

Marching Mustangs 4th of July Parades Schedule

Reminders:

- 1) Make sure to have your **Purple Polo shirt, black dress pants (a polyester or rayon blend), a solid black belt, high black socks, and the black marching shoes.** Shirts will be tucked in. Also, make sure that your pants are not too long and dragging on the ground. Even though this is a casual uniform, we still want to look professional and sharp!
- 2) Do not wear jewelry, including earrings, or watches.
- 3) Eat a light breakfast and drink plenty of water. Try to avoid caffeine, because it can dehydrate you.
- 4) Make sure to have your instrument or flag equipment.
- 5) Make sure that your part is memorized for **Salute to America!** (Percussion also need to memorize the **cadences.**)
- 6) Especially if you burn easily, wear plenty of sweat proof sunscreen. (You might want to reapply between parades.)

- 8:15 a.m. Doors to Band Room open
8:20 a.m. Enjoy donuts and juice
8:35 a.m. Warm ups begin
8:45 a.m. Marching run-thrus in the parking lot
9:00 a.m. Load busses (we will be taking 2 large busses!)
9:10 a.m. Leave for **AH Parade**
9:30 a.m. Lineup for parade (by St. Peters Church), finish warming up and tuning
10:00 a.m. Parade starts= *at corner of Dunton and Oakton and goes south to Miner, left on Miner to Hickory at Recreation Park*
10:35 a.m. Load busses and return to RMHS
10:50 a.m. Unload busses, get water, go to bathroom, cool off, etc.
11:20 a.m. Lineup in RMHS parking lot for **RM Parade**
11:30 a.m. Parade starts= *goes left out of the lot and go west on Central, north on Owl, East on Kirchoff, ending at the McDonald's restaurant in the Rolling Meadows Shopping Center.*
12:15 p.m. Parade performance ends, load busses and return to RMHS
12:25 p.m. Put equipment away properly

Please note:

We will be needing parents (or siblings) to help with picking up food-water-ice supplies, serving the early morning snacks, passing out water to band members on the parade route. Please go to <http://rmhsmusicboosters.com/volunteer/>

We also need 2 younger sibling or alumni banner carriers. We will provide the purple polo and marching shoes. Please let Mr. Buti know if you have anyone interested in that role.

The communities are **very appreciative and excited about** our participation in these parades. Not only do we represent the band program, but RMHS and the cities our students come from. In addition, we are compensated by the organizations that host the parades. This money helps with the bus expenses. Also, these parades are a great way to get all of the new students involved in a performance. Finally, the parades are a great way to kick off the 4th of July weekend!!!! Thank you for your preparation, cooperation, and participation!