

PENDLETON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Dear Parents and Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2008 edition of the Marching Arabians! There is excitement as we continue to build and grow in the Pendleton Bands. As we are able to fully plan in advance this year, all information should be contained in here for making a decision regarding marching band. We know it is always a decision, and we hope you will make the commitment to be a part of this group.

Included in this packet, you will find a schedule for the marching band and a commitment form for marching this season. As we continue to build this program, I encourage all students to try marching band. It will be an opportunity for students to grow musically and develop life skills such as leadership, self-discipline, creativity, critical thinking, and time management. We will work to develop the strongest program possible and make marching band, and the entire band program, a positive learning experience for students. We will always work hard, but will have a good time as well.

As was stated last year, the plan has been to participate in 2 to 3 years of track shows and the Indiana State Fair Band Day. We still believe this is the best course for the group at this time. I am confident from our growth in many areas that we will be ready to transition for next year. The current plans are for this to be the final season of track show and move into ISSMA field show next season.

I encourage parent involvement throughout the summer. Parents often have as much fun as the students. Most importantly, I ask all students and parents to strongly consider being a part of the marching band program. The skills learned and memories developed will last a lifetime. Students should try the program for this year so that everybody has a hand in building what should become a top notch program in this area and the state. Nobody can forget the success we had last year- not from placement- but from growth as a group. We should be able to continue this for years to come.

I look forward to meeting and working with the new and returning students and parents. Please feel free to contact me with questions.

We'll see you this summer!

Sincerely,

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