

Ardrey Kell High School
Mighty Knight Band

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Welcome to “The Mighty Knight Band”! As a part of the Ardrey Kell Band Program not only will you play music, but you will also grow and become a part of a special group of students who represent Ardrey Kell High School and have become known as “The Mighty Knight Band.” Here at Ardrey Kell we strive to provide a diverse musical experience for our students including: Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Color Guard, Winter Guard, Theory I, AP Theory, Jazz Band, and Marching Band.

It is not too late to join Band, even if you didn't sign up for it on your registration card! As a rising ninth grader you may sign up for the Concert Band automatically based on your middle school director's recommendation. However if you wish you may also audition to either be placed into the Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Auditions will take place during the end of May and during Band Camp 1 in June. Your audition will consist of scales and sight-reading. If you wish, you may have a short prepared piece that showcases your ability. Any student who makes one of these two ensembles will have their schedule adjusted accordingly.

Marching Band is another opportunity for students at Ardrey Kell. It is open to any band student and does not require an audition. Marching Band is not required, but we strongly encourage all new students to participate in Marching Band or to at least come to Band Camp and give it a try. **As a rising freshman participating in the Marching Band will give you distinct advantages over other students, including already being friends with many upper classmen on the first day of school.** Marching Band is a competitive group that will quickly establish a reputation of success.

Included in this packet you will find the ***AK Band Summer Calendar***. Any student who is interested in participating in Marching Band should make sure they can attend the rehearsals on the included schedule. **Please understand that marching band is a team effort and it is vital that each student be at all rehearsals.** Please contact me **ASAP** if there are any conflicts with the Band Camp schedule. **Any conflict and/or situation can and will be worked out, as long as I am notified in advance!!!**

I understand that the transition from middle school to high school is a very important and sometimes confusing transition. I am here to help this transition be as smooth as possible, and look forward to having your family as part of the band program here at Ardrey Kell. If you have any questions concerning our band program, please feel free to contact me at 980-343-1378 or at our Band Website located at <http://www.ardreykellband.com>.

Please realize that we need “U” to make “US” complete. Don't be left out!!!