

**Houston Middle School Band**  
**Brad Turner, Director**



Dear Marching Band Parents,

The number of students that have expressed interest in participating in Marching Band this year is lower than expected. I do not feel that this is due to a lack of willingness on our students' part; however, I believe that it is due to the number of extra curricular activities our students are involved with. We have students in the band program that are involved with football, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, cheer, pom, and many other activities. Because of this, many students do not feel that they have time for school related activities, such as marching band.

In order for us to allow students the flexibility to do more activities, I have changed our after school practice schedule, effective immediately. Marching Band will still meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays but the rehearsals will end at 3:00. Drumline will rehearse with the Marching Band on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will stay for a sectional rehearsal after Marching Band practice until 3:30. There will be no separate Drumline Rehearsals on Monday.

This schedule change is only for Marching Band and Drumline. The Honor Band and Jazz Band rehearsal schedules for January-May are accurate.

Beginning in October, Monday afternoons will be available for any student wishing to get extra assistance with All-West / Honor Band music or any other music that is causing them difficulty. Students will be able to work in small groups and with me to become better prepared for the All-West and Honor Band auditions, as well as the grade level bands.

I hope that with this schedule change, we will be able to accommodate more students and be able to provide all students with the extra help necessary for their success. Attached to this letter is the revised schedule. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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