

## Information Packet - Form A

# Amherst Marching Comets - Rehearsal & Performance Contract

### Summer Music Reading Clinics

July 18 & 25

Wind Instruments Only 5PM-9:00PM

### Summer Marching Percussion Rehearsals

Monday-Friday, July 23-27

Marching Percussion 8AM-3PM

### Week 1 - Band Camp Rehearsals

Sunday, July 29

All Members 1PM-9PM

Monday-Friday, July 30 to August 3

All Members 8AM-9PM (Wednesday = 1PM-9PM)

### Week 2 - Post Band Camp Rehearsals

Monday-Friday, August 6-10

All Members 8AM-3 PM

Friday, August 10

Band Lock-in until Saturday morning at 8AM

### Week 3 - Brush Up Rehearsals

Tuesday, August 14

All Members 6PM-9PM

Wednesday, August 15

All Members 6PM-9PM

Thursday, August 16

All Members 6PM-9PM

### Week 4 - First week of School

Monday, August 20

All Members regular practice 2:45PM-4:45PM

**\*\*\*Once school begins we will practice Monday-Thursday from 2:45-4:45 PM.**

**Conflicts MUST be avoided. Attendance will be checked on a daily basis. Participation must be mandatory in order to maintain a great band. Your grade in this class will be effected by your participation. A team is only as good as what is put into it.....**

By signing, I am aware of the scheduled rehearsals and have noted the dates of Marching Band performances. I also understand that the Band Directors and Advisors have the authority to make decisions on who will participate based upon knowledge of attendance (past, present, or future), satisfactory preparation (knowing music and marching routines), attendance at practices/rehearsals, attendance at games/performance, and student's attitude/cooperation. Even though a member may lose the privilege to march at a particular event, he/she must still attend and be in full marching attire. Failure to do so will result in being benched at the following performance. Second offense - two performances and so on. In the event that a student may miss or is known to miss more than one performance he/she may be asked to withdrawal from the course. This is a performance curriculum/team focused activity and not being present at a particular event effects everyone in the group in one way or another.

I also understand that the Instrumental Music Award System has been devised as a means for a student to receive recognition for all the hard work and dedication necessary to participate in the band program. An excused absence is related only to severe illness excused by a doctor and funerals. Any other absence will be classified as an unexcused absence. When an unexcused absence occurs, all points for the activity will be forfeited. This includes the Memorial Day parade in May. Points may, however, be made-up with extra credit at the discretion of the director.

As a Band Member representing Amherst Steele High School, I understand that being associated with the Amherst Band is **A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT**. By asking to become a member of the Amherst Band, I understand that I must accept certain responsibilities associated with membership. I therefore acknowledge the fact that I have carefully read and understand all "Code of Conduct" rules as set forth by the Amherst Schools. I pledge to totally dedicate myself to the improvement of my own academic, social, and athletic/musical abilities from this day forward.

I further understand that it is my responsibility as a parent to call the high school band room at 988-1487 and leave a message any time my son/daughter is or is going to be absent from a practice and/or a performance. Please help us avoid calling which takes away instructional time from the students.