



REQUIRED ITEMS FOR THE 2020 SEASON

***ALL REQUIRED MRD ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED
AUTOMATICALLY FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS.***

REQUIRED MRD ITEMS INCLUDE:

MRD T-Shirt
MRD Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
MRD Baseball Cap
White Gloves (*winds only*)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

ALL MRD MEMBERS will be provided with (2) cloth face masks with the MRD logo to be used on game days and/or performances/events. There are to be used ONLY when in uniform and are NOT for personal use at other times.

ALL MEMBERS PROVIDE THEIR OWN BLACK MARCHING SHOES

These must be purchased by band camp, and in-hand by September 5 (first performance).

The shoe must be flat black (no patent leather a.k.a. shiny).

ATHLETIC SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Specific shoe recommendations are provided on the reverse.

THE MRD COURSE FEE WILL COVER ALL REQUIRED ITEMS.

Student Accounts will not be charged for purchasing required items (including gloves).

MRD ONLINE STORE

For members who want to purchase additional REQUIRED items or FAMILY/FRIENDS/ALUMNI who are interested in (non-required) MRD merchandise: hoodies, t-shirts, quarter zips, hats, souvenir items, etc. . . . The MRD ONLINE STORE will be available @ Daniel's Promotional Products.

MORE INFORMATION & A LINK will be shared in August.

SPECIFICS FOR SECTIONS

ALL NEW MEMBERS (wind/percussion/guard) ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE:

- MRD T-shirt (provided)
- MRD Lon-sleeve T-shirt (provided)
- MRD Baseball Cap (provided)
- White Gloves (provided – wind players only)
- **Black Warm-up Pants – no stripe – THESE ARE NOT PROVIDED.** All WIND & PERCUSSION members must have their own.

RETURNING MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ORDER ADDITIONAL/REPLACEMENT ITEMS from the online store when available.

GUARD MEMBERS ONLY

- Guard members will submit orders, in addition to the items above, with Carly Philp.

PERCUSSION MEMBERS ONLY (Drumline & Front Ensemble)

- Sticks, drum heads, and mallets are provided by JMU.
- Additional/replacement sticks/mallets will be provided, but the cost will be charged to your student account.

MARCHING SHOE RECOMMENDATIONS

Drillmasters – www.drillmaster.com



Style Plus – “Pinnacle” or “Impact” designs – www.styleplusband.com



Dinkles – “Vanguard” or “Glide” designs – www.dinkles.com



Please note that the above shoes are just recommendations. You should consider purchasing your shoes from the most convenient location and for the best price.

IF YOU ALREADY OWN A PAIR OF BLACK MARCHING SHOES . . .

THESE MUST BE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR MARCHING. BLACK ATHLETIC SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. If you have any questions about your shoes, please feel free to bring them to registration to get a staff member’s approval.

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR WINDS

The items below are required for certain sections in the band. Please review this information carefully and make sure to place your order(s) in time to have these items with you for MRD Camp, August 19.

ALL BRASS – Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, & Baritone

BERP: Each member of the MRD brass section should own their own BERP to be used during rehearsals for buzzing. They attach universally to any lead pipe. These can be found online and at most music stores.



***Note:** If you already own a Trumpet/Horn “Classic” BERP (metal, fits in lead pipe), this will work. However, the plastic BERP is recommended as it is less likely to get lost and provides a more natural placement of the mouthpiece on the horn.*

MOUTHPIECES

All brass players must provide their own mouthpiece(s). For those using university instruments (Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba) please see below:

Mellophone: Please purchase a Mellophone mouthpiece – Yamaha MP14F4. Trumpet mouthpieces or Horn mouthpieces with an adaptor are not acceptable.

Trombone/Baritone: Large Bore mouthpiece – Bach 6 ½ AL or Bach 5G are recommended

Tuba: Any tuba mouthpiece will work. The Conn Helleberg is recommended – a good, quality mouthpiece that is affordable.

VALVE OIL/SLIDE GREASE: Please make sure to have the necessary valve oil and/or slide grease with you. Consider having enough for the entire season.

And Step #2 . . . use it!!

TOWELS: Mellophones, Baritones, and Tubas are **REQUIRED** to provide a towel to use when placing your school instrument on the ground – these will also be useful to keep your horns clean/dry. It is recommended that Trumpets and Trombones also bring one to use when necessary.

LYRES

LYRES: ALL WIND PLAYERS . . . well, almost all winds (Flute/Pic, Trombone, and Tuba are excluded) must provide their own lyre for use during stand band with flip folders. **Note: *Flip Folders are provided.***

COVID-19 INFORMATION

FLIP FOLDERS (for wind players) will be SIGNED OUT to each individual member to avoid sharing these items during the season. Members will be responsible for their own flip folder and should plan to have it with your instrument/belongings at every rehearsal.

SAXOPHONES & CLARINETS

REEDS: Please make sure you have a selection of appropriate reeds with you. It is recommended, due to the number of rehearsals and performances as well as the changing weather conditions, that you have at least 3 or 4 reeds to choose from at all times. Please have these in some type of reed case in order to protect them in your case during the seasons.

USING THE SAME REED ALL SEASON IS NOT ACCEPTABLE (unless you have a quality synthetic reed): A good sound, even on a “marching” horn, can only be created with good equipment, a quality mouthpiece, ligature, and reed.

MUSIC STANDS

The Marching Royal Dukes will provide music stands for every member to be used during rehearsals. Individuals are welcome to bring their own if preferred. It is the responsibility of each member to make sure to have this stand with them at all rehearsals.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

MUSIC STANDS will be provided for every member. SHARING MUSIC STANDS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE due to our plans for physical distancing at all rehearsals. Individuals will be responsible for having their own music stand at every rehearsal.

MRD STORAGE ROOMS

The Marching Royal Dukes have two storage rooms located at the back of Bridgeforth Stadium. For the 2020 season ***(to avoid congestion in that area)*** these storage rooms and the surrounding area will have **RESTRICTED ACCESS** for the following sections only:

- Percussion
- Color Guard
- Tubas
- Logistics Crew
- MRD Staff

All others will need permission from a STAFF MEMBER to access that area.

ALL MRD INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT (with the exception of percussion and tubas) must be kept with the individual at all times (including before/after rehearsals). Members will be responsible for the care and upkeep of these items during the season.