



FAQ's

Will marching band take away from my child's studies? Marching band members are typically among the highest academic performers at their school. We know this is the case because band members learn to budget their time effectively, learn more responsibility and have a creative outlet outside the classroom.

Will we compete with other bands? Yes, competition season generally runs from September to the first week in November. We usually compete in 6 or 7 competitions, including State Championships.

Will my child have to audition for the band? The middle school students do not have to audition but must have signed approval from their band director. All high school students are ENCOURAGED to march.

Are there any costs associated with band? As with all other extra-curricular activities and sports at Ryle there is an annual fee. Uniforms are provided but you will purchase your own shoes and gloves. We also have our own Spirit Wear.



2011 Band Camp Olympics

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

"After watching several of our kids grow in this program over the last 9 years, the Ryle Band Program is one of the easiest and best programs at Ryle to recommend to any parent for their children. Our kids have not only grown in responsibilities and self confidence, they have also learned the valuable lessons of teamwork, time management, and self reliance. Their grades actually got better during marching season because of the lesson in time management alone! It's amazing to watch the transformation of our kids during the course of 1 season, let alone several years. Matt & Bill are excellent teachers who care about each of the kids as if they were their own. Our parents are also an excellent group of volunteers. Thanks to the Ryle Band Program, our kids are the best that they can be." ---Steve Logan, 2003-2012

"On our journey this year we have seen so many changes in our daughter. Marching season allows her extra practice time and she is growing not only as a musician but as a person. She has become more responsible at school and always wants to do her best so that she can continue to participate in band. Each day of the off season she talks about marching and how she can't wait for it to begin again! I am looking forward to a great future with Ryle Band." ---Michele McDaniel,



RYLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING RAIDERS

"THE PASSIONATE PURSUIT
OF EXCELLENCE"

ROBERT ELLIOTT, DIRECTOR



IN THEIR OWN WORDS.....

"I don't remember how we performed, but I do remember how we felt; proud of all that we've been through. Every single one of us put everything we had into one single seven minute performance. We were no longer individuals, but we were a part of something bigger. We were one band. We marched together, we breathed together, we thought together, and when it was all over, we cried together, tears of pride and joy."

---Ryan Trostle, Ryle Marching Band (09-11)

WHO WE ARE.....

We are the Ryle High School Marching Band. We are the **MOST** fun spirit organization on campus. Simply stated, we represent the spirit of Ryle High School. We accomplish this by performing halftime shows at home football games, traveling to competitions and performances across the tri-state, and having a great time while doing it! Last year we advanced to the KY State Regional Competition and performed at PAPA JOHNS STADIUM at the University of Louisville for the State Marching Band Championships. We truly enjoy the camaraderie of being a part of a wonderful group of performers and friends!

WHO'S WHO

ROBERT ELLIOTT, Director: Mr. Elliott received his B.M.E. from Eastern Kentucky Univ. 1984, M.Ed. degree from Xavier Univ. 1992 and Rank I Certificate from Eastern Kentucky Univ. 2003. Mr. Elliott began the 2012-2013 school year as the new band director at Ryle High School. His concert bands have consistently received Distinguished ratings at both the district and state level since 1986. The Grant County Marching Band was a KMEA State finalist in 1994, 1995 and 1996 in class A and AA. The Grant County Marching Band was named Class A State Champion in 1995. The Tates Creek Marching Bands were KMEA State finalists in 2000, 2001, and 2002 in class AAAA, a BOA Regional Finalist in 2001 and 2002. For full Bio, please see our website.

BILL KIDWELL, Assistant Director: Mr. Kidwell holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education and a Masters Degree in Education from Northern Kentucky Univ. Mr. Kidwell has been the director of bands at Gray Middle School since 2001 and currently serves as President of KMEA District 6. For full Bio, please see our website.

STAFF

Percussion: Brent Bowlin

Guard: Michelle Gibbs, Erin Maley & Karen Wear

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Registration for the upcoming Marching Band season is now open! We invite all instrumentalists and color guard performers to join us for another exciting season.
- A Recruitment gathering will be held at Ryle High School in January. Please refer to the information sheet in your packet.



- **Band Camp Dates and Reporting Times:** Band Camp for the upcoming marching season is scheduled with Full band camp and Rookie mini Camp beginning in July. (Please see information sheet in your packet for specific dates and times.) During camp the students bring a lunch and dinner is provided for all day practices.

*All dates are tentative and subject to change. As we get closer to the start of camp a definitive schedule will be announced.

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