

Dear Parents and Band Students:

As the end of June draws near, it is time to begin thinking about marching season and the year to come. Please review this packet carefully as it contains checklists and important information that both band parents and students will need for a successful start to the year. Included with this letter are:

- Summer Schedule
- Band Schedule for 2011-2012
- Conflict Form
- Registration Information
~ Checklist for either Winds & Percussion, or Color Guard
- Band Camp Information
- Marching Season Information
- Meal Order Form
- Band Permission Form
- UIL Form
- Band Booster Membership Form

Please note that two very important events are coming up this summer which are mandatory for all band students:

- **Band registration night** will be on **July 25th** at the high school band hall for all members. All students, and at least one parent/guardian for each student, must be present at this registration. This includes seniors. Seniors register at 6:00, Juniors at 6:20, Sophomores at 6:40, and Freshmen and new members at 7:00.
- **Band camp** will be held at Schreiner University in Kerrville from **August 1-5**. On the evening of August 4th, the band will display what it has worked on throughout the week to proud Tiger Band parents and anyone else who wants to see the beginning of another great marching season.

Please review the summer schedule and band schedule for 2011-2012 and make arrangements to be at all required events. Rehearsals, games, and contests are mandatory and all students are expected to attend. Doctors' appointments should be scheduled around these dates and times. The Conflict Form must be filled out, signed and returned at registration. Directors will review the conflicts and use this information to help determine who gets permanent marching spots. Please take the time to carefully check your calendar and the band calendar so no surprises arise during the season.

Juniors and Seniors note: There are several conflicts with SAT tests and band events. Oct 1st - Friendswood Contest, November 5th - BOA Contest, December 1st - 2nd round of Region band tryouts, May 5th - State Wind Ensemble Contest. There are no band conflicts on the testing dates of January 28th and March 10th. Students will not be able to take the Oct. or Nov. SAT tests and perform in either of these marching contests since they are both out of town. SAT conflicts must be listed on the conflict form due at registration.

The Band Boosters send out director announcements and information about events by e-mail on a regular basis. Information about joining the boosters is included in this packet. If you are new to our program and would like to begin receiving e-mail bulletins from the boosters, please e-mail **Lauren Neugebauer, Band Booster President, at lneugebauer@austin.rr.com**.

The band program also has a website that will assist you throughout the year with information. Please visit the website, www.dsbands.org to keep up with the latest news and information about the band.

This year's marching show, "451" is loosely based on Ray Bradbury's novel "Fahrenheit 451", and features the music of Dmitri Shostakovich. We are excited about the show and its possibilities for expanding our musical and artistic horizons.

We hope you are enjoying your summer and look forward to seeing all of you at Band Registration Night on July 25.

With Pride,
Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Littleton
High School Band Directors
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