

*Reasons to join the Paulding  
County High School Band*

You will be a part of one of the most successful organizations at PCHS.

You'll already have a group of friends made when classes start.

You'll be around some of the best and brightest students at PCHS.

You will learn to work and play hard.

You will learn how to be organized, responsible, and dedicated.

You will get to perform over 30 times a year in front of thousands of people!

You will get to go on some really fun trips every other year.

Research indicates that students who are involved in Fine Arts perform better academically than those who aren't.

Band prepares you to be successful in college...regardless of your major!

You can develop yourself fully as a musician and performer on your instrument.

There are a lot of social activities to have fun with all of your new friends!

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### ***How much time does band take?***

Band meets one period per day during school each semester. After school in the fall, marching band practices between 6-9 hours a week. In the spring, concert bands have occasional after school practices as needed.

#### ***Will I be able to participate in other activities?***

Absolutely! Band students are active in a variety of activities including spring sports, spring musical, academic clubs, and student government.

#### ***Will band interfere with the Magnet Program, AP, and Honors classes that I want to take?***

Definitely not! Band students are highly involved in the Magnet Program at PCHS and are some of the best and brightest students on campus.

#### ***What will I get out of being in band?***

A great set of friends! Lots of positive self-esteem in knowing you can be an important part of a successful organization. Also, an appreciation of music and development of important life skills that will serve you well after high school.

#### ***Do I play well enough to be in high school band?***

Yes, there is a place in band for you!



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***Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students:***

This brochure is designed to give you information on membership in the Paulding County High School Band program. We are extremely excited to have you join us in one of the most successful organizations at PCHS. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions.

Your membership in the band program at PCHS can be one of the most rewarding and memorable experiences of your high school years.

Musically, the PCHS Band offers you numerous opportunities for musical growth through performances with award-winning ensembles. Performances are scheduled at various times throughout the school year and are consistently recognized for their musical excellence

Academically, you will be associated with the best and brightest students at PCHS. Many of the PCHS Band students are in Magnet Program, Advanced Placement (AP), and Honors level classes. In addition, each year the Pride of Paulding boasts of having several of the top students in every class.

Socially, membership in the PCHS Band offers students a chance to make lifetime friends and memories from a host of activities. In band, students are associated with an outstanding group of young men and women who are among the best, brightest, and highly motivated at PCHS.

## **Ensembles in the PCHS Band Program**

### **Pride of Paulding Marching Band**

The Pride of Paulding consists of musicians who are enrolled in band classes and color guard members who complete a successful audition.

Summer rehearsals begin prior to the fall semester. The Pride of Paulding Marching Band is the most visible part of the PCHS Band Program and is one of the most successful organizations on the PCHS campus. The marching band performs at all Patriot football games, local parades and competes in several area band competitions each year.

### **Concert Ensembles**

All wind and percussion members of the PCHS Band Program are placed into one of three concert ensembles: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band or Concert Band. Auditions occur each spring and are required for participation in the band program. All groups are recognized for their superior performances at the GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluations. All ensembles perform a Fall Concert, a Winter

Concert, a Pre-LGPE Concert, and a Spring Concert in addition to their festival participation in early spring.

### **Individual Opportunities**

Members of the band program have the opportunity to develop their skills and excel in a variety of ways. In the fall, students may audition for the District Honor Band and All-State Band. Many of our students are selected to participate each year in these ensembles. Students may also elect to participate in a variety of other activities including, but not limited to: Percussion Ensemble, Solo and Ensemble, Chamber Groups, and Honor Bands that are hosted at regional colleges and universities. Many members of the Pride of Paulding receive scholarships to continue their music study in college regardless of their major.