



# Irondale Marching Knights

INNOVATIVE, RENOWNED PERFORMANCES  
DEVELOPING LEADERS  
COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE  
BUILDING COMMUNITY

## ABOUT THE MARCHING BAND

The Irondale Marching Band is one of the elite marching bands in the United States. Marching band is made up of three sections – the hornline, drumline and color guard. The Knights consistently earn high rankings as a result of the hard work and dedication of the students, staff and families. The band has achieved many top honors in the last few years including Class AA Champions at the Band of America super regional competition in St. Louis in 2010 and over 50 first place and grand champion honors in the past decade.



*“My experience in the Irondale Marching Knights provided me with a full and balanced high school experience. I was able to “do it all”—two sports, marching band, pep band and A’s and B’s in the classroom!”*

*Andy Schmidt,  
Highview Middle  
School Band  
Director*

*“It’s a great place to meet new people and have fun – I met so many kids as a freshman in the band that it was much easier starting high school in the fall.”*



## ABOUT THE COLOR GUARD

The Color Guard creates motion and incorporates traditional equipment such as flags, sabers and rifles. Color Guard members do not need prior experience. Many of our guard members are choir, orchestra, theater, dance or art enthusiasts. Auditions are not necessary.

Everyone is welcome.

## WHAT IS A FIELD SHOW?

The Marching Knights compete in a field show format. Field shows are band competitions held on a football field. The band performs music while marching intricate movements on a field similar to a half-time performance. It’s exciting to watch and rewarding to march! The schedule consists of approximately eight to ten shows held on Saturdays and Sundays in September and October. The Irondale Marching Knights also perform in four parades and halftime at home football games.

*“ This is a once in a lifetime experience—you can’t get these feelings in any other high school activity! It’s amazing how much it changes you—I used to be very shy, but the program has changed that.”*



*“ Before I became a Marching Knight, I was heading down a path that wasn’t good for me—I now have higher expectations of myself. The program demands much of us—the challenge is ongoing. It has been awesome to be involved with the Marching Knights.”*

# Mythbusters

*Myth #1: We can never take a summer family vacation.*

**BUSTED!** Marching band takes a month off during June/July and only marches in four parades. Mini-band camp and band camp are held in the second part of July. After band camp in August, we need you!

*Myth #2 : Marching band takes over your life.*

**BUSTED!** Marching band practice begins at 6 p.m. during the school year with approximately two practices a week. That leaves time after school for plays, clubs, sports, church activities and dinner with the family. Band students participate in nearly every athletic team in our school. You CAN do sports and band!

*Myth #3: I can't take AP or Honors classes and be in the marching band.*

**BUSTED!** As a matter of fact, the collective GPA in marching band is one of the highest of all activities at Irondale. Many of our students are AP and Honor Students.

*Myth #4: I can't be in the band unless I go to Irondale.*

**BUSTED!** All Mounds View School District high school students are welcome to join, including incoming students freshmen and home-schooled kids.

*Myth #5: Marching Band is expensive.*

**BUSTED!** There is a cost to being in the marching band, but we have many opportunities to fund raise to help offset those costs. Band camp and travel expenses are included. Scholarships are available.

*Myth #6: I can't play in the band because I don't play a marching band instrument.*

**BUSTED!** If you play the piano, guitar, oboe, bassoon, etc., don't let that stop you from considering marching band. The staff will help you find an instrument where you can be successful.

*"We're extremely fortunate to have a program of this size in our school. Irondale has a first class reputation throughout Minnesota and the U.S. It's a great opportunity you should not miss out on."*



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# Parents

Studies indicate that music education dramatically improves a student's ability to solve complex math and science problems.

Students who participate in music programs score significantly higher on standardized tests.

Secondary students who participated in band, orchestra or choir reported the lowest lifetime use of all chemical/tobacco substances - *Texas School Survey of Substance Abuse Among Students*.

Music participants, on average, receive more academic honors and higher grades.

Scholarship opportunities for college

The Marching Knights have an active parent booster club that provides support in many ways to the band. The band boosters serve food, help raise money, build props, sew flags, hem uniforms, etc., and have a lot of fun working on it together!

# Students

Earn a varsity letter - everyone is a starter & there is no bench!

Leadership opportunities.

Make long-lasting friendships.

Incoming freshmen start high school with 100 friends.

Color Guard don't need to be in band & don't need previous experience with dance or flags.

We win a lot of trophies.

Travel with your friends and eat fantastic food!

Marching Band  
Information & Registration Night

March 26, 2019  
7 pm

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