

Eagle Regiment Information

A Letter to Prospective Parents:

Many Parents & Students are concerned with the rumors of the time commitment when entering The Eagle Regiment. Well, Marching Band is a commitment, I will not lie about that.

Here's a little more than what I can say in an "official" informational page:

Prior to school starting, we do live and breathe Marching Band, with our Band camp both on Campus and then off campus for a week. But we do that because the academic year has not begun yet, so we try to take advantage of that time as best we can. Once school starts however, our schedule becomes more routine. On Monday's we meet for a short time, the same as one block to go over music. Much of this time is sectionals, and can be flexible based on the academics going on for the students. By the time we reach October, these meetings tend to shorten up, as we know the music pretty well. Additionally, our access to the football field is limited, so we try to make the best use of our time on the field by perfecting our music off of the field. Wednesday Nights are our big rehearsals. This is the only time we have all of our members (There are some non-marching members who join us after-school only) and it is the only evening in which we can practice on the field. When it comes to performances, Home Games & Competitions (Generally Friday's & Saturday's) are the most important. In both of these instances we are performing a full show on the field for our families, fans and judges (in the case of the competitions).

Comparing Eagle Regiment to a sports team's time commitment is valid. Whether it is Marching Band, Football, Basketball, a Drama Production, or Robotics, each ask for between 250-300 outside of school hours per semester (including travel & performance time).

No matter the activities or academics your student is involved in, I can confidently say that we have someone in the band in a similar situation. Here are some activities Eagle Regiment students have participated in, while being enrolled in the Marching Band:

1. Fencing
2. Robotics
3. Track & Field
4. Choir
5. Jazz Band
6. Cheerleading team
7. Outside Music ensembles (Multiple)
8. AP Capstone
9. Link Team
10. Retreat Leaders
11. Drama
12. Film
13. Outside Athletics
14. Music Lessons

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Quite frankly there are probably other activities they don't tell me about as well. The band is made up of students from all walks of life. We have students that excel academically, we have students that need the extra study time and make use of the tutoring sessions during X-block. My goal is that the band does not hinder these activities, but in fact enhances them. Since we accept all four grades, someone in every freshman's section has already taken the class the new freshman are taking and can be encouraging and helpful throughout the season. While we do ask the students to commit themselves to the ensemble and the team, we are also aware that these are High School students living a full life outside of the Band Room.

Finally, if you or your student have any questions or if something in this or the FAQ is confusing please let me know via email at jdelfing@chaminade.org. Also if your student would like a perspective from someone closer to their age, send along your student's email address or contact information and I would be happy to have one of our current freshman that has just completed their 1st semester at Chaminade in our Marching Band.

What is Eagle Regiment? FAQ's

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- Eagle Regiment is Chaminade's Marching Band.
- It is a Co-Curricular Class, meaning we meet both during the school day and after-school.
- Eagle Regiment is a Fall Semester Course
- Students receive a grade for the class
- Students can receive EITHER 1 semester of Fine Arts Credit OR 1 semester of Physical Education Credit each time they take the course
 - Ex. 4 years of Eagle Regiment can result in 2 PE credits & 2 Fine Arts Credits

If it's a class what is the schedule? ([Full Calendar](#))

- The Eagle Regiment year begins in June:
 - June:
 - Drum Camp, 3 days with all potential percussionists, learning the basics of each instrument, and being placed on the proper instrument(s) for the full fall season
 - Play nights, All students may attend play nights, scheduled on WEDNESDAY nights (6-8p) throughout June to meet with their section, learn the music and play together

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- July/August:
 - The last 2 weeks of July (1st week of August) are reserved for Band Camp. The first 3-4 days are on campus, the final full week is held at The Oaks Camp & Conference Center, Overnights Sunday to Saturday. Time is spent learning proper body motion, marching techniques, breathing techniques etc. Band Camp is Mandatory for all Marching members, as we do begin to learn the halftime show & Pregame routines at Camp. (Cost is usually \$600-\$700 per person, assistance may be available upon request)
- August - October:
 - Once school begins, The Band meets in Class during D-Block (7:50am) on Even Days.
 - There are 2 additional outside of school rehearsals:
 - Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00p (Music only rehearsal)
 - Wednesdays from 6 - 9p (Music & Field Rehearsal)
 - We perform at all Home & Away Football games (Usually Fridays).
 - We will also march a few Parades & Participate in Marching Band Festival/Competitions (Saturdays)
- November:
 - Marching Band Festivals and our Championship Performance.
 - Championships are an overnight trip, usually costing around \$350/person (Hotel, Food Transportation)

So After Fall Season Eagle Regiment is over?

- Nope. We also play for Home Basketball Games (Only ½ of the band at a time though, so each student only attends games they are assigned to)
- We also continue to march Parades & perform for school pep rallies

But if we don't get a grade for Eagle Regiment in 2nd semester do we really have to continue performing?

- We ask you to honor your commitment to the Band. Also if you are unwilling to honor that commitment, and you do not fulfill your responsibilities by choosing not to perform with the Pep Band or at the Rally's, you will not be allowed to return to the Marching Band in the Fall.

Some parades and events are listed as LASCBS? What is that?

- [LACSB Information HERE](#)
- [Facebook Page](#)

Do I have to be in Wind Ensemble if I am in Eagle Regiment?

- No but it is HIGHLY encouraged so that you can continue playing on a regular basis throughout the year and are prepared for the following years Marching Season.

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That sounds like a ton of work. Why should I do that?

- The Eagle Regiment is currently the premier ensemble on campus. If you wish to be involved in the instrumental music program here at Chaminade, the Eagle Regiment is the centerpiece of the program. Every serious musician and each of the students that truly enjoy playing their instrument are all in the Eagle Regiment. The Band is a family and it teaches many things other than just music.

Marching Band Fees

This year, each student participating in Marching Band will be charged a **\$1,150.00 fee**. A payment plan is listed below. That fee includes the following: (individual cost)

- 2 Work T-shirts (\$12 each) that the students will wear underneath the marching band uniform
- 1 Show T-Shirt (\$20) for away games and at competitions.
- 1 End-of-year Banquet ticket (\$45)
- White gloves (\$6)
- Band Camp (\$675)
- Championships (\$330)
- Program Fee (\$50)

The following items families will need to purchase on their own:

- [DSI MTX Marching Shoes \(Black\)](#)

The following items are **OPTIONAL** and can be purchased through the band

- A Band **Polo shirt** (\$15) that is school uniform approved (They can wear it to school).
- Band Jacket (~\$70)

Parents may order a polo shirt and/or a Show shirt for themselves as well.

Payment Plans:

1. Payment in Full by Check (to Chaminade)
 - a. Due 8/30: \$1,150
2. Payment in Full by Credit Card
 - a. Due 8/30: \$1,184 (3% CC Fee included)
3. Payment Plan A by Check (to Chaminade)
 - a. Due 8/2: \$250
 - b. Due 9/6: \$300
 - c. Due 10/4: \$300
 - d. Due 11/1: \$300
4. Payment Plan B by Credit Card (to Chaminade)
 - a. Due 8/2: \$258
 - b. Due 9/6: \$310
 - c. Due 10/4: \$310
 - d. Due 11/1: \$310

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EAGLE REGIMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	What	Time	Who	Where
5/2	New Band Parent Meeting	8-9p	New Band Families	HS Gym
6/4-6	Drum Camp	9a-4p	Eagle Regiment Percussion	Band Room
6/12	Wednesday Night Play Night	6-8p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
6/19	Wednesday Night Play Night	6-8p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
6/26	Wednesday Night Play Night	6-8p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
7/17	Wednesday Night Play Night	6-8p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
7/24	Wednesday Night Play Night	6-8p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
7/31	Leadership Camp	8a-5p	Leadership	Band Room
8/1	New Member Camp	8a-5p	New Members & Leadership	Band Room
8/2	All Member Home Camp	8a-5p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
8/3	All Member Home Camp	8a-5p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Band Room
8/4-8/10	AWAY Band Camp	ALLDAY	Eagle Regiment ALL	The OAKS
8/10	Parent BBQ Performance	5-7p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Field
8/14	Wednesday Night Rehearsal	6-9p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Field/BR
Regular Weekly (After School) Schedule				
Mon	Horn Line Sectionals	315-5p	Horn Line	Band Room
Mon	Drumline Sectionals	6-8p	Drumline/PIT	Band Room
Wed	Wednesday Night Rehearsal	6-9p	Eagle Regiment ALL	Field/BR
Thurs	Guard Sectionals	330-5p	Color Guard	Bob Hope
Fri	Game Day	TBD	Eagle Regiment ALL*	TBD
Sat	Rehearsal/Parade/Competition	See Calendar for more Details		

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HOME DATES: August 1 - 3 (8/1 Leadership & New Member Only) 8A - 5P (1 hour Lunch on own)

The Oaks Dates: August 4 - 10 [Away Camp, All Day]

Parent BBQ: August 10 5P - 730P

In a nutshell, Band Camp is the foundation upon which our entire season is based. The vast majority of the time is spent building the knowledge, not only mentally but physically, of the skills and techniques we will use throughout the year. It is a “build up” process, where the knowledge and skills of today are built upon the successes of the day before. Therefore, attendance is essential for success.

Band Camp exists in three parts; New Member Camp, Band Camp I (at Chaminade) and Band Camp II (at The Oaks). At New Member Camp, held at Chaminade, our first time members, and those who would like some refreshers, are taught the basic concepts of the physical, or visual, part of what we do. This gives them a better preparation for the Band Camp that follows and prepares them for success from day one.

At Band Camp I, the majority of the time is built upon the basics, the skills we use throughout the year. As we move to Band Camp II (The Oaks), we will introduce parts of our marching program, the pregame and halftime performances; giving us a leg up on the year. Our Band Camp II is held at The Oaks Camp and Conference Center in Lake Hughes, CA. We are housed in the cabins and eat in the dining hall. We share the facilities with other summer programs, but the field and rehearsal areas are ours for our time there.

The cost for all of Marching Season is \$1,150 ([See what this includes Here](#)). Payment in full is appreciated, but a payment plan has also been set up. If you have financial concerns, please let me know as soon as possible. We have some assistance available. Attached are a basic schedule of the week and a recommended packing list. Following our return from The Oaks, there will be a performance of the skills we’ve learned and a BBQ held at Chaminade.

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Packing Checklist for Band Camp II

Equipment –

- ☐ Instrument
- ☐ Extra Reeds
- ☐ Valve Oil
- ☐ Lyre (Holds the Flip Folder)
- ☐ Flip Folder (Holds the Music)
- ☐ Dot Book (Spiral Bound 3" x 5" Index Cards)

Clothing and Accessories –

- ☐ Pants
- ☐ 10 pairs of shorts/athletic bottoms
- ☐ 2 pairs of athletic pants (sweat pants or other if needed)
- ☐ 12 shirts
- ☐ Sweatshirt/jacket
- ☐ 12 pairs of socks/underwear
- ☐ Pajamas or whatever you wear to sleep
- ☐ Athletic shoes for marching (anything but Vans, Converse, etc. for rehearsal/can be worn during free time)
- ☐ Sandals/flip flops/Shower Shoes
- ☐ A bathing suit or two
- ☐ A hat that covers your face/neck (wide brimmed)
- ☐ Sunglasses

Personal Hygiene/Health/Dorms -

- ☐ Toothbrush/paste
- ☐ Soap & Lotion
- ☐ Hair products (shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- ☐ Chapstick (with spf/sunscreen in it, but NO anesthetics)
- ☐ A LOT of Deodorant
- ☐ Washcloth or loofah (if needed)
- ☐ 2 towels (one for pool and one for showers)
- ☐ Comb/brush for your hair (hair ties and bands for long hair)
- ☐ Any necessary medications (if any)
- ☐ Sheets fit for a twin sized bed or sleeping bag
- ☐ Blanket(s)
- ☐ Pillow and a pillow cover

Miscellaneous –

- ☐ **Coleman Teammate Beverage Cooler or equivalent (1 gal. coolers are MANDATORY. Nothing less than a gallon is acceptable. The blue cooler is preferred.)**
- ☐ OPTIONAL A small backpack (to carry sunscreen, chapstick, deodorant, and other necessities)
- ☐ OPTIONAL 1 bottle/can of bug spray
- ☐ 2 bottles/cans of sunscreen
- ☐ OPTIONAL Aloe Vera gel (to put on at night time to prevent sunburns or to treat them)
- ☐ OPTIONAL Whatever electronics you'd like (and chargers)

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Chaminade College Preparatory Band Camp (subject to change)

Activity	Times	Location
Wednesday, July 31		
Leadership Seminar	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Chaminade Band Room
Thursday, August 1		
New Member Camp	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chaminade Band Room
Friday, August 2		
All Personnel Band Camp	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Chaminade Band Room & Field
Saturday, August 3		
All Personnel Band Camp	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Chaminade Band Room & Field
Sunday, August 4		
Call Time	12:45 PM	Chaminade Band Room
Depart	1:30 PM	
Arrive	3:00 PM	The Oaks
Room Check-in	3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	
	3:30 PM – 5:20 PM	Rehearsal Field
Dinner	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Dining Hall
	6:45 PM - 8:15 PM	Rehearsal Field
Day 1 Activities	8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	TBD
Lights out	10:15 PM	Rooms
Monday, August 5 - Friday August 9		
Breakfast	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Dining Hall
	9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Rehearsal Field
Lunch	12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM - 5:15 PM	Rehearsal Field
Dinner	5:30 PM - 6:15 PM	Dining Hall
	6:30 PM - 8:15 PM	Rehearsal Field
Activities/Speakers	8:15 PM - 10:00 PM	TBD
Lights out	10:15 PM	Rooms
Saturday, August 10		
Breakfast	8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Dining Hall
	9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Rehearsal Field
Lunch	12:00 PM - 12:45 PM	Dining Hall
	1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Rehearsal Field
Room Check-out	2:15 AM - 2:45 PM	Rooms
Load	2:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Rehearsal Field
Depart	3:30 PM	
Arrival/Unload	5:00 PM	Chaminade
Parent BBQ & Performance	5:30 PM - 7:00PM	Chaminade
Students Released following Performance		Chaminade

I hope this sheds some light on the Eagle Regiment/Marching Band program at Chaminade. Thanks for reading, and have a wonderful day!

-Mr. Jason Delfing
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 Chaminade College Preparatory

For more information on our program, Be sure to visit Chaminadebands.com