

Egg Harbor Township High School

# SILVER EAGLE MARCHING BAND Member Handbook



Egg Harbor Township High School  
24 High School Drive, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey 08234

## A Guide for Students and Parents

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Mission Statement

The Silver Eagle Marching Band Strives through its members and its performances to always be musical, and promote healthy organizational and personal skills. In addition, the Silver Eagle Band exists to serve its members, school and community at large.

### EHTHS Silver Eagle Marching Band Philosophy

The Marching Band provides the opportunity for all members to enjoy themselves while developing their musical and physical skills, self-discipline, self-confidence, interpersonal skills and leadership. The students and staff work together in a positive nurturing way to achieve their best as a team and perform at the highest level possible. Band parents, or “Boosters”, make the difference for staff and students alike with outstanding support and encouragement.

### Silver Eagle Marching Band Staff

Director: Jenna Makos

Assistant Directors: Jason Kristeller, Charlie Dreher, Frank Pupa

Field Assistants: Chris Evans, Jon Ratcliffe, Caitlin Hoesly, Jon Ferrara, Alan Kinsey

## Silver Eagle Marching Band Link

EHTHS School website: [www.eht.k12.nj.us](http://www.eht.k12.nj.us)

Mrs. Makos's website: <http://ehthsinstrumentalmusic.weebly.com/>

## Silver Eagle Marching Band Attendance Policy

A summer and fall schedule will be issued to each member of the marching band as well as available on the website at all times. While dates and times are subject to change, we will follow the schedule given before the season begins whenever possible. Parents should schedule routine appointments with this schedule in mind and students are responsible for communicating the marching band schedule to their parent/guardian. Please see below for more details regarding attendance and tardiness.

### Rehearsal

Rehearsals begin promptly at the assigned time. All members are expected to be present for attendance no later than the assigned time. All Marching Band Leadership Members are expected to report early to prepare for rehearsals.

Attendance will be taken promptly at the start of each rehearsal. The drum major is in charge of being sure accurate attendance is taken at every scheduled event. Absences and tardies should be notated and reported to one of the directors. A member who arrives after the band has begun an activity is deemed Late.

### Tardiness

Being late to rehearsals is not acceptable. If a member develops a pattern of being late, the Director will address these concerns with the student and parents/guardian in a scheduled meeting to discuss future participation.

**All students are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to rehearsal start time.**

“To be early is to be on time...To be on time is to be late...To be late is unacceptable...”

## Rehearsals and Absences

### Allowable absences when notice is given at the director's discretion:

- Medical emergency (note: **Routine doctors' appointments** are **not** excused absences.)
- Wedding, (Family members).
- Significant religious obligation
- Death in the family/funeral
- All South Jersey/All State Band/Orchestra/Choir

### **NOT excused absences:**

- ANYTHING OUTSIDE THE ALLOWABLE ABSENCES LISTED ABOVE

**\*Band Camp is Mandatory in order to participate in the fall.**

Excessive, consecutive and/or ill-timed absences whether excused or unexcused may result in losing your position if the director deems that said absences affect the overall performance of the group. Tardiness will be dealt with at the discretion of the director, but could result in being sidelined for future performances. In the event of excessive tardiness, a student may be suspended indefinitely.

- Missing rehearsal on the day of a competition-suspension from that competition and participation after will be at the discretion of the marching band staff.
- Tardy on a competition day-suspension from the competition performance that evening.

**YOU MUST E-MAIL [makosj@eht.k12.nj.us](mailto:makosj@eht.k12.nj.us) WITH 24 HR. NOTICE PRIOR TO REHEARSAL OR PHONE 653-0100 EXT. 1688 TO REPORT AN ABSENCE. A NO CALL NO SHOW IS UNACCEPTABLE**

- Members may not leave the EHTHS Campus or any rehearsal site for any reason

**No absences are permitted for performances or parades. This encompasses ALL football games, (including Thanksgiving game), competitions, Fall, Winter, Memorial Day Parade.**

### **Good Standing**

Examples of excellent conduct / leadership include and are not limited to:

- Being early and prepared for rehearsal
- Being polite, helpful and considerate
- Displaying a positive attitude
- Motivating others around you to do well
- Being musically prepared
- Making the band success your top priority
- Adhering to school handbook rules
- Showing proactive behavior when setting up and cleaning up rehearsal sites

### **Examples of unacceptable conduct include and are not limited to:**

- Disrespect/Defiance/unsafe behavior
- Insubordination towards Staff
- Potentially or actually causing harm or injury to another member including bullying, taunting, or teasing.
- Violation of bed-check on overnight trips
- Being in a room reserved for the opposite sex
- Use/abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products
- Excessive use of Profanity
- Poor effort resulting in poor performance
- Repeated disregard for uniform protocol
- Public displays of affection (PDA) as noted in student handbook
- Being in an unsupervised area
- Multiple absences/poor attendance Suspension

**Bus Behavior/Etiquette** The bus policy for this ensemble is as follows:

**\*No Co-Ed seating;** you are representing yourselves as young adult individuals, the ensemble, and finally the school. Behavior on the bus and at competitions and trips will reflect those rules and regulations. Any violation of these policies will be considered a serious disciplinary infraction and dealt with accordingly.

### **The bus will be kept clean at all times!!!!**

➤Leadership class will be divided amongst buses and upon return from trips will be the last off the bus to be sure all aisles and seats are clean and clear and all windows shall be shut completely.

**The policy for those of you that need rides when we return to school will be;**

•You will be responsible for communicating with your parent/guardian of all return times when we are traveling. Parents/guardians are expected to be at the school at the designated time of the band's return. Excessive late pick-ups will result in the marching band member to be suspended from participating in trips. **The director utilizes facebook and the remind 101 app to best communicate pick up times to parents. Parents are expected to be enrolled in one or both forms of these communications for effective communication! Parents are NOT to leave their homes when they receive word that we have already arrived!**

## **SEMB Dismissal**

Dismissal is the most serious disciplinary consequence of the SEMB. It occurs when a student has demonstrated that he/she is unfit to participate in SEMB activities. A SEMB member who has been dismissed will be notified of the dismissal by the Director, who will contact the member's parents/guardians immediately, and will also inform the Arts supervisor and HS Principal. A student who is dismissed may not participate in ANY SEMB activities for the remainder of the academic year, including spring parades, community events, and touring. A member of the SEMB who has been dismissed may apply to the Director for Reinstatement for the next academic year.

To ensure and promote year round musicianship, Musicians in the EHTHS Marching Band are highly recommended to be enrolled in a curricular band class as well.

## **Student Leadership Class**

Philosophy of the Leadership Class: Your mission as a leader is to bring the band and its members where they ought to be based upon their potential. Leaders do not always have titles and members with titles don't always end up being leaders.

### **Leaders strive to. . .MODEL**

- M-Motivate: You are your peer's biggest cheerleaders
- O-Observe: You work to understand better the needs of your peers and their program
- D-Demonstrate: Through your actions and words, you demonstrate what your peers should strive to become. You demonstrate how to play, march, behave, respect, and ultimately how to be the best possible member of the program
- E-Evaluate/Educate: You evaluate your peers' strengths and weaknesses and help instruct/educate them to achieve excellence
- L-Lead: In difficult times and in times of celebration, you are consistent leaders, day in and day out! YOU WALK THE TALK

## **Silver Eagle Marching Band Leadership Class**

**“Leadership is not something you do, Leadership is something you are.”**

**Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser**

In order to become a member of the leadership class, students must attend scheduled workshops and go through an interview process with marching band staff members. The Leadership Class consists of the Drum majors, designated leadership within sections, and Color Guard and Percussion Captain. Auditions are held in May for Drum Majors, and color guard and drumline captain will be chosen by their respective instructors. Results are determined by the Staff and announced before the end of the school year. Candidates are required to:

- Have one or more years in the marching band or Color Guard/Indoor Guard or Indoor drumline.
- Possess excellent leadership potential with strong communication skills and a desire to serve SEMB
- Have demonstrated a committed attitude to attend ALL SEMB functions
- Possess knowledge of the instruments/equipment in your section and the ability to use this knowledge in sectional rehearsals and on the field.
- For Drum Major: possess knowledge of all aspects of band including winds, brass, percussion and color guard.
- The function of the Leadership Class is to model positive behavior, motivate the band, hold any necessary sectional rehearsals, be sure to keep rehearsals moving forward, and to act as an ambassador to any visiting bands whether for competitions or football games.

### **Drum Major (s)**

- He or She is the student conductor(s) of the band, on the band field and in the classroom.

- Conduct the SEMB in rehearsals and competitions
- Motivate the SEMB through positive, inspirational, personal example
- Maintain order during rehearsals.
- Be able to read drill and assist with movement and corrections on the field
- Have strong musicianship skills and communication skills.
- Memorize all parts of the score including notes, rhythms, and musicianship
- Maintain overall responsibility of the cleanliness and organization of the band room
- Supervise and assist the Leadership Class during rehearsals
- Represents the band at ceremonies and other events

### **Leadership Class/Section Leaders**

- Conduct sectionals, tune sections.
- Ensure that all members of their section have the required music, drill sheets, chips, dot books, supplies.
- Maintain discipline in their section during rehearsals and performances.
- Be able to read drill and assist with corrections on the field.
- Ensure that the sections area in the band room /percussion closet is cleaned and organized after every session.

### **Equipment Manager**

- keep inventory of all equipment that travels on SEMB or indoor activities
- Is in charge of managing all equipment.
- Responsible for moving all equipment to and from rehearsal areas.
- overseeing all movement of equipment on trips & assuring it is being done timely and safely
- Work with parent volunteers in charge of truck.
- Report broken, damaged equipment to the director

### **Financial Obligations**

Students are expected to participate in fund raising events to the best of their personal and financial ability. Payment plans for mandatory functions such as band camp and championships can be made and tailored to best suit a family's needs.

### **Physicals**

All students must hand in physical forms as per school policy notification. Forms are available at the High School, or on the High School WEB SITE [WWW.EHT.K12.NJ.US](http://WWW.EHT.K12.NJ.US) , click on high school, click on "EHTHS combined athletic form". Print out pages 1 through 15 for new seasons and pages 1-8 for added seasons. Doctors evaluations & signatures are good for one calendar year. Pages 2-8 must be re-filled out every season.

Please review the EHTHS Eligibility Policy in order to participate in activities from the EHTHS student handbook. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. The New Jersey State Board of Education adopted revised regulations addressing high school graduation. Students will be required to have 120 credits for graduation.
2. In order to be eligible for fall sports and activities, the sophomore, junior, and senior class students (classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018) must have passed 30 credits on his/her final report card (June), or through summer school. Freshmen (class of 2019) are automatically eligible through promotion for the fall season.
3. If students are ineligible as of September 1, students cannot regain eligibility until the end of the first semester.
4. Students must pass 6 classes (30 credits) in the first marking period to maintain eligibility for the remainder of the fall season.

5. In order to participate in winter sports and activities, sophomore, junior and senior class students (classes of 2016, 2017, and 2018) must be eligible as of September 1 and must have passed six (6) classes (30 credits) at the end of the 1st marking period. In order to participate in winter sports and activities, freshman students (class of 2019) must have passed six (6) classes (30 credits) at the end of the 1st marking period.

6. In order to maintain eligibility for the winter season, students must pass 6 classes (30 credits) in the second marking period.

7. In order to participate in spring sports and activities, students must pass 6 classes in the second marking period as well as pass 6 classes in the first semester (average of first and second marking period). In order to maintain eligibility for the spring season, students must pass 6 classes (30 credits) in the third marking period.

## UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be issued during the summer. Records are kept from previous years, making it possible for the student to get the same uniform that he/she had the year before, Each student will sign for his/her uniform when it is issued, acknowledging that all the checked items were issued and that the student understands he/she is responsible for all the parts.

The following replacement fees apply to any lost or destroyed uniforms

### ***Band Proper***

#### ITEM PRICE ITEM PRICE

Shako 40.00	Shako box 12.00	Black Trousers 80.00	Black uniform t-shirt 5.00
Guard Uniform 150.00	Jacket 90.00	Plume 12.00	Gloves 3.00
Shoes 26.00 (must purchase on your own-guard and band proper)			Uniform Bag 13.00

#### **Uniform Protocol/Dress Code**

- No Running in uniform
- Uniform must be properly hung up when not being worn – Never Thrown on the Floor
- Black socks and Black T-shirt/under garment (e.g underarmor) must be worn with your uniform
- Guard must have proper undergarments
- Horseplay of any kind is prohibited in uniform
- Shakos are not to be carried by the chin strap, they are to be carried in the left hand in a flat surface on your forearm. When not in use, shakos are to be kept in shako box for safe storage in assigned garment bag
- Inappropriate PDA while in uniform per student handbook.
- Shirts and supportive sneakers are required at practices
- No: Tight jeans, “short” shorts, flip flops or other clothing prohibited by the EHTHS handbook

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#### **Recommendations/Considerations**

- If you do not have health insurance that will cover the cost of a physical, let Mrs. Makos know in writing via e-mail or signed note from you and/or your guardian.
- Physicals can be obtained by CVS Pharmacy on West Jersey & English Creek Avenues for 30.00 with no appointment.

#### Contact Information

Please direct all and any comments, questions or concerns to:

Mrs. Jenna Makos, Band Director

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24 High School Drive, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

My parent and I have read this handbook fully and I understand all rules, attendance policies and expectations, and all descriptions set forth in this handbook. I will also abide by the rules and accept the consequences for infracting them.

STUDENT NAME PRINTED: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PRINTED \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you all. With the help and cooperation of all I look forward to a very exciting and successful season and one that I can call a team effort.**

*Mrs. Makes*