

2023 Irondale Marching Knights: Kick-Off Day

Hello Parents & Students,

The Marching Band season is about to begin! **We have our first event of the season – Marching Band Kick-Off Weekend & Parent Forms Fest – which will take place on Saturday May 20, 2023 from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm at Irondale High School.** This event is for both students and parents. Please review the itinerary for students and parents. Any changes will be communicated to you. There is also some important general information in this document. Please take a moment to read through those carefully.

Before Kick-Off Weekend & Forms Fest: Register your student for Marching Band through SmartSchoolK12. If your student is currently in 7th Grade or your student attends St. Anthony, please register using the paper forms. Have questions about getting registered? Email me and I would be more than happy to help. Don't forget to complete the Health Form and bring it with you to Kick-Off Day.

Conflicts: If you will miss part or all of Kick-Off Day, please send me an email and let me know the nature of your absence and what time you will miss. We will make a plan to get you all caught up!

Mandatory Drug Awareness Meeting: The Mounds View School Districts require that all activities and sports have a Drug Awareness Meeting at the start of their season. This mandatory event requires the student and at least one parent in attendance. Our Drug Awareness Meeting is at 12:00 pm in the Irondale Auditorium on Kick-Off Day.

STUDENT KICK-OFF DAY (REHEARSAL)

We accomplish things on this first day! Kick-Off Day primarily serves as a way for students to get to know one another and the staff. In addition to bonding, we will measure students for their competition uniforms, checkout marching band instruments (mellophone, baritone, tuba, percussion, and other select instruments). Below is our tentative itinerary for the Kick-Off Day.

Saturday May 20th

9:00 am	Check-In at Irondale High School (enter through the main entrance)
9:30 am	Start Activities / Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Mandatory Drug Awareness Meeting Fundraising Overview
12:30 pm	Lunch for Students & Parents
2:00 pm	Leadership Workshop with Fran Kick (all students -- Auditorium)
4:30 pm	Announcements & Dismissal

What Students Should Wear & Bring:

1. Wear Athletic Clothes (school appropriate) – t-shirt and shorts are recommended
2. Wear Athletic Shoes (with socks!!!)
3. Bring a Sweatshirt (in case the A/C in the building is on high that day!)
4. Bring your Instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone, and trumpets only)
5. Bring a Water Jug (1/2 gallon size or larger) filled with ice and water

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PARENT KICK-OFF DAY (FORMS FEST)

Forms Fest is a chance for parents to ensure that they have successfully completed registration, confirm their contact information, sign up for volunteer interests they might have, and more. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents!

Saturday May 20th

- 9:00 am Check-In at Irondale High School (enter through the main entrance)
 Light Breakfast / Mingling
- 9:30 am Parent Orientation & Slack Demonstration
- 10:15 am Forms Fest!
 Registration, Health Forms, Overview of Slack, Volunteering Opportunities, Q&A
- 12:00 pm Mandatory Drug Awareness Meeting
 Fundraising Overview
- 12:30 pm Lunch for Students & Parents
- 1:30 pm You're FREE! Parents are welcome to stay and watch the leadership workshop.
- 4:30 pm Student Pick-Up

FAQ's

What instruments are provided? Students who own/rent their own flute, clarinet, saxophone, and trumpet should bring it with them to Kick-Off Day. If you play flute, clarinet, saxophone, and trumpet and you rent that instrument through your current school, bring that instrument as well. All other instruments will be provided.

Is lunch provided for both students and parents? Yes!

I have a conflict with Kick-Off Day. What should I do? Email Dr. Longabaugh ASAP to let him know your conflict. He will work with you on getting all the information you need and your student all caught up at the next practice.

My student is still on the fence. Should they come to Kick-Off Day? Yes! Let your student try it out and see if they like it during the first few practices. All families are asked to make a final decision by June 6th.