT NEVER GOES HOME.
5. ALWAYS ROLL YOUR SILKS AFTER PERFORMANCE/PRACTICE AND RETURN TO ITS PROPER PLACE.
6. TAKE CARE OF YOUR UNIFORM BY CLEANING AND STORING PROPERLY.

THE GUARD IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE MARCHING BAND. THE GUARD IS NOT A SEPARATE ENTITY. THE DIRECTOR DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE GUARD SITTING AND TALKING WHEN THE REST OF THE BAND IS PRACTICING DRILL OR PLACING SETS.



### *The Winter Dress Uniform of the Marauder Band*

1. THE BAND WILL SUPPLY THE COAT, CUMMERBUND, HAT, AND RIBBON.
2. THE STUDENT NEEDS TO PURCHASE A PAIR OF BLACK TUXEDO PANTS AND SUSPENDERS (THESE CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE FABRIC SHOP IN POMEROY), BLACK GLOVES (PURCHASED FROM THE UNIFORM OFFICER OR DIRECTOR), A BLACK SHIRT (CAN BE PURCHASED AT LOCKER 219), AND BLACK SHOES (WHICH WILL BE ORDERED DURING CAMP).
3. THE UNIFORM IS DRY-CLEAN ONLY.
4. YOUR UNIFORM IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. KEEP IT CLEAN.
5. DO NOT STORE YOUR UNIFORM IN YOUR LOCKER, THE TRUNK OF YOUR CAR, OR ANYWHERE IN THE BAND ROOM.
6. THE UNIFORM WILL REMAIN ON DURING FOOTBALL GAMES. IF THE EVENING IS EXCEPTIONALLY HOT, THEN YOU WILL BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET.
7. ALL HATS WILL COME OFF TOGETHER WHEN YOU ARE GIVEN THE GO AHEAD BY ONE OF THE DIRECTORS.
8. THE GUARD WILL WEAR THE FULL UNIFORM, WHICH INCLUDES HEADGEAR, FOR ALL PERFORMANCES.
9. YOU NEED AN INEXPENSIVE GARMENT BAG TO KEEP YOUR GEAR IN. ALWAYS PACK YOUR UNIFORM CAREFULLY AFTER A PERFORMANCE. YOU ARE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR UNIFORM.

**TREAT YOUR UNIFORM WITH RESPECT. WEAR THE UNIFORM PROUDLY, IF WE DON'T RESPECT OUR COLORS WE CAN'T EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO RESPECT THEM.**

**UNIFORM REPLACEMENT  
TO REPLACE A BAND UNIFORM WILL COST  
APPROXIMATELY \$500.00.**



### *Music Lessons and Sectionals*

#### LESSONS

ALTHOUGH STUDENT MUSICIANS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO STUDY PRIVATELY, ALL OF YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO SO. THERE ARE SEVERAL AREA MUSICIANS THAT GIVE PRIVATE LESSONS AND THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AT OHIO UNIVERSITY CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH OUR MUSIC STUDENTS FOR PRIVATE STUDY. I AM ALSO AVAILABLE TO HELP AT ANYTIME. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ASK.

#### SECTIONALS

A SECTIONAL IS WHEN A SECTION OF THE BAND, SUCH AS FLUTES OR CLARINETS, GET TOGETHER SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE BAND TO PRACTICE MUSIC OR MARCHING. THESE SECTIONALS ARE HELD PERIODICALLY AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT LEAST A DAY IN ADVANCE. ATTENDANCE TO SECTIONALS IS REQUIRED.

A SECTIONAL MAY NOT BE SCHEDULED WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR.

SECTIONALS WILL NOT LAST LESS THAN AN HOUR NOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS ARE PERCUSSION SECTIONALS WHICH MAY LAST AS LONG AS 3 HOURS.

WHEN SECTIONALS ARE RUN BY THE SECTION LEADERS WITHOUT THE DIRECTORS BEING PRESENT, THEN A REPORT OF PROGRESS AND ATTENDANCE MUST BE TURNED INTO THE DIRECTOR ON THE NEXT WORK DAY AFTER THE SECTIONAL.

SECTIONALS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS BECAUSE THIS IS A TIME WHEN THEY CAN RECEIVE ADDITIONAL HELP AND WHEN PROBLEMS UNIQUE TO THEIR SECTION ARE ADDRESSED.

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### *After School Practices*

#### FOOTBALL SEASON/COMPETITION SEASON

THE MARCHING BAND PRACTICES AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS FROM 2:45 UNTIL 4:45. THESE REHEARSALS START AS SOON AS SCHOOL ENDS AND RUN UNTIL COMPETITION/FOOTBALL SEASON IS OVER IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

PRACTICES END PROMPTLY AT 4:45. IT IS NOT REALLY NECESSARY FOR STUDENTS TO CALL HOME. STUDENTS ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP BY 4:45.

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO NOT ONLY ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS, BUT TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PRACTICE. ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR STUDENTS TO LEAVE EARLY. HOWEVER, REMEMBER IF YOU ARE NOT IN YOUR SPOT IN THE DRILL THEN THOSE AROUND YOU SUFFER.

STUDENTS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE TWO OF THE THREE PRACTICES TO PERFORM ON FRIDAY NIGHT. STUDENTS THAT ARE BENCHED DUE TO ABSENCES STILL MUST ATTEND THE PERFORMANCE, IN UNIFORM, AND SIT WITH THE BAND.

DOCTOR/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED ON MONDAYS. THIS DAY WAS LEFT OPEN FOR THAT REASON. LIKEWISE, SHOPPING FOR HOMECOMING OUTFITS, HAIR APPOINTMENTS, AND SHOPPING TRIPS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED ON MONDAYS.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WHEN YOU ARE NOT AT PRACTICE, NOT ONLY DO YOU GET BEHIND BUT THE ENTIRE GROUP SUFFERS FROM YOUR ABSENCE. EVEN IF YOU KNOW YOUR SHOW AND YOUR MUSIC IS PERFECT (WHICH IS UNLIKELY) YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.

ALL PRACTICES ARE REQUIRED. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PRACTICES CAN RESULT IN DISMISSAL OR A LOWER LETTER GRADE IN BAND.



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REMEMBER IT IS A LONG DAY FOR ALL OF US AND THE DIRECTORS WANT TO GO HOME TOO.

10. PARENTS, IF YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S RIDE AND YOU WILL BE MAKING ADDITIONAL STOPS ON THE WAY HOME FROM AN EVENT THAT COULD DELAY YOU PICKING THEM UP, PLEASE TAKE THEM WITH YOU.
11. TO OUR COUPLES IN THE BAND...PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A BAND TRIP, NOT A DATE. PEOPLE AROUND YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO WATCH YOU SMOOCHING AND ACTING LIKE ANIMALS. I WOULD SUGGEST WAITING UNTIL YOUR PARENTS PICK YOU UP AND JUST CUT LOOSE ON THE RIDE HOME IN THEIR CAR. SHOULD WE HAVE ANY PROBLEMS RELATING TO LACK OF RESPECT...I WILL MAKE OUR BUSES BOY BUS AND GIRL BUS. I CAN AND I WILL.
12. PLEASE DON'T EVER WANDER OFF FROM AN EVENT. THE WORLD IS NOT AS WARM AND FUZZY AS WE WOULD HOPE. STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES THAT YOU ARE GIVEN, HANG TOGETHER, AND ALL WILL BE FINE.
13. YOUR SAFETY IS MY NUMBER ONE GOAL.
14. THE DIRECTOR IS THE FINAL WORD.

EVERYTHING LISTED ABOVE IS IMPORTANT. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK MR. DINGESS.



### Band Trips

1. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A WRITTEN ITINERARY EACH THURSDAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, ON THIS ITINERARY IS BOTH A DEPARTURE TIME AND A RETURN TIME. PLEASE READ THIS SHEET.
2. STUDENTS WILL RIDE THE BUS TO ALL AWAY BALL GAMES AND COMPETITIONS UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE DIRECTOR.
3. NO MEMBER OF THE MARAUDER BAND WILL BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO DRIVE THEMSELVES TO A PERFORMANCE FOR ANY REASON.
4. AFTER OUR ARRIVAL AT A BALL GAME OR A FESTIVAL, STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE STADIUM. IF YOU WISH TO EAT, YOU WILL EAT AT THE CONCESSION STAND.
5. IT IS JUST FINE IF A BAND MEMBER WANTS TO RIDE HOME FROM A PERFORMANCE WITH THEIR PARENTS. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO REMEMBER THAT BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOU MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT STATING THAT THEY ARE TAKING YOU WITH THEM FROM THE PERFORMANCE.
6. STUDENTS MAY LEAVE WITH ANOTHER STUDENT'S PARENTS IF THEY HAVE A NOTE FROM THEIR PARENT RELEASING THEM TO LEAVE THE BAND, AND A SECOND NOTE FROM THE PARENTS THAT ARE TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STUDENT.
7. YOU MAY NOT RIDE HOME WITH A BOYFRIEND, GIRLFRIEND, OR ANYONE THAT THE DIRECTOR DOES NOT CONSIDER AN ADULT, REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION.
8. BE ON TIME FOR THE BUS. WHEN YOU ARE LATE, YOU MAKE OTHER PEOPLE WAIT. THAT IS RUDE AND INCONSIDERATE.
9. PLEASE HAVE YOUR RIDE HERE OR AT LEAST ON THE WAY WHEN WE ARRIVE HOME. THE ETA ON YOUR ITINERARY IS ALWAYS CLOSE TO OUR ARRIVAL TIME.



### *Football Schedule 2013*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/30	7:30	@Dawson-Bryant High School
9/06	7:30	@Fairland High School
9/13	7:30	Home vs. River Valley
9/20	7:30	Home vs. Trimble
9/28	7:30	@Warren High School
10/04	7:30	Home vs. Nelsonville-York
10/11	7:30	**Home vs. Vinton County
10/18	7:30	@Wellston High School
10/25	7:30	@Athens High School
11/01	7:30	***Home vs. Alexander

\*\*Homecoming \*\*\*Senior Night

### *Parade Schedule*

Homecoming Parade—10/12  
Pomeroy Christmas Parade—TBA  
Middleport Christmas Parade—TBA

### *Competition Schedule*

THERE WILL BE AT LEAST 6 SATURDAY PERFORMANCES. PLEASE LEAVE OPEN SATURDAYS FOR THESE PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

### *Expectations*

1. All performances are required.
2. The director sees no distinction between football games, contests, and parades. When an event is on the schedule, you are expected to be there.
3. Excused absences include: illness (accompanied by a doctor's excuse), hospitalization, a death in the family, etc.
4. Unexcused absences include: activities unrelated to MHS, 4-H events, summer league sports, visiting out of town family, etc.

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### ***Band Camp***

PRE BAND CAMP IS JULY 15-19 AT MEIGS HIGH SCHOOL FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 PM. BAND CAMP IS JULY 22-26 AT MEIGS HIGH SCHOOL AND IS REQUIRED OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE MARAUDER BAND. THERE ARE A FEW GUIDELINES THAT WE ALL NEED TO FOLLOW TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE NOT ONLY HAVE A SUCCESSFUL CAMP EXPERIENCE BUT A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS WELL.

1. THERE WILL BE NO EXCUSED ABSENCES FOR JOBS, DRIVERS ED, VISITING FAMILY, OR DOCTOR/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS.
2. NO STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN ON LEAVING EARLY FROM PRACTICE FOR ANY REASON.
3. NON-BAND MEMBER FRIENDS ARE NOT WELCOME ON CAMPUS AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHEDULED HOURS OF CAMP (9:00 AM-8:00 PM).
4. PARENTS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM VISITING DURING THE SCHEDULED HOURS UNLESS THEY ARE HELPING WITH LUNCH/SUPPER , OR HELPING WITH WATER AND SNACKS.
5. MENUS FOR THE WEEK WILL BE RELEASED PRIOR TO CAMP. IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR MEAL THAT YOU JUST CAN NOT EAT THEN YOU SHOULD PLAN ON BRINGING YOUR FOOD THAT DAY. YOU MAY NOT HAVE YOUR FOOD DROPPED OFF BY YOUR PARENTS OR BOYFRIENDS/GIRLFRIENDS.
6. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE ON TIME EACH AND EVERY DAY.
7. THERE WILL BE NO INITIATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS. WE HAVE NEVER ALLOWED HAZING OF ANY TYPE AND WE DO NOT PLAN TO START NOW.
8. ABSOLUTELY NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS OF ANY KIND.
9. STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE CAMPUS AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON. THE CAMP DAY IS OVER AT 8:00 PM.
10. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE OFF CAMPUS BY 8:15 PM.



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### ***Band Camp Schedule***

JULY 22-26, 2013

9:00 AM	Warm-up (on the practice field)
9:15 AM	Field placement and drill (on the practice field)
12:00 PM	Lunch (Cafeteria)
1:00 PM	Full Band (Band Room)
2:00 PM	Sectionals (Location to be announced)
3:30 PM	Break
3:45 PM	Full Band (Band Room)
5:00 PM	Supper (Cafeteria)
6:00 PM	Evening Field Practice (on the practice field)
8:00 PM	End of Day—Announcements



### ***Traditions***

The funny thing about traditions is that anytime a group does an activity more than one time, someone calls it a tradition. The only tradition of any importance that exists in the Meigs band is the tradition of excellence.

**The director will decide what activities are considered traditions.**