

The Springboro High School Percussion Ensemble

What Is It?

This year we will be fielding a competitive marching ensemble.

The percussion ensemble is comprised of primarily percussion instruments. Basically, if you take the winds and guard away from Marching Band, what is left would be a typical marching percussion ensemble. The ensemble also includes many other “non-wind” instruments. Pianos, synthesizers, guitars, electric bass and other string instruments may be used.

This ensemble begins shortly after the Marching Band season has ended.

We will also prepare various concert works for our annual Memorial Day Concert at North Park and The 2nd Annual Springboro Percussion Ensemble Evening of Percussion, on May 10.

Who Can Do It?

While the core of the ensemble is comprised of High School percussionists, the ensemble is open to all members of Springboro High School. If a student has the desire to work hard, develop new skills, and grow as a musician, then they are more than welcome to join. They need not be percussionists....yet!

How Long Is The Ensemble “In Season”?

Since the group is essentially two ensemble opportunities, we run throughout the rest of the school year. This is a breakdown of the year:

I. The Competitive Season

A. **November - December:** Clinics & Auditions and begin

B. Rehearsal Schedule:

1. Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 - 9:00, Saturday 9:00 - Noon

C. “The Friday Rule”

1. If we perform Saturday morning, there will be a Friday rehearsal.
2. If we perform Friday afternoon or evening, rehearsal will be Saturday morning

D. Sunday performances

1. While we try to avoid Sunday activity, the circuits we compete in have events scheduled. **It will be necessary to attend some Sunday events during the competitive season.**

II. Percussion “Mini Camp”

Because we prepare during the school year, we do not have the benefit of a “Band Camp”. In order to ensure we are ready for the competitions, we will have one or two “Mini-Camps”. These camps will start on a Friday after school and resume on the following day. The exact dates will be announced as soon as possible.

Attendance is mandatory!

III. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Because everyone is vital to the success of the group, **all rehearsals are required**. The only excused absences will be:

Personal Illness

Death in the family

Other issues will be handled on a case to case basis and may affect your participation in the ensemble.

All attendance notifications need to be directed to Mr. Runge. Simply telling another student is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. In the event a rehearsal is missed, parent contact is required.

Tentative Competition Schedule

This will be finalized and posted at www.springboropercussion.org soon.

February 2 - Central Crossing HS

February 3 - Miamisburg HS

February 9 - Bellbrook HS

February 23 - Centerville HS

March 2 - WGI Dayton Regional - Kettering HS

March 3 - Nutter Center (Springboro Hosts)

March 9 - Hometown Business Expo - SHS

March 23 - Westerville HS **

** March 23 is the first Saturday of our Spring Break. Please continue to register, but indicate if this may be a problem for your vacation plans on the registration form.

April 6 - 7 **MEPA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

April 18 - 20 **WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Non Competitive Shows

March 9 - Hometown Business Expo

May 8 - 10 Percussion Concert

May 27 - North Park Show

How Much Does This Cost?

Ensemble Fees (Includes Year End Concerts)

Booster Fee:	\$275***
Pay To Participate Fee:	\$225
Uniform Fee:	\$100 - \$125

*** The fee of \$275 is based on 25 members. This will vary some depending on the exact number of participants. The final figure will be determined as soon as registration for the ensemble is finished.

Fees cover the following:

Music Arranging
Drill Design
Instructors
Contest Fees
Truck Rental
Other expenses (Much like marching band)

Payment Options

Option 1: One payment of \$500 due November 12, 2012. (Two checks made out to the parties listed above)

Option 2: Two payments. \$275 due November 12, 2012 (Booster Fee)
 \$225 due January 21, 2013 (Pay to Participate Fee)

Option 3: Three Payments. \$100 due November 12, 2012 (Booster Fee)
 \$175 due December 17, 2012 (Booster Fee)
 \$225 due January 21, 2013 (Pay to Participate Fee)

FUNDRAISE AND VOUCHERS!!!

Please participate in all fundraisers! Not only can you earn individual voucher credit, but the balance of the funds you raise helps the boosters help us!

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