# THE RAMPART REGIMENT



2017 HANDBOOK

#### A LETTER FROM YOUR DIRECTORS

Congratulations! You have just become part of one of the finest groups of young adults at Rampart High School: a member of the Rampart Instrumental Music program (RIM)! Students and families here have worked tirelessly to build a long-standing tradition of excellence that thrives every year through tremendous work ethic and character. We reflect on our past with respect, and reach for our future with inspired goals and renewed determination.

Some of our student's greatest musical experiences come from their participation in marching band. We believe in constantly striving for artistry at the highest level, developing musical listening skills, and expressing ourselves with confidence as ever-growing artists. Most importantly, we teach our students to be respectful and hard-working members of a team, persevering together toward goals that we could not reach alone.

The Rampart Regiment is an after school sport of the performing arts. The Rampart Regiment has demonstrated excellence in performance and citizenship both on and off the marching field. With many marching titles earned at local, regional, national, and international competitions, the Rampart Regiment has been consistently recognized with the highest level of distinction.

There is an incredible sense of pride within this program, which takes students beyond their imagined possibilities as musicians and athletes. Marching Band takes a substantial commitment toward dedication, planning, teamwork, perseverance, and faithfulness to oneself and to others.

# Here, students dare to actually do what others only imagine.

Our purpose will never be driven by the score or the ranked outcome of any performance. We strive to pursue quality with passion. We aspire to leave every performance with nothing desired. We practice for perfection and perform for enjoyment. The more we explore, define, and refine our show, the more rewarding and enjoyable our performances become.

This handbook is designed to help you get started in your family's marching band career at Rampart. Your journey is taking its first step, and there are a lifetime of memories that await you. We are so excited to have you become a part of the 2017 Rampart Regiment. Welcome to the team, and welcome to the family!

Keith Acuncius & Angelo Sapienza

#### RAMPART INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROFILE

**Directors of Rampart Instrumental Music** 

Principal

Keith Acuncius & Angelo Sapienza

Pete Alvarez

Directors of Mountain Ridge Middle School

Member enrollment

Melissa Shank & Dusty Jackson

180-200; approx. 110 in Rampart Regiment

#### Official Name of the Marching Band & Color Guard

The Rampart Regiment

# **Class Offerings**

Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, Advanced Jazz Ensemble, String Orchestra, Percussion Techniques, Guitar Class, Music Theory, Music Appreciation

#### **Extracurricular Ensembles**

Rampart Regiment, Color Guard, Chamber Groups, Jazz Combos, Ram Pep Band, Pit Orchestra, Winter Guard, Winter Percussion

#### PREREQUISITES FOR PARTICIPATION

# Class Enrollment Requirement

All Rampart Regiment members must be enrolled in a year-round instrumental ensemble class. Color guard members who are not musicians are excluded from this rule. Please contact both directors immediately if you are experiencing issues with your class schedule.

# Good Standing Status Requirement

All marching band and color guard members must be in good:

<u>Academic standing</u> – Students who have more than one "F" are considered academically ineligible to perform with the marching band until grades are posted again with a passing grade.

<u>Behavioral standing</u> – Behavior that does not uphold the ideals of the program will be grounds for suspension or dismissal from the marching band (all school and district rules apply at all times).

<u>Financial standing</u> – Students must be current with their financial obligations or they may lose their performance position. Please communicate if extra time is needed to pay installments. We can't help if we don't know.

# Paperwork

The commitment form at the end of this handbook, along with your first payment of \$100, is required for participation in the Rampart Regiment. **All forms** may be found online at Charms. Please turn in your paperwork by mini band camp (June 2-3, 2017). Medical paperwork is needed as soon as possible and no later than the start of band camp (July 24, 2017).

#### FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS & SOLUTIONS

# IMPORTANT PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY

# Marching Band Fee

Because the Rampart Regiment receives limited district and school funding, the ensemble is primarily supported through participation fees and fundraising. Fees cover all costs including staffing, transportation, housing (when applicable), meals during competitions, uniforms, props, and equipment maintenance. Some competitive marching programs across the nation have a participation fee of \$3,200 or more. However, the Rampart High School Band Boosters (RHSBB) work hard to ensure the budget is balanced and efficient. They also provide fundraising opportunities to reduce *or even remove* your out-of-pocket responsibility entirely. Through this dedication and diligence, **2017 member fees for the Rampart Regiment start as low as \$580 –** this includes the cost of our overnight trip.

# Sky Sox

RHSBB is fortunate to partner with The Colorado Springs Sky Sox! By providing concessions services for home games, students can save considerably on their marching band participation fee.

The following is the 2017 fee schedule:

Due Dates	Working Sky Sox	Opting out of Sky Sox
May 13	\$100	\$100
June 15	\$160	\$300
July 15	\$160	\$300
August 15	\$160	\$280
Total	\$ 580	\$ 980

All members of the Rampart Regiment paying the reduced fee of \$580 will participate in a minimum of 8 shifts in our Sky Sox Concession Stand, including a minimum of 5 adult positions. Multiple shifts may be worked in one game with multiple workers. *All* workers must be at least 14 years of age to work in the concession stand. Shifts may be worked on behalf of the student or parent by grandparents, siblings, friends, neighbors, etc. However, *adult positions must be filled by a worker over the age of 18*.

Additional information will be available at our Sky Sox and Scrip informational meeting on March 15, 2017 at 6:30pm at Rampart High School.

#### March-A-Thon

Participation in the March-A-Thon fundraiser is required of all members. This is a tax deductible fundraiser, where members secure individual donations to RHSBB (a non-profit 501c3) totaling \$150 or more during a three-week drive. These donations go directly to making membership fees more affordable. Students are eligible to receive individual and section prizes for their efforts to raise money for the Rampart Regiment.

# Scrip

Scrip is one of the easiest ways to reduce your fees and support the Rampart Instrument Music Program. Scrip is a program where you purchase gift cards for your normal, everyday purchases for face value and you receive a rebate for your purchase. There are over 300 retailers available through Scrip including all of the major grocery stores in town and much, much more. It is truly every bit as easy and beneficial as it sounds, and there is no catch! Some families completely pay their marching fees for multiple students through Scrip alone!

Come to our informational meeting on March 15, 2017 at 6:30pm at RHS for important information. You may also contact our RHSBB Scrip Coordinator at <a href="mailto:scrip@rampartmusic.com">scrip@rampartmusic.com</a> with any questions or to get started. The sooner you get signed up, the more you can earn!

# **Scholarships**

Through the efforts of the boosters and fundraising, we are able to offer a few scholarships to students and families who are in need. Please contact RHSBB President Tara Stephen at <a href="mailto:president@rampartmusic.com">president@rampartmusic.com</a> if you have any questions or to request a scholarship. Scholarships are limited and subject to the review of the directors and the Executive Board of the boosters. Please note that in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship, you are required to work Sky Sox.

#### Restaurant Fundraisers

Throughout the year we have opportunities to go to a participating restaurant to help support the band. These restaurants offer up to 20% of their sales to benefit the band program. Watch the calendar for special opportunities.

#### Small Product Fundraisers

We also participate in Yankee Candle, Butter Braids, and other small fundraisers throughout the year.

# Payment Options

Payments may be dropped off in the Gold Box outside the Band Directors' office or mailed to RHSBB, P.O. Box 62252, Colorado Springs, CO 80962. **Please make checks payable to RHSBB**.

Credit card payments may be made directly on the Charms website (<u>www.charmsoffice.com</u>) (see section on Charms below).

Email RHSBB Treasurer Sheila White at <u>treasurer@rampartmusic.com</u> if you have any questions about payments. Together, we can always work out a payment plan in order to ensure your child's participation.

#### Additional Costs

A flat fee of \$50 **per semester** shall be assessed to each student using any school band instrument. The fee is to be paid by the 15th day of each semester according to Academy District 20 policy.

There is also a \$45 **per year** Enrichment fee collected by the school for each concert ensemble in which your student participates. This fee allows us to purchase method books, hire clinicians, travel to competitive events, and provide performance opportunities.

If any fee poses a financial hardship, parents and students should inform the band directors as soon as possible. Each financial situation is handled on a case-by-case basis with the band directors and school administration.

# Student Miscellaneous Ledger

A portion of all fundraising events goes to the band general fund, while the rest goes directly into the student's account, called their <u>miscellaneous ledger</u>. The miscellaneous ledger reflects any fundraising money earned by the student (e.g. Scrip rebates), as well as any participation fees owed (Enrichment fees are not reflected in the miscellaneous ledger). The money in the ledgers can be used to pay for band fees, instrument rentals, Enrichment fees, trips, and even private lessons.

The form used to make a withdrawal from your miscellaneous ledger (Student Account Withdrawal Application) to cover approved band-related items (see above) is available online on the Charms website at <a href="https://www.charmsoffice.com">www.charmsoffice.com</a> under the "Files & Handouts" tab in the "Money Matters" folder. To pay participation fees with your miscellaneous ledger funds, transfers may be made directly on the Charms website under the red "Finances" button and then the "Transfer Request" tab. Please contact RHSBB Student Accounts Manager Carin Symonette at <a href="mailto:studentaccounts@rampartmusic.com">studentaccounts@rampartmusic.com</a> with any questions.

#### **EQUIPMENT NEEDS**

#### *Instruments*

All equipment and instruments must be in proper working condition. This includes having a supply of good reeds. Periodically check for loose screws, corks, pads, springs, etc. **Ask the director for assistance with instrument issues before taking it to a repair store**. Sometimes issues are a quick fix. Never play instruments belonging or rented to other people. All flag bags and instrument cases must have a name tag.

Quality mouthpieces are highly recommended. Students become limited with beginner equipment at the high school level. Please consider investing in your child's instant improvement and fuller tone by purchasing the respective mouthpiece below (or their equivalent):

Clarinet: Vandoren 5RV, B45 Trumpet: Bach 3C or 5C

Selmer C85 / 105 Trombone/Baritone: Bach 6 1/2 AL

Saxes: Selmer C\*(star) Tuba: Conn Helleberg or Perantucci PT 44, PT 48, or PT 50

Percussionists: All percussionists must pay the district rental fee and provide their own sticks, electrical tape, and mallets.

#### Additional Items

All new hornline and percussion ensemble students will be given one pair of marching shoes, two rehearsal shirts, and one Rampart Regiment warm-up jacket. If these are lost, out-grown, or no longer in good condition, the student will need to purchase replacements. We will collect money for any replacement items needed for returning members in July. Drumline members may be also asked to purchase black (or white) wrist bands.

Color Guard members will also be given one warm-up jacket and two rehearsal shirts. Guard members will be informed as soon as possible about additional uniform parts that may need to be purchased separately such as shoes, gloves, leotards, etc.

All members receive one show shirt each year.

# What to Bring to EVERY Rehearsal

- Bag exclusively dedicated to Marching Band to hold all rehearsal essentials
- Instrument
- 1.5 inch 3-ring binder with 75-100 plastic sheet protectors
- Pencil
- Drill coordinate sheets (to be distributed by staff throughout the season)
- Sunscreen
- Closed hat with a brim
- Weather & dress code appropriate athletic wear
- Quality, durable tennis/running shoes (your feet MUST be protected, it's MARCHING band)
- Member warm-up jacket
- Rehearsal shirt
- LARGE water jug (minimum 1 gallon)
- Sunglasses

# What to Bring to EVERY Competition

- Instrument
- Uniform and uniform components (see below)
- Sunscreen
- Weather appropriate change of clothes
- Member warm-up jacket
- Show shirt
- Money for concessions or sack lunch (optional; one meal always provided by RHSBB)

#### School Owned Instruments

Rampart High School owns and maintains an inventory of instruments and equipment available for student use. Items available for rent include large percussion instruments, marching and concert tubas, bass trombones, baritone horns, baritone saxophones, tenor saxophones, bass and contrabass clarinets, alto clarinet, mellophones, French horns, oboes, bassoons, piccolos, and various color guard equipment. With the exception of percussion items, instruments are assigned to individual students who are responsible for the care and maintenance of the instrument.

A contract for the use of the instrument must be completed and will remain on file during the period for which the student has responsibility for the item. All school-owned instruments are to be properly stored in the band room unless the instrument has been taken home for practice. Students are expected to treat school-owned equipment as if they personally owned the item and will be responsible for repair or replacement of the instrument if it is damaged or lost due to personal neglect.

# Instrument Storage

The security of personal and school-owned instruments is the direct responsibility of the person playing that instrument. Wind instruments are to be stored in storage cabinets located in the band room when not in use. ALL instrument cases must have a luggage tag with the owner/user's name, address, and telephone number.

#### **UNIFORMS**

Components of the Marching and Pit Uniform

Jacket – Black and blue with gold and white accent

Trousers – Bibber style black pant with attached suspenders

Shako and shako wrap – Blue with black accents and gold triangle ornament

Shoes – Black Drillmaster marching shoes

Gloves- Black, long-wristed, sure-grip gloves

Rehearsal Shirt

#### Uniform Storage Maintenance

The uniforms are issued to students with specialized hangers and garment bags. This is the only method allowed to store and transport uniforms. Shoes and **clean** socks are **not** to be kept loose in garment bags, but should always be in a bag or in the separate shoe compartment on the provided garment bag. At the end of the season, RHSBB will coordinate the cleaning of the uniforms. **Please do not clean uniforms on your own.** Please contact RHSBB Uniform Coordinator Karen Miles at <u>uniforms@rampartmusic.com</u> with any additional questions.

#### Color Guard Uniforms

The Color Guard has different uniforms from the marching band in order to add visual interest to the show. Guard members are required to purchase make-up and items for their hair such as gel, hairnets, bobby pins, and accessories. Guard members will be instructed as to which make-up and accessories they will need to purchase as soon as possible. Please also see the guard handbook found online at <a href="www.rampartmusic.com">www.rampartmusic.com</a>.

# Uniform Etiquette

Our band uniform identifies an individual as a member of our ensemble, representing our band and the Rampart High School community. The Rampart Regiment has enjoyed a strong reputation of embodying the highest caliber of professionalism and class. To maintain this tradition, students are responsible for having a clean, pressed uniform for every performance. Basic guidelines to keep in mind while wearing the uniform include:

- Do NOT use profane language
- Do NOT run in uniform
- Do NOT eat food or drink flavored/colored beverages in uniform (water is permitted)
- Do NOT travel alone in uniform. Always travel in pairs or groups
- Remove all body jewelry while in uniform (clear or skin-tone studs are encouraged to keep piercings from closing)
- Long hair should be placed in a tight sock bun to fit in the shako

To ensure uniformity a uniform committee has been established to monitor trouser and jacket sleeve lengths and other uniform related items. Students must adhere to all instructions on uniformity. The director and the staff reserve the right to withhold a student with a uniform in poor condition from performing.

Members will be financially responsible for replacing any part of any uniform that is lost, rendered unserviceable, or destroyed through personal neglect or improper cleaning. The cost of items is as follows: hat box \$15, garment bag \$15, jacket \$175, plume \$20, shako \$75, gauntlet \$42, trousers \$75. Color guard uniform price varies each year.

#### Inclement Weather

The directors will decide if uniforms will be worn when it rains. We will do everything possible to keep our students healthy during marching season! ALWAYS bring your black warm-up jacket. When it rains, do your best to keep our plumes dry until the plume case becomes available. Bringing extra and weather appropriate clothing is encouraged for all Rampart Regiment activities.

# **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

# Attendance at all rehearsals and performances are mandatory and critical to the success of the Rampart Regiment!

Every rehearsal throughout the season will involve a) learning new material, b) revising or removing old material, and c) making the performance more cohesive and effective. Missing members create issues with missing sounds and visually unappealing holes on the field, which create inconsistencies in everyone's personal performance. We need all members present, on time, and ready with all needed equipment for all Rampart Regiment functions as we master the show throughout the season.

Students will be checked in to rehearsals on Charms via barcode scan. Barcodes will be handed out to students at the beginning of the season. Please place your barcode on your music binder under a piece of clear packing tape so that you can check in for all rehearsals.

Excused absences include: medical appointments with two-weeks' notice, severe illness or injury, death in the immediate family, and important religious observances. All excused absences must be accompanied with a prearranged absence form approved by the directors. Please communicate these via email to both directors, your coach, and your section leader ASAP.

Unexcused absences include (but are not limited to): jobs, homework, tutoring, and shopping trips. If you have a sudden schedule conflict that requires you to miss rehearsals or performances, you must notify both directors via email within 48 hours.

Unexcused absences may result in suspension from the marching band pending a review of their commitment to the others on the team. Directors reserve the right to prohibit students from performing in competition. Certain or repeat situations may be grounds for marching band expulsion (without refund) at the directors' discretion. Students who miss rehearsal may need to meet with student leadership or directors on Saturdays to make up the missed time.

When you join the Rampart Regiment, you have made a commitment to yourself and to every single member of the Regiment. It is very important to avoid absences by planning ahead and keeping a detailed calendar of all events, band-related and otherwise.

# REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

# Mini Band Camp

From June 2, 2017 to June 3, 2017, we will hold an introductory minicamp. All members will meet from 8:00 AM -5:00 PM in a fun, how-to-marching-band experience. It is highly recommended that every student attend, as the foundations for our approach will be taught here. Members will get to meet section leaders, learn basic technique, receive music, and play together for the first time. At the conclusion of mini camp, we will host a fun lock-in with everyone through the evening of June  $3^{\text{rd}}$ .

#### Summer Sectionals

Throughout the months of June and July, weekly sectionals may be scheduled. If sectionals are scheduled for any part of the band, members are strongly urged to attend as music is learned and memorized. It is understood that some of these dates may be missed because of scheduled family vacations. If you are making summer vacation plans, please try to schedule them during this time. Check the rehearsal calendar on Charms for specific rehearsal dates.

It is very important that you continue to practice on your own throughout the summer so that you are prepared both musically and physically for marching band camp.

# Marching Band Camp

From July 24, 2017 to August 5, 2017, we will host our **mandatory**, two-week marching band camp. These all-day, rehearsals will be used to continue honing fundamental skills, rehearsing music, and beginning detailed work on the year's marching show. The sooner members grasp these fundamental concepts, the sooner we can get to, learning, cleaning, and mastering the show.

Uniform check-out and sizing and ordering of shoes, shirts, and gloves will also take place during this required two-week camp.

Students with summer employment should consult with their employers NOW concerning schedules to ensure their attendance at all rehearsals. A letter for your employer will be provided by the directors upon request.

Campus is closed for students during band camp. Please bring a healthy lunch every day during band camp.

# Tips for a Great Marching Band Camp Experience

- 1. Physical fitness Marching band camp is very physically demanding. You will need to prepare for this demand with regular stretching and exercise in the weeks leading up to camp. A healthy, balanced diet is also important to prepare your body for the demands of the activity.
- 2. Wear your hat at all times to help keep the sun and heat off of your face and neck.
- 3. Bring sunglasses.
- 4. Wear comfortable, durable, high-quality sneakers (running/cross-trainers). High tops or skater sneakers and sandals are not allowed.
- 5. Wear socks under your shoes (cotton is best).
- 6. Wear comfortable shorts or light-weight pants (jeans are not recommended). Lightweight materials work best in the sun.
- 7. WATER, WATER Bring a LARGE container for water (Minimum 1 Gallon jug is required), which has a large opening to make refill time faster. Be sure to write the student's name on it.
- 8. BRING SUNSCREEN AND REAPPLY IT REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY!!
- 9. Skipping meals or eating light snacks does not work. You need FUEL to make it through practice! In Band Camp, you can burn as many as 10,000 calories in a single day! Students should avoid dairy and greasy foods as they can make them very sick when it is hot. Electrolyte drinks are necessary to replace nutrients lost in the hot sun.

# PHYSICAL FITNESS AND MEDICAL PHYSICAL

The competitive and modern marching band is a very physically demanding activity. <u>The sooner you prioritize</u> <u>your physical fitness, the more success and enjoyment you will experience.</u> Various and rigorous exercise is encouraged, particularly in endurance training and cardio. Your Marching Band staff will be able to assist you with suggestions on specific exercises.

All members are required to have a yearly physical, with a physical form signed by a healthcare provider on file with RIM, in order to participate. In order to turn in medical physical paperwork by band camp, please plan to schedule your appointments by June.

# FALL SCHEDULE

Regular Season Rehearsals

# The Rampart Regiment rehearses on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:30-6:30 PM.

Students should plan to be at the rehearsal site by 3:15 PM with all required materials to hydrate, apply sunscreen, and set up for rehearsal. The time from 6:30-6:50 PM is reserved for announcements, equipment tear-down, and brief meetings with staff and/or section leaders. Consequently, **pick-up time for your student is approximately at 6:50 PM**.

There will be some variance to the exact rehearsal schedule through the regular season due to conflicts with the school calendar, which change each year. The full calendar will be posted online at <a href="www.rampartmusic.com">www.rampartmusic.com</a> and on the Charms website at <a href="www.charmsoffice.com">www.charmsoffice.com</a>. All form will be on the Charms website by March 15, 2017. Please check the Charms calendar regularly throughout the year for the latest updates as well as volunteer needs.

#### Rehearsal Location

Our regular practice location is the fenced field on Rampart's campus, at the corner of Lexington and Union. We may also use the grass field on the north end of the Rampart campus when it is available. Spectators are always welcome and encouraged to visit our rehearsals.

Schedule pending, we may hold one or two rehearsals at the D-20 Football Stadium, adjacent to Liberty High School (8720 Scarborough Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920). Information on this will be announced by the directors as soon as the schedule is confirmed. Transportation to and from rehearsals at D-20 Stadium will be the responsibility of the student.

#### Football Games

The Rampart Regiment performs in the stands and on the field at half-time during the Rampart High School home varsity football games. Home football games are played at the D-20 Football Stadium. Most football games are on Friday evenings, with occasional games on Thursday or Saturday. Typically, expect to play pep music in the stands during the first and second quarter. We will perform our show during half time, have third quarter off for Booster-provided snacks, and play pep music in the fourth quarter. More detailed information, member expectations, and schedules will be given out via itinerary and when appropriate.

#### Competitions

Marching Band competitions are all-day events. Most of our competitions are a two performance prelims-finals format. Our prelims score determines our performance time in finals. As a result, it is very important that you check your email throughout the day and keep in contact with your student, so that you will know when we will be performing in finals, as well as when to expect your student to arrive back at RHS. Prior to each contest, each member will receive a detailed itinerary for the day with a **tentative** return time.

Please consult the master calendar for competition dates and times.

#### Parades

Participation in the annual Veteran's Day Parade and Parade of Lights will be determined on a year-to-year basis and details are published via itinerary throughout the fall semester.

# Rules & Procedures for All Travel

The Rampart Regiment is known for traveling with the highest respect for property and people. We are proud to be a group for whom all bus drivers want to drive. Every location we visit, we leave better than we found it. When traveling with the Marching Band:

- 1. For the safety of the drivers, keep noise to a minimum. All music players must have headphones/ear buds.
- 2. Do not play wind instruments on the bus. The use of a practice pad for percussionists is permitted but do not drum on the seats.
- 3. No talking during roll call. Answer roll call loudly and clearly for yourself.
- 4. Remember this is a high school band function, not a date. You will be separated if there are any problems.
- 5. Always keep the bus clean by policing your trash continually.
- 6. Remain seated while the bus is moving. Do not kneel, stand or sit backwards in your seat. Keep aisles clear.
- 7. All other bus and school rules apply at all times.
- 8. Treat everyone and everything with the highest level of class and professionalism.

# **SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT**

# Through the Rampart High School Band Boosters

If you are a parent, you are a booster! The Rampart High School Band Boosters is a vital part in the success of the Rampart Regiment program. RHSBB coordinates fundraising for the bands, provides refreshments at football games, provides meals at competitions, helps move equipment on and off the field during football games and competitions, chaperones, helps with uniforms, makes props, maintains equipment and various other details that make the RIM program so outstanding. This task is made easier with many helping hands, and there are so many opportunities for you to support the program with your unique talents. Check the Charms calendar for current and future needs, or contact RHSBB VP/Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Evans at <a href="mailto:vpadmin@rampartmusic.com">vpadmin@rampartmusic.com</a>. Our team needs you! Your students need you!

RHSBB meets monthly, typically on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, to plan and prepare for band functions. Meetings are always open for RIM families, and families are encouraged to attend. Check the Charms calendar for dates, times, and locations. Contact RHSBB President Tara Stephen at president@rampartmusic.com with any questions.

# The RHSBB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations made to RHSBB are fully tax-deductible.

#### In the Stands

It is so important to support your student by cheering them on from the stands. It can also make a big impression on the judges if they hear the crowd responding enthusiastically to our show. It makes the biggest impression if parents can sit near each other in the stands to coordinate their cheering efforts. It also makes competitions a lot of fun.

Please represent Rampart with the same excellence that our kids do. Be respectful and supportive of all of the bands.

# Spirit wear

To show your Rampart Regiment pride, you may purchase spirit wear. Spirit wear is available for purchase at band functions, and will be available online as well at <a href="www.rampartmusic.com">www.rampartmusic.com</a>. If you have any questions or suggestions for spirit wear, or would like to make a purchase, please contact RHSBB Spirit Wear Coordinator Rick Stephen at <a href="spiritwear@rampartmusic.com">spiritwear@rampartmusic.com</a>. Spirit buttons, with your marcher's picture, and personalized car decals will also be available for purchase at the beginning of the season.

#### **CONTACTS & RESOURCES**

Rampart Instrument Music (RIM) Website

The RIM website contains all kinds of valuable information about the entire RIM program.

www.rampartmusic.com

#### Charms Website

Charms is the RIM online office. If your child is in any RIM program, they will have an account on Charms. Charms also contains our master calendar with all upcoming events for all of the RIM programs. All of your financial information is also on Charms in your student's miscellaneous ledger. You can also transfer or request

funds from your ledger and make payments on Charms. On Charms you can also see and fill volunteer needs including signing-up for Sky Sox shifts, and you can download any form.

# www.charmsoffice.com

Our school code is RampartHSBand. You will sign in with your student's ID number. Please contact RHSBB Student Accounts Manager Carin Symonette at studentaccounts@rampartmusic.com if you have any questions.

#### Directors

The directors of the Rampart Regiment for Fall 2017 are Keith Acuncius and Angelo Sapienza.

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# RHSBB Executive Board

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Several other parents serve as chairs for the RHSBB or as liaisons for the different RIM programs. Contact information for these representatives can be found at www.rampartmusic.com.

# 2017 Rampart Regiment Commitment Form Due May 1ST 2017 - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name	Name			of		_ Student ID#		
Address			Student Email					
Home Phone	Student Cell					Instrumen	ıt	
Parent 1 Name	Email			Cell Phone				
Parent 2 Name	e Email			Cell Phone				
Second Address (if applicable)	)							
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(please initial)  We DO DO NOT (circle one)  Returning Members Only:	wish to wo	ork 8 shift	s at Sky	y Sox g	ames to	reduce our fee to S	\$580.	
I need new marching shoes	YES	NO	SIZ	SIZE		(approx. \$35)		
I need a new warm-up jacket	YES	NO				(approx. \$35)		
I need a new rehearsal shirt	YES	NO	SIZ	ZE		# desired	_ (approx. \$5 ea.)	
I certify that I have read and level of commitment, for both Regiment. I understand that Regiment for the entire 2017 rehearsals and performance and regulations of the Ramp	th the stude t by signing season an s (as indica	ent and the g this for d am agr ated in the	ne pare m I am eeing t	ents, inv comm o pay t	volved in itting to he parti	n being a member o membership in cipation fee, atte	r of the Rampart the Rampart nd all mandatory	
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