



July 22, 2026

Dear Statesmen Marching Band, new and returning Wind Symphony and Concert Band members, and other prospective Truman Bands students:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 edition of the Truman Bands! I am excited for our upcoming year and I look forward to meeting our new Truman Bands members and to a rich year of music making!

We have an amazing staff and leadership team lined up for the 2026 Statesmen season. The theme of the show this season is Space! The Showgirls will join us again to perform at the games. All incoming Statesmen will complete a "Statesmen Check-in" on Wednesday, August 12 after getting settled on campus. Returning members are encouraged to check-in then as well.

Regular rehearsals and performances will again be in Baldwin Hall Auditorium and Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall. All concerts will be live streamed and can be found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/@trumanmusicconcerts>. Regarding enrollment, please enroll in the ensemble you were in last year or if you are an incoming student (and haven't enrolled yet) enroll in Wind Symphony II (unless otherwise told). The ensemble you are enrolled in now is not binding. **After you audition during the first week of school, whatever ensemble you are assigned to will be the one to which you should change your enrollment.** There is no penalty for changing the section you are enrolled in during the first week of school.

This mailing includes important information for you to read before arriving on campus (some things have changed so read *carefully*):

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I invite all returning members to join us during the Truman week rehearsals. This is a great way for you to begin connecting with our newest members. Section leaders and drum majors will be able to move in early and will take part in our leadership

retreat on Tuesday, August 11. This is an exciting opportunity for Statesmen leaders to come together to hone their leadership skills and to help shape the season ahead. All other returning members will be able to check-in and be issued lockers and instruments on Sunday, August 16 from noon-2 and attend the first FULL rehearsal in OPPH at 2pm. Percussionists please note your individualized schedule and extra rehearsal times with Dr. Bump. Everyone please fill out the Statesmen Personnel Information at <http://bands.truman.edu/statesmen-personnel-info/>.

There are several important things for new members to note. If you are a new member of the Statesmen Marching Band, **you will need to bring your driver's license and social security card** in order to fill out the paperwork to receive your stipend during Statesmen Check-in. School instruments and lockers will be issued at that time (other times available during Truman week as well). The first activity for freshmen to attend after Check-in is on **Thursday, August 13 at 6:15pm in Ophelia Parrish**. This is a general music interest meeting that will include information about auditions, instruments, lockers, and other updates. If you have any questions about auditioning for Wind Symphony, please email me. I will be available during for office hours or email me to arrange a time.

All Statesmen will need to provide the following:

1. All white marching shoes (these can be ordered when you arrive on campus-please bring along \$40) and white athletic shoes.
2. A pair of khaki shorts and pants.

Projected Costs (estimated):

Gloves and Shoes	Colorguard	\$ 40.00
White Shoes (For new members or replacement)	Hornline/Drumline	\$ 40.00
Band Dues (includes gloves and t-shirt)	All band members	\$ 44.00

Note: Dues are assessed as a course fee

A Season with the "Statesmen"	All band members	Priceless!
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I look forward to seeing all of you in August!

Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

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2026-2027 Truman Bands Performance Calendar

(All times subject to change)

August	16-18		Wind Symphony Auditions
	29	6pm	HOME GAME
September	12	Noon	HOME GAME
	18	4:30pm	Statesmen Quad performance
	19	1:30pm	HOME GAME (Family Day)
	20	2pm	Wind Symphony I & II Concert (Baldwin)
October	24	9am	Homecoming Activities (Parade + Game: 1:30pm)
	31	Noon	HOME GAME
November	14	3pm	HOME GAME
	16	6pm	Wind Symphony I HONOR BAND Concert (Baldwin)
	18	7:30pm	Wind Symphony II Concert (Baldwin)
December	1	7:30pm	Concert Band Concert (OPPH)
	3	7:30pm	Wind Symphony I Concert (Baldwin)
March	2	7:30pm	Concert Band Concert (OPPH)
	3	7:30pm	Wind Symphony II Concert (OPPH)
	4	7:30pm	Wind Symphony I Invitational Concert (OPPH)
April	26	7:30pm	Wind Symphony I Concert (Baldwin)
	27	7:30pm	Wind Symphony II Concert (Baldwin)
	28	7:30pm	Concert Band Concert (OPPH)
May	8	2:00pm	Wind Symphony I&II Commencement Concert (Stokes Stadium) Attendance Required!

Statesmen General Information

For all Statesmen Marching Band members:

All members will need to provide the following items: all-white marching shoes, white athletic shoes/socks and a pair of khaki shorts and pants. Shoes are available to order from the band office (OP1318) they will be approximately \$40.

Band dues are \$44 (paid as course fee through university account) and include a pair of gloves, a Statesmen Marching Band t-shirt and the Banquet.

EVERYONE-Please fill out the Statesmen Personnel Information

<http://bands.truman.edu/statesmen-personnel-info/>

Also, all pregame music will be posted at <http://bands.truman.edu/athletic-bands/marching-band/>

Please work on this music before arriving on campus. Self-select the most appropriate part for you and adjustments will be made if needed.

For all Freshmen:

The Truman Week activities include a meeting on Thursday, August 13 at 6:15 P.M. in OPPH. Information concerning auditions, lockers, instrument checkout and calendar updates will be given out. During this week we will ask you to fill out forms, so be sure to bring your university email address with you.

Please bring your driver's license and social security card in order to complete necessary tax forms to receive your cash stipend at the end of the marching season during the Check-in (see below).

Statesmen CHECK-IN

After you move-in to campus on Wednesday, August 12 come to the Band Office in OP1318 (Ophelia Parrish) and complete your Statesmen Check-in. At this time, you'll complete your instrument rental and receive a locker (if needed), finish ordering shoes (if needed), complete your stipend paperwork (**bring your driver's license and Social Security Card**). We will distribute uniforms at a later time.

Statesmen leadership will help you all along the way and will be available from 8:00-5:00. **Otherwise check-in between 12 and 2 on Sunday, August 16.**

For all Statesmen Color Guard members:

The costs are: band dues (\$44), shoes, gloves, and possibly other costuming. We try to keep these costs under \$100.00 total. If you are interested in spinning weapon, please bring your own rifle/sabre.

For all Statesmen Drumline members:

The costs are: band dues (\$44), shoes (\$40) and appropriate sticks (\$20-\$30) Besides normal Monday, Wednesday, Friday rehearsals there will be additional late Monday or Wednesday (or TBD) rehearsals.

Stipend info for Marching Band members:

Note: Stipends are only awarded to those who are enrolled in the class (MUSI 121/321 or MUSI 122/322 or MUSI 123/323)

1st Year: \$100

2nd Year: \$250

3rd Year: \$400

4th Year: \$600

Truman Statesmen Marching Band 2026

Directors

Dr. Curran Prendergast, Director of Bands

Dr. Michael Bump, Director of Percussion

Laura Hudson, Colorguard Director

Graduate Staff

Elizabeth Dean and Archie Gillespie (Percussion)

Drum Majors

Mason Millerd, Ella Mitaksov, and Everett Scott

Section Leaders

Flute: Tyler Karl, Paige Su

Clarinet/Sax: Mason Bender, Josiah Stocks

Trumpet/Mellophone: Bethany Claxton, Brian Lisec

Trombone/Baritone/Tuba: Liberty Murphy, Cole Schniedermeyer,

Colorguard: Abby Christ, Sarah Crawford, Joy Melloway, and Finch Smith

Cheerleader: Cole Schniedermeyer

Drumline: TBA

Voice: Elizabeth Dean

2026 Truman Statesman Band Calendar

Season at a Glance:

August	16	2pm	First full marching band rehearsal
	17		Begin regular MWF (3:30-5:20) schedule (Southfield)
	29	6pm	HOME GAME
September	2	8-10pm.	Mini-camp rehearsal (Stadium)
	9	8-10pm.	Mini-camp rehearsal (Stadium)
	12	Noon	HOME GAME
	18	4:30	Performance on the Quad
	19	1:30pm	HOME GAME (Family Day)
October	24	11am	HOME GAME
	24	9am	Homecoming Parade
	31	Noon	HOME GAME
November	14	3:00pm	HOME GAME
	15	Noon	Banquet

2026 Statesmen Full Calendar by Month:

(All times subject to change)

August:

- 11 Tuesday: Leadership Retreat (All Leadership and Staff; 12-6pm)
- 12 Wednesday: Freshman arrival (**STATESMEN CHECK-IN 8:00-5:00pm**).
- 13 Thursday: Marching Band Rehearsal (8:00AM-9:20: Drumline and Guard)
- 13 Thursday: Locker/Instrument Issue (12:00-3:00PM Band Office).
- 13 Thursday: Music interest meeting (Truman Week Students) (6:15 PM-OPPH)
- 14 Friday: Locker/Instrument Issue (11:00-12:30 Band Office)
- 14 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (7:30AM-8:50: Drumline Only; 12:30-1:20 North OP)
- 15 Saturday: Marching Band Rehearsal (10:00AM-noon OP)
- 16 Sunday: Band office open for lockers/instrument issue and returning members check-in. (12:00-2:00).

16 Sunday: Full Marching Band Rehearsal (2:00-5:00 North OP)

17 Monday Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

19 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

21 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

24 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

26 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

28 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

29 Saturday: Home Game (Morning Rehearsal 9:00-11:00AM; Game Time 6pm)

31 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM);

September:

2 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM) **Mini-Camp (8-10 PM-Stadium)**

4 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

7 Monday: NO REHEARSAL- Labor Day

9 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM); **Mini-Camp (8-10 PM-Stadium)**

11 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

12 Saturday: Home Game (Morning Rehearsal 8:30-10:30AM; Game Time Noon)

14 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

16 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

18 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM) Performance On-Campus Quad (4:30)

19 Saturday: Home Game FAMILY DAY(Morning Rehearsal 8:30-10:30AM; Game Time 1:30)

21 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

23 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

25 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

28 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

30 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

October:

2 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

5 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

16 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

23 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

24 Saturday: Homecoming (9AM Parade; 10:00-11:30 Rehearsal; Game Time 1:30pm)

30 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

31 Saturday: Home Game (Game Time Noon)

November:

6 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

13 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

14 Saturday: Home Game (Morning Rehearsal 9:00-11:00AM; Game Time 3pm)

15 Sunday: Banquet (Lunchtime)



Wind Symphony Auditions

Auditions for Wind Symphony (1 and 2) will take place August 16, 17 and 18. Ensemble placement will be determined through a **blind audition**. This means that your placement will be determined based solely on your playing during the audition without the panel knowing the identity of the person auditioning. Everyone auditioning for Wind Symphony will play: 1. Scales, 2. Excerpts, and 3. Sight-reading in that order. You will select your own chromatically adjacent major scales (i.e. Bb and A major) plus the chromatic scale. Either a GTRA or band staff member will proctor the auditions during which you will enter the room silently, play the required items, and leave silently. This process promotes fairness and rewards progress. The audition music for winds can be found at <http://bands.truman.edu/current-students/> categorized by instrument. **All Clarinets will audition on Bb soprano or Bass.**

All auditions will be completed during the first two days of classes and will be posted outside my office by Wednesday morning as well as emailed. Regular ensemble rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 19. If you have an unavoidable conflict with the audition, please email me (cprend@truman.edu), and arrangements for an alternate audition time will be made. *Please make every effort to attend your instrument's audition time.*

Sunday, August 16

5:00-7:00pm 2340 Percussion

Monday, August 17

9:30-11:30am OPPH Flute/Pic

11:30-12:20 OPPH Tuba/Euph/Horn

12:30-2:00 OPPH Trombone

Tuesday, August 18

9:30-11:00am OPPH Clarinet

11:00-12:00 OPPH Saxophone

12:00-1:00 OPPH Oboe/Bsn

3:30-5:00 OPPH Trumpet

Beginning Wednesday, August 19, Wind Symphony I will rehearse every day from 11:30-12:20 and Wind Symphony II will rehearse MWF from 12:30-1:20. All rehearsals will occur in Baldwin Hall Auditorium (unless otherwise noted). We will utilize a variety of locations when sectionals are held. You will NOT need to come to the class meeting time on Monday, August 17 or Tuesday, August 18.

This year, our concert attire will be ALL BLACK: Option 1: Black dress shirt, black dress pants, dress shoes, black socks. Option 2: Long (floor length) black skirt, black pants (no denim), or black dress meeting all specifications. Long-sleeved blouse: no décolletage, bare shoulders or necklines. Black hose, black dress shoes, simple jewelry.

I am excited to see you all! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Truman State University Concert Band
Information
(MUSI 118/318)

This band accepts all students who want to participate.

Auditions are for **chair placement only!**

This band is taken as a separate class (1 credit).

Auditions for Chair Placement and First Meeting:

Monday, October 12 - 3:30pm – Ophelia Parrish

The band meets Monday 3:30-4:20 and Wednesday from 3:30-4:50 from October 13-December 2.

Fall Concert

**Tuesday, December 1 7:30pm
Location Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall**

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Marching Band (Block 1)	6226 MUSI 121 01	1 credit	3:30-5:20 MWF	Prendergast
Marching Percussion (Block 1)	6227 MUSI 122 01	1 credit	3:30-5:20 MWF	Bump
Color Guard (Block 1)	6228 MUSI 123 01	1 credit	3:30-5:20 MWF	Prendergast
Concert Band (Block 2)	6225 MUSI 118 01	1 credit	3:30-4:50 MW	Prendergast
Wind Symphony I*	6223 MUSI 116 01	1 credit	11:30-12:20 MTWRF	Prendergast
Wind Symphony II*	6224 MUSI 117 01	1 credit	12:30-1:20 MWF	Prendergast
Percussion Ensemble*	6218 MUSI 103 01	1 credit	12:30-1:20 TR	Bump
Orchestra*	6239 MUSI 146 01	1 credit	3:30-5:50 TR	Grobey
Jazz Ensemble*	6219 MUSI 106 01	1 credit	1:30-2:20 MWF	AuBuchon
Jazz Combos*	6220 MUSI 107 01	1 credit	TBA	AuBuchon
Cantoria* (select chorus)	6241 MUSI 149 01	1 credit	12:30-1:20 MTWRF	Jennings
University Chorus	6238 MUSI 145 01	1 credit	4:30-5:50 TR	Jennings
Voci (Women's) Chamber Choir*	6240 MUSI 147 01	1 credit	3:30-4:20 MWF	Jennings

bands.truman.edu/current-students/

sing.truman.edu/auditions/ensemble-auditions/

*Audition Required. To audition, you need to enroll in the class. Auditions take place the first week of classes.

Men's/Women's Basketball Pep Band No Credit/\$50 stipend

- Auditions 1st week of November
- 22 members
- 5 double-header game performances and one rehearsal
- \$50 scholarship for each member