

Dear Parents and Band Students:

As the end of June draws near, it is once again time to begin thinking about marching season and the year to come. This letter is meant to provide band students and their parents with important information for the coming year. This year's band camp will be held at Schreiner College in Kerrville from August 4th-8th. On August 7th, the band will display what it has worked on throughout the week to its proud Tiger parents and anyone else who wants to see the beginning of another great Dripping Springs marching season. This year's marching show is based on 3 different art periods. All students are required to have *Rite of Dripping Springs* memorized before we leave for camp. The final summer listening day is July 16th from 9:00-11:00am. Students that have not passed off by the beginning of practices will be listened to during the rehearsals on July 30th-August 1st. One consideration for a marching spot is having your music memorized. Students are required to have a physical form on file before practice begins on July 30th. These should be turned in at registration night. A physical form may be obtained at www.dsbands.org for your convenience. Students that have not had a physical will not be allowed to practice. This could also be a factor in choosing marching spots for this year.

The band will be holding a registration night on **July 29th** at the high school cafeteria for all members. We are requiring that all students and at least one parent/guardian be present at this registration night. Refer to the schedule on the back of this page to see when your class is to register. **Any student showing up without a parent will not be allowed to enter the registration process or sign up for a room for camp, this includes seniors.** Please make every effort to be at this meeting so that we can take care of all payments and turn in all forms at one time. You will need at least one parent or legal guardian to attend so that all paperwork can be filled out correctly. If you or one of your parents cannot attend this meeting you will need to let me know so that other arrangements can be made. At the end of this letter, a detailed list of what you will pay for and do at registration is included. **Registration is not productive if you show up but are not prepared, so pay close attention to the list.**

Fees for band camp will be **\$165.00** per person this year. Families with two or more siblings will pay \$140.00 per person. This fee will pay for housing in the dorms and all meals. Meals will be in the college cafeteria on campus. All students will sign up for a roommate for band camp during registration. Please decide with whom you would like to share a room prior to July 29th.

Students will again be given the opportunity to buy meals for away football games through the boosters. These meals will be delivered to the school prior to departure. Students will not be allowed to leave campus once school is out so it is highly encouraged that you purchase the meals. Payment for band camp, game meals, sustenance fee, and booster membership will be paid to the ***Dripping Springs Band Boosters***. All other items purchased will be paid to ***DSHS Bands***. You will need two checks made out to two different organizations. Tax has already been included in the amounts listed in this letter. This caused confusion in the past. If any student or parent feels they cannot pay for band camp or any of the other fees please call the band hall and a payment plan will be worked out for you. We want all students to be a part of the band.

All students must have a water jug for **Band Camp** and all rehearsals at school. In an effort to eliminate the use of cups, parents will use the jugs to distribute water at camp. Water will not be provided at any other rehearsals. Students must bring their own. Students will not be allowed to share water jugs for health reasons.

Band and Color Guard students will be at camp in Kerrville during the HS registration days. Guardians of students will be allowed to attend the registration and pick up all information for their student. Information concerning parking permits, lockers, 9th grade tours, etc will be given out at band registration night.

Included with this letter is a schedule for band events for the year. Please read the schedule carefully and make arrangements to be at all events which are required. Rehearsals have been scheduled for three days before camp and several days after camp. These rehearsals will make the difference in how we do at our contests in September and October. These rehearsals are mandatory and all students are expected to attend.

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The following is a short schedule of rehearsals before school starts and a list of items each student needs to bring with them to the registration night and band camp. Please help your son/daughter make sure they have everything listed so we will have an enjoyable and successful beginning of the year.

- July 29th Registration Night-All times PM 6:00-Seniors, 6:20-Juniors, 7:00-Sophomores, 7:30 Freshmen and New Members
- July 30th-Aug. 1 7:20-11:30am Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Color guard-Marching/Sectionals
12:30- 2:30pm All students that have not passed of *Rite of Dripping Springs*
- August 4th 7:00am All students meet at the HIGH SCHOOL band hall for roll check and loading of instruments and luggage.
- August 7th 7:00pm Parents are invited to Schreiner College in Kerrville for Parent's night.
- August 8th 2:30pm Return from camp/parents pick you up
- August 11th-14th 8:00-11:00pm Full band rehearsal at HS band hall
1:00- 3:00pm Full band rehearsal at HS band hall
- August 18th-21st 6:00-9:00pm Full band rehearsal at HS band hall

Registration Night—July 29th Follow the time for your grade

The following are items to bring to registration night. If you do not have something please take care of getting it before July 29th.

Flip folder with at least 10 pages-All Band (including percussion)

3 Ring Binder with at least 10 clear plastic sheet protectors-All Band (including percussion)

Music lyre—All wind players except tubas

Permission slip and insurance card—Please bring the permission slip that is included with this letter with you. Fill out all the information including the medical section. This is an important piece of paperwork that we must have to take you anywhere the band travels. This year we are asking for a current insurance card for each student. Bring your card with you to the registration and we will make a copy and return the original to you that night.

Physical Form—All students are required to have a physical form on file before practice on July 30th. If you have not turned your form in you will need to do so are registration.

UIL Acknowledgement Form—Form provided with this letter

The following are items that need to be paid for the night of registration. Some of these items you will receive that night and others you will receive later in the season. You will need to decide what you need and be prepared to pay for these items that night.

Band camp fee/\$165.00—This is the fee for band camp to pay for housing and meals. If a family has more than one sibling in the band the cost would be **\$140.00** per person. Paid to Boosters.

Meal Fee/5 meals/\$35.00—This fee is for 1 meal that will be delivered before each away football game. Students will not be allowed to leave campus after school. If students do not purchase this plan they will have to bring a meal from home. The meal form is included with this information. Paid to Boosters.

Charter Bus Fee/\$40.00—This fee is to charter buses for the Marching contest in Dallas on November 1st. We will Leave early in the morning and return late. Students will be able to sleep and eat on these buses much easier than school buses. This fee is required for everyone. Paid to Band.

Stamp & Sustenance Fee/\$30.00--This fee covers bottled water @ games and contests, sodas @ games, up to 4 contest meals.

Items for Band Students Only-Prices Already Include Tax

Gloves/\$3.25—Everyone in the band except percussionists and color guard will wear gloves. These are the same gloves as last year.

T-shirt/\$13.00—This is the show shirt that will have the contest show theme on it. This will be purchased by everyone in the band and worn during the season at pep rallies and marching contests. The shirts will be passed out shortly after school starts.

Parents may purchase a Show T-shirt or Band or Guard Polo Shirt if they wish. Please let the person working at the station of the item you wish to purchase know that you are interested in buying an item and they will add your name to the list. You will need to pay for whatever items you order that night. In addition, there will be a separate station for specific Band Booster Parent shirts. Several styles will be available for order with the Band Parent logo embroidered. Again, you will need to pay for whatever items you order that night.

Band Shoes/\$18.50 each (price for both=\$37.00)—Every band member must have 2 pair of band shoes (1white/1 black) this year. These can only be ordered through the school. The salesman will be at a rehearsal in August to size students for the shoes. Anyone needing shoes will pay for them at registration.

Cleaning Fee/\$48.00—Each band uniform will be laundered a minimum of 4 times during the year. The cost for one cleaning of the uniform is \$12.00. If the uniforms must be cleaned more than 4 times an additional payment may be needed at the end of the year.

Instrument Rental/\$45.00—Students that play tuba, baritone, french horn, bari sax, bass clarinet, contra Bass clarinet, bassoon, or students that will need to use one of our school owned trombones or tenor saxes will need to pay this rental fee. ALL percussion students will pay this fee this year. This fee pays for cleaning of the instrument at the end of the year and minor dent removal. It also pays for replacing pads on woodwind instruments. The percussion fee will include replacing heads that break throughout the season and repairs on harnesses. This year the band program will charge students for any repairs that we feel are caused from neglect. The small fee we charge does not cover the entire cleaning of the equipment at the end of the year and we will no longer be responsible for paying for damage to our equipment that students cause other than minor repairs. We will check out school instruments during registration.

Color Guard students will have a separate letter mailed out in the next few weeks that includes items color guard will need to pay for at registration.

Please make sure that you have all of these items and are ready to pay for whatever you need the night of registration. Please do not show up and tell us that you have not had time to get something. We are letting you know in plenty of time to take care of these things. Also remember that the band camp fee and meal fee will need to be paid to *Dripping Springs Band Boosters* and the rest of the fees will need to be paid to *DSHS Bands*. This means that you will need to write two checks the night of registration.

NEW BAND POLO SHIRTS!!!!!!

Informal Uniform—Students will wear an informal uniform for the first 2 football games and informal events such as parades. The informal uniform includes the band polo shirt. We are changing shirts this year so **EVERYONE** must buy a new shirt. Sizes for polo shirts will be taken at registration night. Shirts will be purchased and picked up by students or parents from Laser Graphics (120 Frog Pond Ln. @ Hwy 290) after **August 14th**. The cost of the shirt will be approximately \$25.00. The other informal uniform parts are listed below and students must have them before the first football game on August 29th.

Informal Uniform: Band Polo Shirt, Khaki Pants (no more than 4 pockets), black belt, black socks, black band shoes

The following are items you will need to bring with you to band camp on August 4th.

What to bring:

Instrument	All students will need their instruments and mouthpieces for the camp. You will also need reeds, valve oil and slide grease for your instrument.
Music Lyre	To be used at camp and parents night..
Flip Folder	Everyone needs a flip folder with at least 10 pages.
3 Ring Binder	You must have a 3 ring binder and at least 10 clear plastic pages for your music
Clothes	Please bring clothes that are comfortable to march in. We are going to camp to work, so looking great is not the most important thing to consider. Everyone should bring at least on pair of comfortable shoes to march in. Tennis shoes are fine. Sandals and boots will not be allowed to be worn during any marching rehearsals. Caps and sunglasses are fine. Please remember that we are on a school sponsored event so the dress code will be followed. Mr. Lancaster will make all decisions if a question arises about any clothing that is considered inappropriate.
Swimsuit	Be <i>sure</i> to bring one
Alarm Clock	Not absolutely necessary, but a good idea if you want to be on time.
Bed Items	Each student needs to bring a set of twin sheets, a blanket or sleeping bag, and a pillow. None of this is provided by the dorms. The temperature in the rooms varies greatly so come prepared for hot and cold.
Lanyard	This is to keep up with your room key at camp. Lost keys cost \$75.00 to replace.
Hygiene items	Bring what you need
Towels and Washcloths	
4 Pencils	This is required.
Personal Medications (Asthma, Tylenol, cold medications, ace bandages, braces, etc.)	
Bobby Pins (Freshman only)	

Please do not bring a lot of extra personal property. We have a limited amount of space in the equipment trailer, and we must take our own equipment and stands.

The band boosters send out information by e-mail on a regular basis. Information about joining the boosters is included with this packet. If you new to our program, and would like to begin receiving e-mail bulletins from the boosters, please e-mail Vicky Mathews at the following address. She will add your name to her list.

bluestemridge@yahoo.com

The Dripping Springs band program has a web site that will assist you throughout the year with information. Please visit the web site often to keep up with the latest news and information. The address for the site is listed below:

Band site: www.dsbands.org

If you have any questions or have a conflict during any of these dates, you must call and discuss the conflict with Mr. Lancaster or Mr. Woods prior to the event or rehearsal. All doctors appointments should be scheduled around these dates and times. If you have general questions about band camp you may also call any of the drum majors, Megan Alvarado (858-5251) or Connor Jones (514-1653) or Austin Benesh (894-3898). Field officers will have a meeting one afternoon during the rehearsals before camp. The band council will also meet during that time

Have a great remainder of the summer and we all look forward to seeing you at registration night!

With Pride,
Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Woods
High School Band Director
512-858-4612 x232

*****Important SAT/ACT Test Information*****

The SAT and ACT tests conflict with 2 marching contests this year. Students interested in taking the SAT should sign up immediately for the October 4th exam at Dripping Springs HS. This testing date will allow students to be done in time to participate in the Capital City Marching Festival. Students cannot sign up for the SAT on November 1st. That day will be a marching contest in Dallas and we will be leaving early that morning. Students cannot sign up for the ACT on October 25th. That is the USSBA State marching contest that is being held at Samuel Clemens HS. Students should sign up for the ACT on September 13th to avoid all conflicts.