



2022 Pride of Colgan Drumline Battery and Front Ensemble Audition Information

Thank you for your interest in the Pride of Colgan High School **Percussion Section** which includes the **Drumline** and **Front Ensemble!** This year's workshop is intended to provide information about our program including our schedule, our commitment requirements, and our placement procedures. Students will have an opportunity to meet current members and to try some of our marching drums and mallet instruments.

All Percussionist attending the workshop will be accepted into the Pride of Colgan Band.

-Students who want to be in the Drumline (this includes marching snare, tenors or bass drum) are required to audition.

-Students who wish to play mallet instruments will be asked to play a short selection of their choice and scale of their choice to aid in instrument assignments.

-All other percussionists will be in the in the **Front Ensemble** which includes xylophones, marimbas, vibraphone as well as other percussion (concert bass drum, toms, cymbals, and accessories [i.e. triangle, tambourine, etc.]) will be asked to play a placement audition to determine playing levels.

Your acceptance into the Drumline will be determined on a variety of factors including:

- Acceptable academic standing**
- Attitude/Eagerness to learn**
- Proficiency level on your chosen instrument**
- Proficiency in marching while playing**

If you plan to audition for the Snare Line you will need a pair of marching drum sticks (available at most music stores).

Throughout the audition process, we may ask you to play a variety of instruments. This is not to put stress on you but rather another opportunity for you to demonstrate your ability and for us to make sure we placed everyone on the instrument that best fits them. Most of all, be confident, do your best and have fun. We'll take care of the rest. For the latest information, please visit

www.colganband.com. Good Luck!

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AUDITION MATERIALS Available at colganband.com

The audition material packet includes all of our warm-up and technique exercises. Anyone who wants to audition for drumline should prepare all of the snare, tenor or bass drum exercises.

Summer Dates and Attendance Policy

The following rehearsal dates are highly encouraged.

****If you are in town, you are expected to attend****

Music Summer Rehearsals

Once a Week TBD– If you are in town, you are expected to attend. Student work schedules should be arranged to allow attendance. Please notify the instructors with any conflicts or absences.

The following dates are MANDATORY for DRUMLINE.

No exceptions.

Band Camp at Colgan – All Members August 1-19

After-School Rehearsals

The regular practice schedule begins August 23th and ends in early November.

Mondays: Performance Review & Sectional Practice 2:30- 4:00 pm

(Monday practice is required unless you have an excused reason to miss. However, Monday is the best day to schedule a doctor's appointment if you need to miss a practice during the week)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: Full Marching Band – 2:00-5:00pm

Fridays:

Home Game Schedule: Students will remain at school for rehearsal, followed by a homework break and dinner. Around 5:45 pm, students will change into their uniforms to prepare for pregame activities.

Away Game Schedule: Typically students leave school at dismissal to go home and return around 5:00 pm to change into their uniform and travel to the away game. Students return to Colgan at the conclusion of the game, usually around 10:00 pm.

Note: Times/dates may be adjusted to compensate for weather and other activities on campus.

SATURDAY COMPETITIONS – please see the Band Membership Packet

FALL SPORTS and Drumline

Members of the Drumline will not be excused or allowed to be late for other sports or activities. Due to the nature of the Drumline, **it is essential that all members are present at all rehearsals.** Front Ensemble members should check with the instructors about possible absences.

Equipment

We are very fortunate at Colgan to have the highest quality percussion instruments. All percussion instruments are provided by the school. ***Any student who damages instruments- accidentally or intentionally will be required to pay to repair or replace them.***

Student Required Equipment:

HEARING PROTECTION/EAR PLUGS – Students are required to have hearing protection at all times. *Please purchase durable earplugs that have a storage case.

According to Etymotic Research, drumline rehearsals are typically around 115 dB loud and are only safe for less than 3 minutes without hearing protection. The best way to prevent hearing loss in drumline is to wear ear plugs.

All percussion students (Drumline and Front Ensemble) are required to have a mallet bag. Students are responsible for marking their mallets, sticks and bags with their names.

All marching percussionists will be provided with **one set of sticks/mallets**. Lost, stolen, or broken sticks/mallets **must be replaced at the student's expense**.

Behavioral Expectations

Members of the Pride of Colgan are expected to behave in a manner that is becoming to the individual, as well as to the organization they represent. Students should be aware that in or out of uniform they are representatives of the Pride of Colgan and Colgan High School and should act accordingly.

Maintaining a higher standard of conduct will also include ensuring that members' websites/social media are appropriate. The Internet is a worldwide, publicly accessible form of communication. Colgan Band students will be responsible for any social media communication including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, MyApp, Groupme, or photo sharing, etc. that appears on the internet or in electronic messaging groups even if it is marked as private. Students' are responsible for their personal websites and postings as well as for postings on other students' websites. The area of appropriateness will include, but is not limited to, language (abbreviated or alluding to), bullying, pictures, suggestive poses, clothing, reference and/or depicting the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. The Director of Bands will decide what behaviors are deemed appropriate or inappropriate.

Information for all Colgan Band activities is available on www.colganband.com.

Please be sure to register through our website so that you will receive the weekly emails. This is our best means of communication.

Acknowledgement

I HAVE READ AND DISCUSSED ALL THE INFORMATION IN THE PERCUSSION PACKET WITH MY SON/DAUGHTER, AND I UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS AND MY RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THESE POLICIES AND CONSENT TO THEM AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIDE OF COLGAN PERCUSSION SECTION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, AND THAT OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIDE OF COLGAN PERCUSSION SECTION COMES WITH A HIGHER STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR AND THAT MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONED UPON ADHERENCE TO THOSE STANDARDS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM **AWARE OF THE REQUIRED DATES** FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DRUMLINE AND THAT AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE DRUMLINE.

Student Name (PRINT)

Student Signature Date
(PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent Signature Date

Please list below any dates that you may or will be absent this summer.