



# Avon Grove High School 2016 Indoor Percussion

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*We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. –Aristotle*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **What is Indoor Percussion?**

An Indoor Percussion consists of the marching drum line (or battery) and front ensemble (or pit) sections of a marching band and performs a show of between 4 and 6 minutes in length which incorporates music performance, marching and theater.

The Avon Grove Indoor Percussion competes in circuits, which are similar to leagues in sports. Which each circuit makes its own rules and has its own judges, they usually conform to those rules set by an international governing body. The circuits in which we are primarily participating in this year is the TIA and MAPS. TIA is the indoor component of TOB (Tournament of Bands), the circuit the marching band competes in during the fall season. Each circuit holds a championship that we will compete for.

Over the next 5 months, you will be given basic instruction on playing technique for various instruments, marching technique, and performing. This training will be expanded into a visual production (or show).

During the indoor season, the Avon Grove High School Indoor Percussion will compete at against local high schools from the Pennsylvania and New Jersey area. At the end of the season in May, we will compete in TIA (Tournament Indoor Association) finals in Wildwood, New Jersey.

### **Why does the Avon Grove High School sponsor an Indoor Percussion?**

Our main goal is to further develop skills of the current members and to train future members of the fall outdoor Marching Band program. A secondary goal is to provide an opportunity for marching band members to perform in another format, one that allows them to showcase their skills in a more intimate setting than the football field. As in our fall program, students also work to develop the cooperative skills and strong work ethic that goes along with being part of a team.

### **Who may join?**

Any student of the Avon Grove School District in grades 9 through 12 that wishes to improve their skills or learn about the program will be given the opportunity to join and perform with the Avon Grove Indoor Drum Line.

### **Will we have to audition?**

Yes. Each student wishing to perform an instrument (snare, bass, tenor, marimba, etc.) will be evaluated based on an audition experience to determine their instrument placement. This process is meant to create fair performance opportunities for each student and instrument and is not to scare any student from joining.

After the first few rehearsals we will finalize the roster so we can begin to design the show. It's very important that you complete the season if you make the commitment. Unlike sports, there is not another student on a bench waiting to take your spot. The show is staged and your spot is integral to the overall design. If just one student leaves the program mid-season, the designers have to change the show and the rest of the ensemble has to RE-LEARN the new show to make up for the missing person.

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### **When will we practice and go to shows?**

Included in this packet is a schedule for the entire season including our rehearsals, shows, and other important events for the ensemble. Please read through the dates carefully and thoroughly and add these dates to your calendars and schedules. On Saturdays, we will have rehearsals before shows, depending on performance times. We will perform at local Indoor Shows, Chapter 3 Championships, MAPS Championships and TIA Indoor Championships (in Wildwood, NJ). Please refer to the calendar and weekly updates from the Director.

### **This schedule seems like a lot to me. Why do we rehearse so much?**

It's a competitive sport, one that requires training and conditioning just as much, if not more so, than any other sport. IT IS NOT EASY, but the rewards are amazing.

There's a saying, "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person to do it." We can tell you from many years of experience as instructors and performers that when a student gives a time commitment to an activity, they almost always manage their free time more effectively. Figure out when you have to your homework and get your studying done.

### **Is there a dress code for rehearsals?**

YES! You must wear (a) clothing comfortable enough to wear while marching and performing and (b) marching band shoes (or sneakers) fit for marching.

### **What is the Attendance Policy?**

All members of the Indoor Percussion are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances. Attendance is extremely important and mandatory for participation in this program. All equipment skills, movement skills, routines, and drill can only be learned through active participation. Consider this if you think that other activities or work will interfere with your ability to commit 100% to the program.

Any conflicts must be written down and discussed with staff prior to the state of season. Any emergencies (illness, family emergencies etc.) are excusable absences IF you contact a Staff member prior to rehearsal. Work, social events and the like are not excused absences.

It is YOUR responsibility to contact a Staff member to let them know that you will be missing rehearsal AND to make up any work you missed. Telling ANOTHER MEMBER to tell the staff that you will not be there is not acceptable. Repeated and/or unexcused absences jeopardize your ability to be a successful performer. Staff reserves the right to pull you from performance if absenteeism becomes a problem.

Though academics are your main focus at all times, part of being a successful student is time management. You need to plan your homework/study times around scheduled rehearsals. Please schedule to take SATs on days that DO NOT conflict with indoor shows or rehearsals.

### **What about inclement weather or snow?**

If the Avon Grove School District is closed (all day or an early dismissal) due to inclement weather on a weekday rehearsal (Tuesday or Thursday), then practice is automatically cancelled. If there is a 2-hour delay there WILL still be rehearsal. If weekend plans change, we will contact you by email, text and post an update on our website.

### **Can I be involved in Other Activities during the Indoor Percussion season?**

If you are involved in other activities, we will work with you to try to make it possible to do both. This may involve some splitting of your time with that other activity. Before commitment day, we will talk with you about possible conflicting activities. Some we can work with, some we cannot; and you will have to make a choice. While we don't want to exclude any one, the group cannot be successful if members miss rehearsals and performances for other activities. **You MUST make Staff aware of all possible conflicts prior to the start of the season.**

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### **How can my parents/legal guardians be involved?**

We will need help setting up at shows, painting the vinyl show floor, building props, chaperoning, transporting props and equipment, setting the floor and props at shows, etc. More information on this will follow.

If your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) have not registered with the Avon Grove Music Boosters, they should consider doing so right away to stay informed and connected. Visit the Avon Grove Music Boosters website for more information ([aghsmusicboosters.org](http://aghsmusicboosters.org)). Parents are always welcome and encouraged to come at the end of rehearsals in time to see our run-throughs. Most of all, we welcome parent/legal guardian support as a cheering section whenever we perform. We are proud of what you will accomplish and we know they will be too!

### **Communication**

All Indoor Percussion information is communicated through email, texts using the Remind 101 system and the Indoor Percussion page on the School District website. We encourage every family to sign-up for the Indoor Percussion Remind 101 Systems so you receive all program information. Both students and parents will need to (separately) complete the two step sign-up process (refer to the student or parent "How to Sign Up" instructions within this packet) by at least January 9, 2015.

### **Are there fundraisers?**

YES! We will have fundraisers (like the Drum-A-Thon and Home Show) to specifically support the Indoor Percussion program. You are also strongly encouraged to participate in additional fundraisers sponsored by the Music Boosters.

### **If my friend missed the information meeting, is it too late for them to join?**

NO! Be sure to take an extra information packet for them and bring them to the first full rehearsal.

### **I still have questions, what should I do?**

Contact us:        Sean Rode (Srode672106@gmail.com)  
                         Zach Opdenaker (zopden@udel.edu)

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**PARTICIPATION  
REQUIREMENTS / EXPECTATIONS**

1. **COMMIT:** Be committed to your fellow indoor percussion members by faithfully attending all practices and shows. Remember, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory for the overall success of our program. Exceptions would include: absence from school due to illness, family emergency, etc. Be sure to contact staff if you will miss a practice or show.
2. **MAINTAIN GOOD GRADES:** Manage your time efficiently so that your school work and practice do not conflict. Don't wait until the night a project is due and make the choice to skip rehearsal to complete it. Plan ahead.
3. **PRACTICE HEALTHY HABITS:** Eat right, exercise, get enough rest, etc. Indoor Drum line is a SPORT; you are an athlete. Your body is your instrument; keeping it in shape helps your ability to perform.
4. **BEHAVE WELL:** Behave appropriately at all rehearsals and performances. Remember, you not only represent yourself, you also represent our school and the AGHS Music Department. At the Director's discretion, inappropriate behavior can lead to dismissal from the ensemble.
5. **DRESS APPROPRIATELY:** Arrive appropriate dressed to rehearse.
6. **BE PUNCTUAL:** "To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, to be late is not to be." The set practice time is when the rehearsal begins. You should arrive at the school at least 15 minutes before the scheduled practice start time to allow you to: move the front ensemble and battery to the practice location and move tables (if in the cafeteria) and set up the floor at the practice location.
7. **COME PREPARED TO REHEARSE:** Arrive prepared to rehearse at each rehearsal. Know where and when to report. If you're not sure, ASK. Have all your equipment.
8. **PRACTICE AT HOME:** Practice at home regularly with a Metronome.
9. **PRACTICE TEAMWORK AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP:** Practice teamwork and good sportsmanship at all times.
  - a. Try your best at practice and during performances. Learn from your mistakes, accept constructive criticism and do not get angry with yourself or other for making a mistake.
  - b. Pay attention to and respect your instructors.
  - c. Accept the roles you have been assigned, even if they are not your first choice.
  - d. Be positive and encourage fellow members.
  - e. Take pride in yourself and your team, no matter the score or placement.

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<b>2015-2016 SCHEDULE (subject to change)</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>

<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>			
30 <sup>th</sup> – Nov (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)

<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>			
2 -Dec (Wed.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
8 -Dec (Tues.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
10 -Dec (Thurs.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
12 –Dec ( <b>Saturday</b> )	Rehearsal	<b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	AGHS Band Room (BR)
14 -Dec (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
19 –Dec ( <b>Saturday</b> )	Rehearsal	<b>9:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	AGHS Band Room (BR)
21 -Dec (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
23 -Dec (Wed.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)

<b>JANUARY 2016</b>			
4 –Jan (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
6-Jan (Wed.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>9-Jan (Sat.)</b>	<b>REHEARSAL CAMP</b>	<b>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS Band Room (BR)</b>
11-Jan (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
13-Jan (Wed.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm -9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>16-Jan (Sat.)</b>	<b>REHEARSAL CAMP</b>	<b>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS Band Room (BR)</b>
18-Jan (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
20-Jan (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>23-Jan (Sat.)</b>	<b>REHEARSAL CAMP</b>	<b>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS Band Room (BR)</b>
25 –Jan (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
27 – Jan (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>30 – Jan (Sat.)</b>	<b>REHEARSAL CAMP</b>	<b>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS Band Room (BR)</b>

<b>FEBRUARY 2016</b>			
1-Feb (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
3-Feb (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>6-Feb (Saturday)</b>	<b>DRUM-A-THON</b>	<b>8:00 am – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS Main Gym (MG)</b>
8-Feb (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
10 –Feb (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>13 – Feb (Saturday)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Penncrest HS</b>
15 – Feb (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
17 – Feb (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>20-Feb (Saturday)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Parkland HS</b>

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<b>FEBRUARY 2016 (continued)</b>			
22-Feb (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
24 – Feb (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)
<b>27-Feb (Sat.)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Perkiomen Valley HS</b>
29 – Feb (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Band Room (BR)

<b>MARCH 2016</b>			
2-Mar (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
<b>5-Mar (Saturday)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Ridley H.S.</b>
7-Mar (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gyn (MG)
9-Mar (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
<b>12-Mar (Saturday)</b>	<b>HOME SHOW</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>AG High School</b>
14-Mar (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AG High School
16-Mar (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
<b>19-Mar (Saturday)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Coatesville HS</b>
21-Mar (Mon)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Avon Grove HS
23 – Mar (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Avon Grove HS
<b>26 – Mar (Saturday)</b>	<b>Rehearsal</b>	<b>9:00 am – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>AGHS</b>
<b>28 – Mar (Mon)</b>	<b>Spring Break!</b>	<b>No Rehearsal</b>	<b>No Rehearsal</b>
30 – Mar (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS

<b>APRIL 2015</b>			
<b>2-Apr (Sat.)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Spring-Ford HS</b>
4-Apr (Thurs.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
6-Apr (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS
<b>9-Apr (Sat.)</b>	<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>University of Delaware</b>
11-Apr (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
13-Apr (Tues.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
16-Apr (Sat.)	Rehearsal	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	AGHS
18-Apr (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
20-Apr (Wed)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	AGHS
<b>23-Apr (Sat.)</b>	<b>CHAPTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>8:00 am – TBA</b>	<b>Downingtown West High School</b>
25-Apr (Mon.)	Rehearsal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AGHS Main Gym (MG)
<b>27-Apr (Wed.)</b>	<b>WILDWOOD SEND OFF PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> Parents, Family & Friends are all welcome to comes see the show!!	<b>Avon Grove High School</b>
<b>28-May 1st</b>	<b>ALL CHAPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	<b>See Wildwood Trip Info Packet and additional information to follow</b>	<b>Wildwood, NJ</b>

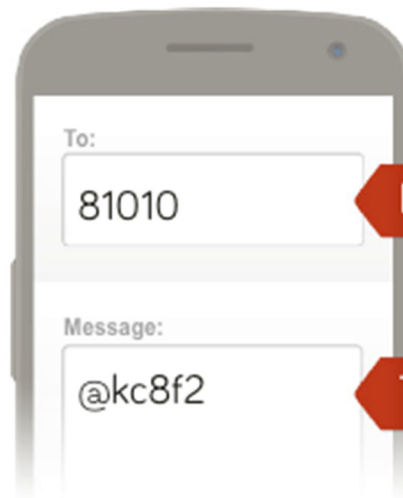
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S. Rode would like you to join Indoor  
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**PER STUDENT COST INFORMATION**

**Indoor Drum Line Cost/ Summary:**

Indoor Percussion Dues	\$ 265.00
WildWood Trip	\$ 350.00 <i>Estimated, pending additional information</i>
<u>Percussion Member Supplies</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u> <i>Estimated, depends on items purchased</i>
<b>Total (estimate) per student</b>	<b>\$ 645.00</b>
 Spirit Wear (optional)	 See below

**\$200 - Indoor Percussion Dues:**

**PAYMENT DUE:** Your nonrefundable dues payment is due by **Friday, January 9, 2015.**

Make checks payable to "AGIMBA" and write "Indoor Percussion Dues" in the memo area of the check.

Includes:

- Uniforms (\$115): Uniforms are specific to each show concept and only used for one season. Members are allowed to keep this at the end of the season.
- Show Music Composition (\$85): Music used in the show/drill
- Equipment and Supplies (\$65): Floor paint, drumheads, sticks/mallets, parts, props, and other needs in support of the show.

**\$300-\$350 - TIA Chapter Championships Trip (Wildwood, NJ): *estimated***

**DEPOSIT DUE:** A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 per student member is due by **Tuesday, December 19, 2014.**

**BALANCE DUE:** Please refer to the Wildwood Trip Information Packet for more information and payment schedule.

Make your checks payable to "AGIMBA" and write "Indoor Wildwood Trip" on the memo line.

This is an exciting event and a great culmination to our season. The total cost for the trip will be between \$300 and \$350 per person (add \$60 for a parent single room). The final cost will be determined by the entrance fees (2015 prices not set yet), transportation costs, and the number of participants. Keep in mind that we are working hard to keep the trip as inexpensive as possible. Please refer to the 2015 AG Indoor Guard and Percussion Ensemble: All Chapter Championships

**\$30 - Individual Indoor Percussion Member Supplies:**

Individual supplies every member needs/should have.

- Marching Band Shoes (approx. \$30): Each student is required to purchase and use their own BLACK marching band footwear. Dinkles is the preferred brand of marching shoe we recommend.

**Avon Grove School District Activity Fee**

All students that participate in COMPETITIVE extracurricular activities or sports must pay a once a year activity fee of \$150. If you participated in marching band, color guard, or a fall sport and have already paid this fee you do not have to pay this again. If you did not have to pay this in the fall, please pay \$150 at the HS office as soon as possible (Checks made out to the Avon Grove School District

\*Payments are **nonrefundable** if the student drops out of the program after signing the contract!

**Optional "Spirit Wear":** Generally ordered in January.

- Hoodies / Sweatpants: (\$18-\$22 each)
- Show T-Shirts: (\$15 each) for family and friends





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## 2016 INDOOR PERCUSSION CONTRACT

Every student in the Indoor Percussion has a unique and significant role and part. Because we rely on each other so heavily for the performance to be successful, every student's participation at all times is critical. To be a member of the AGHS Indoor Percussion, students and parents must read and agreed to abide by the following.

- **Keep in mind that every student in Indoor Percussion is a varsity starter** (there are no reserves or substitutes) and so your attendance at ALL rehearsals and performances is necessary to our success. **All members are given a program schedule** and the expectation is that you will commit to these dates at this time. In other words, if something else comes up, you are already committed to Indoor Percussion.
- **It is YOUR responsibility to contact a Staff member** to let them know that you will be missing rehearsal or performance. Telling another member to tell the Staff that you will not be there is not acceptable. If YOU do not contact the Staff, the absence is considered unexcused.
  - Absence for other school activities must be pre-approved by Staff; otherwise they are considered unexcused absences.
  - Absence due to illness, family emergency, etc. is considered excused only if you contact a Staff member.
  - Absence due to work is never considered an excused absence. Provide the Indoor Percussion schedule to and discuss it with your employer to avoid any conflicts.
  - Repeated and/or unexcused absences jeopardize your ability to be a successful performer and so your participation in the program. Staff reserves the right to pull you from performance if absenteeism becomes a problem.
  - Emergency situations that arise will be dealt with on an individual basis by Staff.
- **Additional expectations** (as detailed in the information packet) include:
 

○ Commitment	Maintaining Good Grades
○ Practicing Healthy Habits	Behaving and Dressing Appropriately
○ Being Punctual	Being Prepared to Rehearse
○ Practicing at Home	Practicing Teamwork and Good Sportsmanship

By signing below, you are acknowledging that have read and understand all requirements/expectations and that you are committing to being a member of the Indoor Percussion for the entire season. **If you have any scheduling questions or potential conflicts, please contact Sean Rode in writing by Friday, December 1, 2015.**

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Printed name of Indoor Percussion Member

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Signature of Indoor Percussion Member

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Date

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Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date

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Phone number of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Email of Parent or Legal Guardian