OUR MISSION: The Antioch Community High School Fine Arts Department is dedicated to providing outstanding musical experiences and opportunities to its students while helping them grow into responsible, mature adults. To make these experiences successful, we require discipline, organization and commitment to the program. Being a part of the band is to be seen as an honor and students will be expected to help serve as role models for the school and other organizations within it. As a result of our high expectations, discipline, leadership and social opportunities, the students have the opportunity to develop valuable life skills such as a positive self-image, time management skills, confidence, poise, responsibility, and loyalty as well as the musical abilities needed to be a successful musician.

End of April through May (Dates TBD - look for information from Coach B)
Color Guard only will meet once per week in the evening. During this time, color guard members will learn basics, the school song, and testing choreography.

May 13th, May 15th, and the last day of Final Exams: Full Band Rehearsal
The full band will rehearse from 6:30-8:30 on May 13th and 15th. Students will work on music and choreography. In addition, the color guard will test for their spots in the show. On the last day of final exams, all current ACHS band/color guard students will rehearse from 1-3pm. These rehearsals are required for all Color Guard members.

Early Summer Music Camp: July 1-4
During this camp, students will learn the music of the competition show for the year. The music will need to be memorized by August, so these rehearsals are very important in helping students get ready for Band Camp. We will teach songs that we will play in the stands at football games, basketball games, assemblies, and other events. This camp will also cover the basic marching skills needed for our show. Color Guard will learn choreography for the show. This camp is required for all Color Guard members.

Other important info for camp:
- All NEW members and section leaders will report on the first day at 8:00am. Returning members will need to arrive by 1:00pm. Everyone will need to arrive by 8:00am on the following days.
- Early Summer Music Camp will go until 4:00pm (except for the last day, which will end approx. at noon)
- Bring a sack lunch, or money for one of the fast food establishments across the street
- Students will have 30-40 minutes of release time for lunch
- Wear clothes that you can comfortably move around in
- Bring sunscreen/hat/sunglasses in case we practice outside
- Meet in the ACHS Instrumental Room 143 in the morning
**Color Guard Evening Camp: July 22-24**
The Color Guard will meet in the middle of July to learn as much choreography for the show as possible. We will meet in the band room promptly at 5:00pm and will end at 9:00pm. This camp is required for all Color Guard members.

**Band Camp: August 5-9, 12-14**
Band Camp is the week where the band learns their competition halftime show. The students are expected to know their music and choreography that was taught before they come to this camp, so that the majority of the week can be used to learn all of the drill positions on the field. This week is extremely important to the success of our season because of the vast amount of material that is taught. If a student misses any day of this camp they will fall behind very quickly. Therefore, we will not accept absences for Band Camp week unless a student is ill. If a student can not participate in band camp week, they are more than welcome to still be a part of the band, but they will be made an alternate for the show. The only permissible reason for missing camp and still earning a starting spot on the field is participation in DCI or other marching band related camps. Vacations, work, etc. are not valid reasons.

Below is a sample schedule of what a typical day of band camp will look like. Times within the day may change depending on what the band is working on, but we will never let your students out late!

**Sample Schedule - Subject to change depending on the weather**
11:30 Band Room Doors Open, Check-In (Eat lunch prior to noon start time)
12:00 Group Meeting in Auditorium
12:15-3:00 Music/Choreo Rehearsal
3:00-5:00 Marching Rehearsal
5:00-6:00 Dinner
6:00-9:00 Rehearsal in the stadium

Other important info for camp:
- Bring a sack lunch/dinner, or money for one of the fast food establishments across the street for lunch and dinner
- Wear clothes that you can comfortably move around in
- Bring sunscreen/hat/sunglasses in case we practice outside
- Bring a water bottle. Athletic hoses will be set up for kids to be able to refill
- Meet in the ACHS Instrumental Room 143 in the morning
- On the last day of camp, we will be giving a mini-performance in the stadium at 8:00 PM.

**Rehearsals**
School year full band rehearsals are Monday and Wednesday night 6:30-8:30. Unless the students are directed otherwise, the group should meet in the stadium at 6:30. We recommend students arrive between 6:00-6:15 to give themselves enough time to make it to the stadium. Students should wear comfortable/athletic clothes to be able to move around freely in, and Drillmaster marching shoes. Every student must be wearing these shoes at rehearsal to effectively work on the proper “roll-step.” Please appropriately for the weather. Rehearsal over the summer can be hot, and rehearsals in October can be cold.

Color Guard has sectionals on Fridays from 3:00-5:00. Unless otherwise instructed, meet in the East Deck promptly at 3:00. The Captains will begin warm ups and stretching.
Monday/Wednesday Rehearsals during the school year that contain mass school conflict (Labor Day, Columbus Day, College Planning Night) rehearsals will get moved to the Tuesday night of that week. Please look ahead to those dates and be flexible if we need to change rehearsal time. We will give the students plenty of notice when this happens.

At every rehearsal you must have the following:
- Dot Book
- Drillmaster Marching Shoes/Color Guard Shoes
- Instrument/Flags/Weapons/other props
- Drill Chart Binder
- Tape bag (for Color Guard)

**Extra Rehearsals for Other Sections**

**Percussion Camp**: TBD

**Friday Afternoon Work Session**
The Band Room will be open after school on Fridays from 3:00-3:45 for students who need help catching up on the music or marching. Students will work in small groups, or be able to work with a teacher one on one.

**Football Performances**
The typical number of games will be 4 or 5 per year. If the team makes the playoffs and the school receives another home game, we will perform at those games. Details on those games won’t be available until one week prior to the game.

This year we will have:
- Homecoming Week Parade and Bonfire Performance
- Games: TBA
  (All Games are 7:15 Kick-Off, with a 6:00 Call Time)
- Playoff Games are TBA

**Competitions**
Each year the Marching Sequoits compete in up to 4 festivals. This year we will be doing the following:

- September 7th - Stagg Jamboree Marching Competition, 8015 W 111th St, Palos Hills, IL 60465
- September 8th - Knights Marching Contest, Grayslake North High School
- October 13th - Robert Morris Marching Band Competition, 2123 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL
- October 26 - Illinois Marching Band Championships, 1402 S 1st St, Champaign, IL 61820*

*Registration for the Illinois Marching Band Championships is not open yet, we are hoping to compete there once again, but no guarantees we will get in. If we can not get in, we will find a different 4th competition to go to.

Itemized itineraries will be sent out for each competition once we receive the information from the host school. As soon as they give us our performance time, we can generate the rest of the schedule. For the first three competitions, we will have rehearsal at the school in the morning, and then travel to the competition. Because of this, please plan for the competitions to be an all day event.
Band Expectations

Tardies and/or Absences
- Arrive on time ("on time" is really 15 minutes early – you will need to gather your instrument and/or equipment and be ready to go at practice time).
- If you will be late or are not able to attend a practice or performance, please EMAIL and/or text (through the Remind app) either Mr. Untch (for wind and percussion) or Coach B (for color guard) ASAP.
- Showing up more than 30 minutes late is considered an absence.
- Absences for illness, religious activities, and/or a school related sport or activity are excused.
- Absences for work, a non-school related sport or activity, and all others are UNEXCUSED.
- Unexcused tardies and absences in addition to struggling with music, marching, and/or choreography will require make-up time or be moved to an alternate spot.

Alternates
If you will miss any of the following (for ANY reason, excused or unexcused), you will automatically be considered an alternate:
- Full Band Practices in May
- June/July Early Summer Music Camp (color guard only)
- July Color Guard Evening Camp (color guard only)
- August Band Camp and Band Camp Continuation
- More than 4 practices
- Two or more UNEXCUSED absences
- Any Competition (color guard only)
- Alternates will also be assigned based on choreography testing and marching ability (color guard only)

Rehearsal/Performance Norms
- Arrive on time ("on time" is really 15 minutes early – you will need to gather your instrument and/or equipment and be ready to go at practice/performance time).
- Before leaving a practice or performance, ALL members should check that the instruments and equipment is put away, the band room and surrounding areas are clean and that the guard closet is clean.
- Do not leave without checking in with your section leader or captain(s).
- Save the DRAMA for your llama. We are here to practice, perform, learn, and have fun.
- You are responsible to make sure that your instrument/equipment makes it to the performance. Talk with your section leader, captain(s), or another member of the band to make sure your instrument/equipment gets there.
- Color Guard - You need to make sure your individual equipment bag makes it on the truck before a competition.
- After a performance, you are responsible to make sure that your instrument/equipment makes it back to the band room or guard closet.

*In addition to scheduled practices, it is highly recommended that you attend any clinics or rehearsals offered by the captain(s), section leaders, or veteran members.

You will be expected to practice at least ONE HOUR each week outside of scheduled rehearsals.

Optional, but highly recommended
Homework Hangout (Day TBD from 3:00 - 4:00pm with Coach B)
Costs (all prices are estimates)
Collected by Antioch Performing Arts Boosters:
- Marching Band Fee includes show T-shirt: $200 - every year
- Shoes: $30 - first year only unless you need new shoes or shoes are not needed

Collected by the School
- Activity Fee: $40 - every year

Color Guard purchases (on your own)
Required Expenses:
- Costume (when required): up to $40
- Guard T-Shirt: $15 - first year only unless you need a new shirt
- Black mock turtleneck: $25 - first year unless you need a new shirt
- Make up: $20 - first year unless you need new makeup
  - Face: Foundation and/powder in a natural skin tone
  - Cheeks: Natural looking blush
  - Lipstick: Raisin, Cinnamon, or similar colored lipstick/gloss
  - Eyes:
    Light Brown, Taupe, or Gold Eyeshadow
    Black Eyeliner and Black Mascara

See the following pictures for ideas:

See the following for recommendations:
- Revlon Photo Ready/Eye Contour in Rustic
- Revlon Super Lustrous Lipstick in Rum Raisin

Optional Expenses (color guard only):
- Gloves: $15 (optional)
  Ever-Dri Fingerless Gloves in Nude at www.bandshoppe.com
  Style ID: GL445
- Color Guard Warm-up Jacket: $45
- Extras (bows, team building, Online Store, etc): $20 - $40
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### Football Schedule: TBA

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