**RHYTHM SECTION**

One of the biggest differences between marching band and pep band is that in pep band we don’t use a battery percussion section. Instead, we utilize a rhythm section of drum set, electric bass, and synthesizer. These positions are very individual and, therefore, very important.

* Members interested in a rhythm section position should attend the pre-season pep band rehearsals where their performance skill sets will be assessed.
* The directors will then request each player’s game availability for the entire season.
* Based on the performance skills demonstrated during the pre-season rehearsals, and their season availability, a schedule of who will perform at which games will be established by the directors. This means there will not be open sign-ups for rhythm section instruments on each game roster for the 2022-2023 season.
* If a member of the rhythm section is not assigned to perform at a particular game, there will be limited “stipend” spots available for them to come and just observe.
* ALL members who successfully audition into the rhythm section will receive additional stipend bonus for setup and teardown and are considered a “core” member.