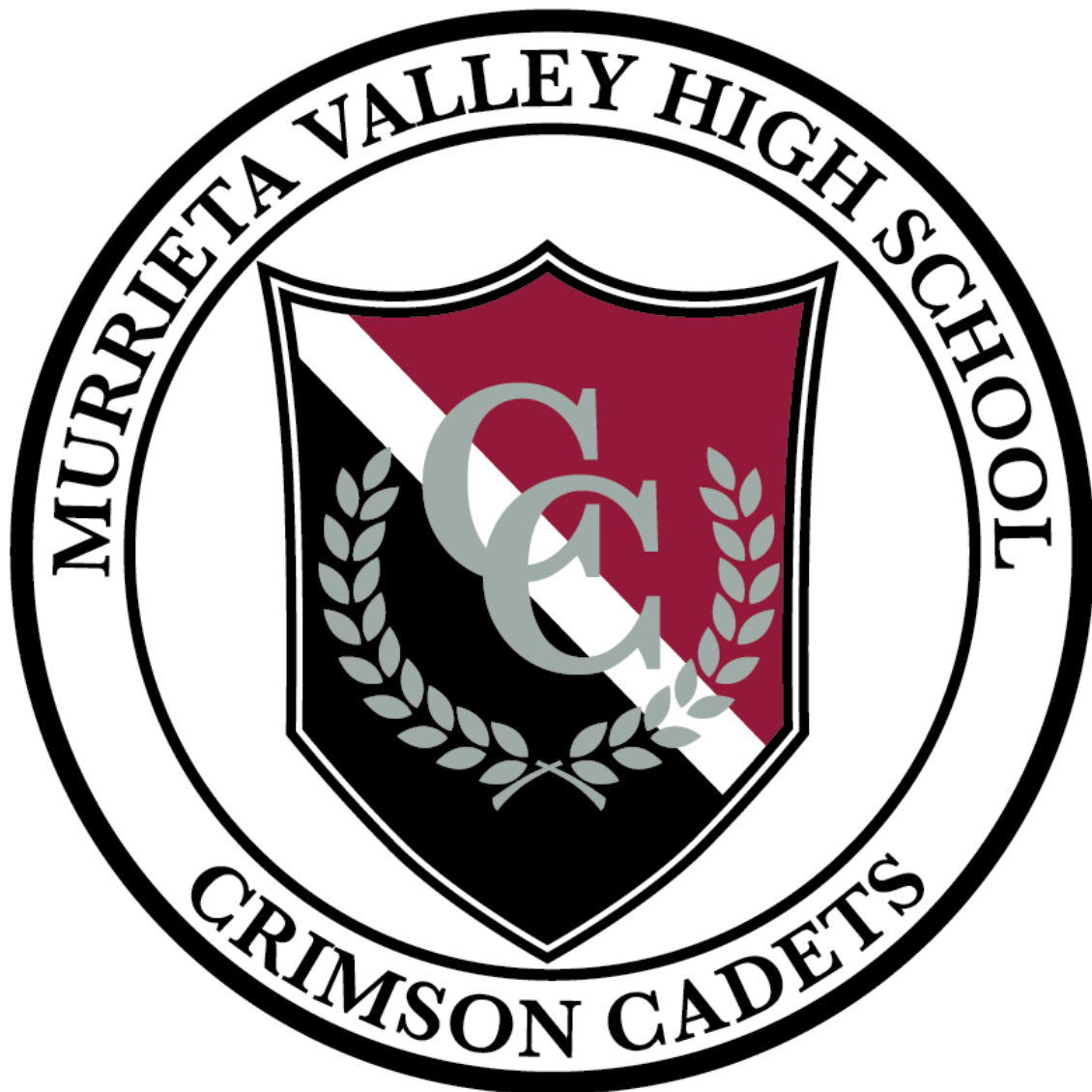


A Member Guide to the Marching Season

2023 - 2024



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At first, as a member of the Crimson Cadets, things may seem a bit confusing and overwhelming to you! But don't worry...this guide is designed to help make your experience enjoyable and easy!!

In it, you will find information regarding the first half of the year, what we refer to as the marching season. This covers from the time Band Camp starts to the end of our season in November.

We will do our best to address the most important areas regarding both our practices and competitions and the supplies you will need for both!!

Although it is hard work being a member of the Murrieta Valley High School Crimson Cadets, it is also a very rewarding experience. You will make new friends, grow as an individual, and have fun making memories on the way. We hope that this guide will prove helpful to you and that you will enjoy your first year with us!

Band Camp & Rehearsal Information

June Mini-Camp

June 7th to 9th @ MVHS PAC and Stadium

- * ALL BAND MEMBERS (Winds, Percussion, Guard) – 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- * A snack break will be scheduled

Fall Band Camp

July 24th to 28th and July 31st to August 4th @ MVHS PAC and Stadium

- * ALL BAND MEMBERS (Winds, Percussion, Guard) – 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for 7/24-7/28; 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for 7/31-8/4
- * Lunch and Dinner breaks will be scheduled

Evening Rehearsals

Monday and Wednesday Nights (August – November) @ MVHS Stadium

- * ALL BAND MEMBERS – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Attendance taken at MVHS Stadium Field → Plan to arrive by 5:45 p.m.; Student Pick-up beginning at 9:15 p.m.)

Tuesday Sectionals/Music Rehearsals

Tuesday Afternoons (August – November)

- * ALL BAND MEMBERS – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Additional Rehearsals

- Fridays (5:00 to 9:00 p.m.) – Sept. 22nd; Nov. 3rd; Nov. 17th
- Saturday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) – Aug. 19th (ending at 12:30 p.m.); Aug. 26th; Sept. 9th

Show & Performance Schedule

Football Games (4:30 to 9:30 p.m.)

- Aug. 18th, Sept. 14th, Sept. 29th, Oct. 13th, Oct. 20th

Competitions: Call Times TBA (Plan on ALL day)

- Oct. 7th @ TBA Field Tournament
- Oct. 21st @ TBA Field Tournament
- Oct. 28th @ TBA Field Tournament
- Nov. 4th @ TBA Field Tournament
- Nov. 8th @ SCSBOA Field Tournament
- Nov. 11th @ TBA Field Tournament
- Nov. 18th @ TBA Field Championships

District MB Showcase @ VMHS – Thurs., Nov. 9th, 4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Day Parade – (Call Time and Date TBA)

2024 Spring Performance Trip - Hawaii – Mar. 25th to 30th

What You'll Need For Camp & Practices

WATER - One of the most important things to bring to practice is water. EVERY member of the ensemble must have a minimum of a **1 gallon** insulated jug to use and refill throughout the year. Single water bottles are not enough and will not be accepted at rehearsals. It is also a good idea to ice your water so that it will stay cold for you throughout the day. There is nothing worse than hot water to drink!!

YES!!!!



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SUNSCREEN - It is very important to bring sunscreen as we will spend hours out practicing in the sun!! You do not want to get burned!! An SPF 30 or higher is recommended, but you should also be sure to reapply when you get the chance to during breaks.



PROPER CLOTHING – For Band Camp, all students must wear a plain white t-shirt and black shorts (black leggings or capris can also be worn if desired). At **Wednesday evening rehearsals**, **Color Guard members must wear rehearsal black clothing** (black top and bottom). **Musicians (winds and percussion students) must continue to wear a white t-shirt and black shorts or athletic pants.** All members should wear athletic shoes.

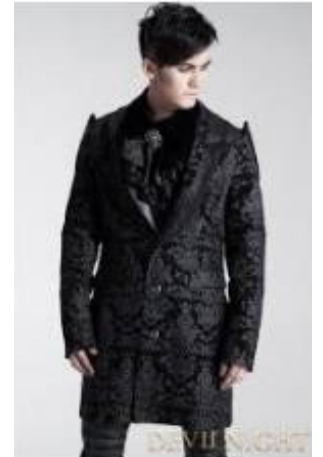
*** ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OR SANDALS WILL BE ALLOWED!!! ***



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SUNGLASSES - Spending so much time in the sun, it is important to protect your eyes just like your skin. Sunglasses with UV ray protection are recommended as they will keep your eyes from being damaged and also make it easier to see during the brightest times of the day.

HAT - Just like sunglasses, it is required that you bring a hat or visor with you to protect your eyes from the sun. If you show up without a hat, you will be sent home!



BACKPACK - It is recommended that you bring some sort of backpack or bag to carry everything in. It will make things easier for you and you won't

forget anything as long as you keep it in there!! It is recommended that you purchase the **BLACK DUFFLE BAG** from our Spirit Wear Order Form.

COORDINATE SHEETS - Once we start drill, you will need your printed coordinate sheets for each of your sets on the field. These should be kept on a lanyard so that they are easy to access when you are given time to check them. **DO NOT EVER** forget to bring these items to field practice!

1" Black 3-Ring Binder – All students will need to have a 1" black 3-ring binder along with 20+ sheet protectors for storing and keeping all music organized.

INSTRUMENT - Just like your coordinate sheets and black binder, you should never forget to bring your instrument unless you are told otherwise!

TRAVEL AND THE UNIFORM

BLACK COMPRESSION SHIRT and BLACK SPANDEX SHORTS - These are the undergarments that we wear underneath our uniforms (Band only - Guard reference specific instructions from staff). So that we can all change together on the bus or off, it is important to always wear your undergarments when you will be wearing your uniform. Be sure to get several shirts and shorts, so that you will have back-ups and not have to wash them after every event. **The shirt must have a crew neck collar (NO V-NECK ALLOWED) and MUST have sleeves!!** There are several times where we will have a Friday night football game to perform at and a competition the following Saturday. You don't want to have to wear the same undergarments and no one else wants you to either!



BLACK CREW SOCKS - Crew socks are required so that no skin will show from under your black pants. Be sure to get a few pairs so that you aren't stuck with rewashing the same socks for every use.



GLOVES - These will be purchased from the program at the time of your uniform fitting. While brass players can wear their gloves straight from the packaging, woodwinds are required to cut and ideally sew them so that they are fingerless. Replacement pairs of gloves are available for purchase from the program. It would be smart to purchase more than one pair.

SHOES - Vipers - also known as our marching shoes. They are purchased from the program. It is recommended that you buy a pair to keep for your years in the program. These should always be shined and clean, so be sure to buy some black shoe polish as well.

HAIR - For gentlemen, it is recommended that you keep your hair cut short. It should not touch the collar of your coat or your ears and you **MUST** always be clean-shaven. For women or gentlemen who do not wish to cut their hair, you will be required to pull it up or braid it. It is required that you come with your hair braided on performance days. Be sure to bring all of the accessories you will need such as hair ties, bobby pins, and a brush.

TOWEL - The bus can be very crowded when it comes to changing so you may want to change outside. A towel will make it easier as you can put it down on the ground while you change so that nothing will get dirty.

TRAVEL BAG - Since you will be changing in and out of uniform, it is best to have some sort of travel bag to keep everything in. It is recommended you purchase the BLACK DUFFLE BAG from the Spirit Wear Order Form, or you may bring your own. A grocery style plastic bag **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

BLACK POLO SHIRT - CLASS B UNIFORM - For all performances in which the traditional CLASS A Uniform is not required, and you will not be wearing

concert clothing, we will be wearing jeans and a black/white polo shirt. It is recommended that you buy the Black/White Crimson Cadets polo shirt from our Spirit Wear Order Form.

TRAVEL WARM-UPS – Guard will need to purchase travel warm-up for going to and from competitions.

Remember that shoes, polo shirts, duffle bags, and warm-ups are one time purchases and will last throughout your time in the Crimson Cadet program. Yes, the expense may seem great; however, when amortized over the life of participation in the program, the expense is quite small.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions regarding what is needed for the program. We are here to help you in any way we can!

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