## MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT LETTER 2024

I am committed to being a member of the Monarch High School Marching Coyotes for the 2024 marching season!

I understand that being in the Marching Band requires:

- Being enrolled in a band class (exception for Color Guard who don't play an instrument). Students not enrolled in a band class will not be permitted to be in Marching Band.
- Participating in all camps and rehearsals (director has been notified of conflicts)
- Attendance at all rehearsals, competitions, football games and performances
- Participation in the 2024 Tag Day Fundraiser on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Parent Volunteering at events and competitions to ensure a successful season

You will be emailed a detailed accounting by the July band camp via CutTime, which can be paid online by credit card or by check (made out to **Monarch Band Boosters**). No student will be denied participation in the band due to finances. Please reach out to Mr. Stephen if you need financial assistance. Expenses to participate break down as follows:

## Participation Assessment

- This covers staff, show music and design, uniforms, transportation, meal plan, Band T-Shirt, show entry fees and more.
- The Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization, so a portion of your contribution may be tax deductible. Payment plans can be arranged. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Chuck Stephen. <u>As the Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3), all payments are considered donations and are non-refundable.</u> For tax purposes, the value of meals through the season (\$60) and show shirt (\$15) are valued at \$75.00.
- The Marching Band provides most meals and snacks for the students on competition days (including State), and even several breakfasts at the school prior to departure to events. Students with severe dietary restrictions (food allergies, religious/cultural issues, etc.) should notify the Marching Band Parent Representative to ensure an alternate meal can be provided.

\$475

• New T-shirts are designed for each season, and students will wear this shirt when not in uniform and wear it under their uniforms during shows. Band parent T-shirts will also be available for purchase separately.

## Families experiencing financial hardship should contact Mr. Stephen for information about scholarships to cover participant fees and additional expenses.

| Additional Expenses:   |       |
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| <b>BVSD School Instrument Fee</b> – All students using a school instrument, including percussionists (battery and pit), will need to pay the School District equipment use and maintenance fee. This covers the entire school year, not just marching band.  | \$100 |
| <b>Marching Shoes</b> – Students are required to have a pair of marching shoes. The students will have an opportunity to try on shoes for the proper size, and we will place one large order. If your shoes still fit from a prior year, you are not required to purchase new shoes for the upcoming season. | \$40  |
| <b>Uniform Garment Bag</b> – All new students need to purchase a garment bag to protect your uniform during transportation and storage. It is yours to keep when you graduate!   | \$10  |

I look forward to being a part of the marching band! My signature below indicates my commitment to being in the 2024 Monarch High School Marching Coyotes! Please scan and email this form to Paige Kirkman at <u>mohimarchingparent@gmail.com</u> or turn in a hard copy by **May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup> (June band camp)**. The students we include in the show are the students who have completed this form.

| Student Name (Print)  | Instrument |  |  |
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| Student Signature   | Date       |  |  |
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| Parent Signature  | Date       |  |  |
| Parents, by checking the box, I understand it is a requirement to have at least one family member<br>(parent or guardian) work a shift at the Monarch Marching Festival, September 21, 2024. <u>I also agree</u><br><u>that each parent/guardian must be an approved volunteer through the BVSD.org website and pay the</u> |            |  |  |
| \$32 per person background check.   |            |  |  |
| Marching band assessment payment schedule:  |            |  |  |
| May 31-June 1 (Camp)- \$100 deposit to secure your spot   |            |  |  |
| July 12-13 (Camp) -\$100  |            |  |  |
| August 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$150  |            |  |  |
| September 1 <sup>st</sup> - \$125   |            |  |  |
| If you would like to make an extra donation to support families who need financial assistance, please let Mr.<br>Stephen or Paige Kirkman know and we will put the money in our financial assistance fund.  |            |  |  |
| You may pay the assessment in its entirety at any point. If you are in need of financial assistance or need to work out a different payment schedule, please contact Mr. Stephen <u>Charles.stephen@bvsd.org</u>  |            |  |  |
| I have checked the band calendar at <u>monarchbands.org</u> . Please note any conflicts below. The director also needs advance notice if you will miss any rehearsals, which are also listed on the calendar. Absences are only excused through Mr. Stephen or one of the staff members (not through section leaders).      |            |  |  |

Please visit <u>monarchbands.org</u> for all information on the marching band, other ensembles and the Band Boosters organization. For questions, please contact Chuck Stephen at <u>charles.stephen@bvsd.org</u> or Paige Kirkman <u>mohimarchingparent@gmail.com</u>