

## Hello Future and Current Marching Rams!

My name is Mr. Tony Mayato, and I am the band director at Lake Mary High School: Your home for the next four years!

I am so excited that you are going to be a part of our RAMily!

This is just a letter to let everyone know that we are MOVING FORWARD with regular plans for Band Camp this summer! There may still be some regulations in effect during that time, but we will be having a band camp and working on our show for the 2021 Marching Season! This year's show will feature the exciting music of Motown and will be called "Motown Magic"!

There is NO audition for the Marching Band, and participation is HIGHLY encouraged for all students! It is a great place to have fun, grow, and create a group of people you know and get along with before school even starts!

### **What it looks like to be a Marching Ram:**

- Tuesdays we Rehearse 6 - 8:30 pm!
- Fridays are GAME DAAAAAYYY! We come dressed in our swag and get pumped all day for a great game! We have a short rehearsal after school to review the work we did on Tuesday.
- We will take a short dinner break, then we meet back at the band room to get our uniforms and get excited for the GAME!
- We attend the game, play the halftime show, support the football team, then come home, usually have a dance party in the band room, then go home!

### **Why become a Marching Ram?**

- Friends
  - Instantly have a group of very high quality dependable people that you can call friends! High school can be an intimidating experience, marching band helps remove some of the intimidation and replaces it with fun!
- Play AWESOME music!
  - The show music is always SO Fun! And not only is that music fun, but we play a lot of exciting music in the stands, different than anything we play all year!
- Learn Life Skills
  - Marching band teaches you skills that you will take with you for the rest of your life! You will learn about discipline, hard work, how to be successful, how to deal with failure, how to work with others, among countless other skills. These are the skills that employers are always looking for. Marching band also helps provide the well roundedness that helps separate you from other people on your college applications!
- Fun
  - Its just straight up fun to be a Marching Ram. There is nothing like screaming at the top of your lungs for the football game on a friday night with all of your closest friends!

The summer dates are as follows:

**Rookie Camp (Required for all first year marchers so we can learn those FUNdamentals!)**

- 7/21 - 7/23
  - Lake Mary High School Band Room
  - 6 to 8pm!
- 7/23
  - After the camp we will have a short have fun, be together, game night!

**Band Camp**

- 7/26 - 7/29
  - Lake Mary High School
  - 1pm - 8pm
  
- 7/30
  - Lake Mary High School
  - 1pm - 6:30pm
  
- 7/30
  - The Barbecue Showcase!
  - Football Stadium
  - At 6:00pm we will have food together and we will perform what we learned at camp that day!

Please feel free to email me with any questions!!

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