Band Camp
During band camp, students should wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. Please bring a lunch every day! Snacks are also encouraged. Water will be provided, but it is always a good idea to bring your own. Sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen are strongly encouraged as we will spend a lot of time outside.

Brass and woodwind students are required to purchase a lyre, a flip folder and extra music sheets. Percussion students are required to purchase a 1” binder, drumsticks, and a practice pad.

The goal of the Marching Band is to focus on musicality, technique, sight-reading, as well as entertain the fans and support the football team. We will provide musical entertainment throughout the course of the game as well as a halftime show on the field.

Attendance
Since the Band functions as a single unit and not a group of individuals, performances are diminished by even a single absence. Hence, you are required to be at all band rehearsals and performances. Attendance at all performances is mandatory. It is the member's responsibility to notify Mr. Bolden at least 2 weeks in advance of any foreseen absence. Each request will be evaluated individually.

Code of Conduct
All members of the marching band are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth in the John Carroll School Music Handbook. In addition, all members of the marching band must adhere to the following conduct guidelines:

REHEARSAL CONDUCT
All members of the ensemble will be taught and given specific details as to proper etiquette during music rehearsal, basics block, sectionals and field rehearsals. There are 5 basic behaviors that are not tolerated in Marching Band that will always be in effect during all activities:
1. SWEARING
2. CHEWING GUM
3. SPITTING
4. OPEN DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION
5. DISRESPECT TOWARDS STAFF & FELLOW STUDENTS
6. CELL PHONES

UNIFORM CONDUCT
Please refer to the Uniform Procedures portion of this handbook for specific details on the care and maintenance of your uniform. The following is a list of behaviors that are NOT acceptable while you are in uniform. The reason for these strict guidelines is simply because when we are in
uniform we are representing not only ourselves, but also The John Carroll School. Our conduct in the uniform is crucial to developing a strong sense of pride and uniformity in what we do:
1. “Rehearsal Conduct” as listed above
2. RUNNING
4. SCREAMING

Rehearsals
All students are required to wear sneakers to each rehearsal and to dress appropriately for the weather. Students are encouraged bring sneakers to change into once school has started. We will experience a wide variety of weather conditions throughout the season, so it is your responsibility to be prepared for any possible weather. Marching Band is an outdoor activity and requires us to be outside during uncomfortable conditions at times (i.e. heat and humidity, cold weather, rain, etc.).

It is important to note that marching band, by its nature, is a physical activity. There is a great demand placed on a student to be able to march and play a complete show. There needs to be some proper conditioning on the part of the student, in order to facilitate a strong personal performance and to prevent injury. Calisthenics, stretching and running will be advocated and supported at rehearsals. Students are always encouraged to stretch and warm-up their instrument and their bodies before rehearsing or performing.

Protocol for Football Games
1. No one will play their instrument unless instructed to do so.
2. Everyone will have their own music and lyre with them.
3. Recently graduated Band members may not distract, but are permitted to socialize and or sit with the band or color guard. All others will be escorted from the section.
4. Even though it's "stand music," we will perform with the high musical standards in mind, but should have fun doing so.
5. No one may leave the stands without permission from Mr. Bolden. We must be capable of playing at any time. Too many students out of the stands will detract from the music.
6. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in denial of that privilege in the future. Adjustments can be made by Mr. Bolden due to special circumstances.

Travel
We travel to events together and we return together. If a parent wishes to make other arrangements, it must be done in writing, IN ADVANCE. The only exception is at the conclusion of an event the parent must make personal contact with Mr. Bolden to verify that they are in attendance and will take responsibility for their child. Otherwise, students will ride the bus.
1. Only band members, staff, parents, and appointed aids may sit in the band section, ride the bus or handle equipment unless approved by the director. No one may leave the stands alone or without permission.
2. Bus conduct will be exemplary at all times. The bus driver's instructions/restrictions must be followed.
3. Wear the correct designated clothing under your uniform (see uniform and uniform maintenance). Appropriate attire is needed for uniformity and for changing into the uniform on the bus. Black socks and marching t-shirts are required with official uniform.
4. There will be occasions where “travel uniform” will be used. This consists of your Gold Music polo, khakis, black socks, and marching band shoes (unless otherwise noted). Shirts should be tucked in and belts should be worn.
5. The buses shall be kept clean. All riders are responsible.
6. HELP TO LOAD/UNLOAD THE EQUIPMENT. It is your responsibility to make sure that your instrument/equipment returns to the proper place. It is also expected that students WILL help other sections of the band with larger instruments (i.e. pit percussion).

**Uniform and Uniform Maintenance**

All members will be given a uniform, which will consist of a jacket, pants, a shako, and a plume. In addition to the provided uniform, Marching Band members are required to purchase a pair of black Drillmasters Marching Band Shoes. They can be purchased at [The Crown Store](#). These shoes must be worn for every marching band performance. You must also wear long black socks, which you must provide. Socks should come at least halfway up the shin.

Any damage to the uniform beyond normal wear and tear will be the responsibility of the student. Any lost or damaged uniform or uniform parts will be replaced by the student at the current cost plus any necessary shipping.

While you are in uniform, you are constantly being observed. Your personal appearance and your actions represent not only you, but also your band, school, and community. The uniform assigned to you is a valuable asset to the band. You will be responsible for its care and maintenance. If something needs to be fixed or adjusted on your uniform, simply report it to Mr. Bolden. The manner in which the band presents itself can leave either a positive or negative impression on its audience. The care of the uniform and the band member’s behavior while wearing it, goes far toward creating pride and continuing tradition.

Only gym shorts, marching shirt, Thermal underwear, “Under Armour” or spandex will be worn under the uniform in cold weather. Jeans, sweatshirts and sweat pants are un-acceptable (too bulky and will ruin uniform). You are expected to return the uniform in the same condition it was issued.

**Uniform Jacket and Pants** - Pants will be folded along the crease. Jackets are to be draped over the hanger, zipped and buttoned.
Uniforms will be hung neatly in the garment bag (unless told otherwise) going to and from every away event. DO NOT leave any part of the uniform balled up on the floor or garment bag!

**Shako (hat)** - Shakos should always be worn squarely on your head, not tilted back or to one side. When you are not wearing your Shako, it should be carried the proper way. It should be held squarely in the left hand, with the index and middle fingers and thumb clasped gently on the brim. ALWAYS carry the Shako in this fashion when not wearing it and NEVER WEAR YOUR HAT BACKWARDS!! Do not place anything on top of the Shako because it will crush easily. Shakos are stored in the Hat box only ... not in garment bags.

**Shoes** - Black Drillmasters can be purchased at [The Crown Store](#). You are responsible for keeping them clean.

**Socks** - The Band wears black socks only. The socks must be shin high in length. Keep an extra pair in your garment bag.

**Hair** - Hair may not cover the collar. Women’s hair must be pulled into a bun to be able to fit under the shako. Bring extra hair bands and allow extra time before each performance.

Every part of the uniform must be neat and clean in appearance. Members should look as good from one foot away as from 100 feet away. How you look is the first indication of the commitment, pride, discipline, and talent that the audience will see and hear.

Following a rainy event, all uniforms/rain coats and guard equipment will be hung up as directed. Cases must be left open and instruments dried off. The following school day morning, you will put your instrument/equipment and uniforms away BEFORE the beginning of school. You will also help put other member’s equipment away and assist the Director.

**A Deposit of $20.00 is due to the band boosters once your uniform has been fitted and handed to you. When you return your uniform in good condition, you will receive your deposit back. Failure to return your uniform will result in loss of deposit as well as an additional cost for the uniform.**