

CUTHBERTSON



BAND

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## **Friday Night Lights/Mighty Marching Cavaliers 2025 season**

### **Fall Marching Band Participation Information**

- \*Open to rising 8th grade through rising 12th
- \*Levels of participation designation and expectations for participation in each level
- \*Training information and spring/fall start dates
- \*Full season schedules for both FNL (Friday Night Lights) and Mighty Marching Cavaliers
- \*Payment information sheet
- \*Health Form
- \*Permission Forms

### **2025 Spring training - Friday Night Lights & Mighty Marching Cavaliers**

ALL Friday Night Lights and Band Students are expected to be present for all rehearsals listed on their ensemble schedule.

**Friday Night Lights has an abbreviated schedule and Mighty Marching Cavaliers have the full seasons schedule.**

Any conflicts should be discussed with Mr. Ebert as early as possible in order to be considered excused. Students need to be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the rehearsal ends.

- Check your calendars! Routine doctor and dentist appointments are not considered excused and therefore should not be scheduled during rehearsal time.
- In order to count an absence as excused, special permission must come from Mr. Ebert and be considered an emergency situation. Any special emergencies should be addressed ONLY to Mr. Ebert via email or direct phone call.
- Unexcused absences will result in a possible loss of field placement/performance privilege.

### **Performance Uniform Information**

All new marching students will receive the following items as part of the Friday Night Lights uniform:

Performance season T-Shirt

Performance hoodie/jacket

Performance cap

Marching shoes

Students will supply their own black shorts/pants for FNL performances.

\*Returning students to FNL that need replacements may purchase them from the Band Boosters.

Competitive Marching members will also be sized for the marching band uniform.

Sections will be sizing uniforms from 4pm to 5pm on one of the fall training dates

# **Friday Night Lights Schedule**

## **Home Football Games, Union County Preview, and Parades**

### **Spring Training Dates:**

*Time - 4:15pm to 6:00pm*

April 28

April 30

May 5

May 7

May 12

May 14

May 19

May 21

### **Fall Camp Dates:**

*Time - 4pm to 8pm*

August 18

August 19

August 20

August 21

August 22 - First Game

### **Friday Night Football Schedule**

*(All of the following dates for games will have a rehearsal afterschool starting at 4:30pm. Kick off for games is 7pm.)*

August 22, 2025

**Home** vs. Ardrey Kell

September 12, 2025

**Home** vs. Forest Hills

September 20, 2025

**Union County Preview**

September 26, 2025

**Home** vs. Piedmont

**\*Homecoming\***

October 10, 2025

**Home** vs. Weddington

October 24, 2025

**Home** vs. Charlotte Catholic

**\*Senior Night\***

### **Potential Playoff Dates**

November 7, 2025 - Round 1

November 14, 2025 - Round 2

November 21, 2025 - Round 3

November 28, 2025 - Round 4

December 5, 2025 - Regionals

December 15, 2025 - Championships

***(FNL will only participate in play offs if they're at home)***

### **Parades**

Nov. 23, 2025 - Monroe Parade

Dec. 14, 2025 - Waxhaw Parade

# Mighty Marching Cavaliers Schedule

All FNL events plus away games and marching band competitions

MMC will only be open to high school students this season

## Spring Training Dates:

*Time - 3:15pm to 4:15pm*

April 28

April 30

May 5

May 7

May 12

May 14

May 19

May 21

## Band Camp Dates:

*Time - 8am to 11am \*Break\* 4pm to 8pm*

8/11

8/12

8/13

8/14

8/15

## Football Schedule

*(All dates for games will have rehearsal after school at 4:30pm. Kick off is 7pm.)*

August 22, 2025

**Home** vs. Ardrey Kell

August 29, 2025

**Away @** Parkwood

September 12, 2025

**Home** vs. Forest Hills

September 19, 2025

**Away @** Porter Ridge

September 26, 2025

**Home** vs. Piedmont

**Homecoming**

October 3, 2025

**Away @**. Sun Valley

October 10, 2025

**Home** vs. Weddington

October 24, 2025

**Home** vs. Charlotte Catholic

**Senior Night**

October 31, 2025

**Away @** Marvin Ridge

## Potential Playoff Dates

(MMC may travel to in-county away games for play-off rounds.)

Nov. 7, 2025 - Round 1

Nov. 14, 2025 - Round 2

Nov. 21, 2025 - Round 3

Nov. 28, 2025 - Round 4

Dec. 5, 2025 - Regionals

Dec. 15, 2025 - Champs

## Parades

Nov. 23, 2025 - Monroe

Parade

Dec. 14, 2025 - Waxhaw

Parade

## Competitions

Oct 4 - Wingate

Oct 11 - BandBEAT

Oct 25 - JM Robinson and  
Porter Ridge

\*If you are planning to take the SAT please avoid the Oct. 4th and Nov. 8th dates.\*

\*Weekly practice is set to be Mon, Tues, Wed from 3:30-6:30pm. We are awaiting field availability and plan to be outside for drill on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be inside for music and movement.\*

## **Cost for each ensemble:**

### **Friday Night Lights - New membership \$150 / Returning members \$75**

New members will receive uniform jacket, t-shirt, hat, and shoes

Returning members may purchase needed replacement items from Boosterhub

### **Mighty Marching Cavaliers - Additional \$350**

Must participate and pay for FNL to compete

This cost covers all the additional items for the competitive season

## **Parents**

1. Make sure your child's marching band payments are completed. Visit the Booster Hub app to make a payment.
2. Volunteer to help! Top groups include the Pit Crew, Chaperones, and fundraising opportunities. Email our band booster Jessica Auslander at [cbbvp@cuthbertsonband.org](mailto:cbbvp@cuthbertsonband.org) to join a group.

## **Students**

MMC Fall training begins August 11th.

1. On your instrument- work breathing, fundamental sound, marching volume (loud!) and begin memorizing the show music . Show up to camp with your instrument oiled and greased.
2. Percussion - make sure and practice your fundamentals and sticking.
3. Guard- do stretches and spin basics. Work your angles and planes - make sure you count. Practice marching and spinning at the same time and stay in step. Put on your favorite song and march. This week add tosses - make sure to get the correct number of rotations and catch!
4. Let's get in awesome shape for an awesome season. Do 20 push ups daily and if you have a big instrument, hold it in playing position at attention for 5 minutes at a time. Add 1 minute per day. On day 3 add 30 uppies per day and work daily to achieve a 3 minute plank by band camp.
5. Also, refresh your marching fundamentals. Goal- marching and playing! Practice position of attention (pulled up from waist and shoulders down and back), forward march (upper body high), backwards march (straight leg), and mark time (heel only comes off the ground a little). Stretch your slide muscles with the slow twist then do slides- make sure your shoulders are at 90 degrees (use a mirror to check). USE THE VIDEOS!!!
6. Make sure to spend some time outdoors to get acclimated to outside weather! You need to be outside at least an hour a day.

**\*NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR MMC\***

As mentioned above, Mr. Ebert is the only person who can excuse an absence. If a student acquires 3 unexcused absences, they will be dismissed from the competitive ensemble. The competitive band fee will be forfeited in this case and the student will move to Friday Night Lights only. Having consistent attendance is important to the success of our program and will allow us to achieve a higher level of performance.

For all questions please reach out to Mr. Ebert @ [Todd.ebert@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:Todd.ebert@ucps.k12.nc.us)

Go Band Go!!!

Todd Ebert

Director of Bands

Cuthbertson HS

**CUTHBERTSON MARCHING BAND  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Student's Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

MB Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency Contact (if parents cannot be reached):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION AND CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT**

List all known allergies (food, medications, etc.):

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List special medical problems:

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List any medication the student is presently taking and its purpose:

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I give my permission to the Band Directors, to act as a guardian in the event of an accident involving my child until I am able to be contacted. Also, in the event of an emergency, he/she has my permission to consent to the attending physician/emergency response team to administer any medications or perform any treatments, at my expense, that he/she deems necessary for the proper care and well-being of my child.

Signature of Parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subscriber Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Plan No. \_\_\_\_\_

Current Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION AND TRANSPORTATION PERMISSION**

I hereby give permission and understand the expectation that \_\_\_\_\_ will attend all events with the Cuthbertson High School "Friday Night Lights" and/or "Mighty Marching Cavaliers" for the 2024/25 school year. I waive liability of the school, staff, or Cuthbertson Band Boosters for injury or damage sustained by my student or her/his possessions during trips or other activities.

I understand the Marching Band Handbook is online and is the responsibility of the student to read it and follow all rules stated within. I also understand that 100% participation for my student on all practice and performance days is vital and mandatory to the band program. I also grant full permission for my child to be an active member of the Cuthbertson High School "Friday Night Lights" and/or "Mighty Marching Cavaliers". I have read the Rules and Regulations in the Marching Band Handbook concerning my student's behavior and understand that failure to follow the rules will result in disciplinary action.

I understand that all Marching Band Payments are non-refundable.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Musically yours,

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**National Band Associations Blue Ribbon of Excellence Program 2015-16 / 2024-25**

**National Association for Music Merchants "Best Communities" Merit Award**

**2015/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24**

**1The American Prize for High School Concert Band Recipient 2020/21/23**