

IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME! FINALLY! MARCHING BAND CAMP!

Well, after 2 years, the Storm Regiment Marching Band members will once again arrive on campus starting July 19th. I'm not sure who is more excited about this, the kids or the parents! Since we have 2 rookie classes joining us this season, the board and directors felt like an email with some nitty gritty details would be ideal. So, shall we?

When is band camp?

Monday July 19th-Friday July 23rd

Monday July 26th-Friday July 30th, concert at 5pm for parents/family

Monday/Tuesday August 2nd-3rd, 3pm-7pm

School starts August 5th and after school rehearsals will start then as well.

Time: PLEASE BE AWARE OF TIME CHANGE 8am to 4pm

Students need to arrive by 7:45 so that they are prepped and ready to be out on the field with instruments promptly at 8am. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Dumais decided to change the ending time to 4pm so that students who need to schedule appointments and may need to work can hopefully (expected to) get those done after 4pm. If extenuating circumstances arise, please have your student communicate directly with Mr. Holmes or Mr. Dumais.

Mr. Holmes wanted to let everyone know that the band room will be open and staff will be around until 5pm should your student not have transportation based on previous announced time of band camp running until 5pm.

What your student will need to bring with them to band camp:

Clothes-yes, they do have to wear clothes. Shorts of any color (NO JEANS), white shirt, shoes appropriate to march in, on grass AND asphalt. NO SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, SHOES THAT DON'T STAY ON FEET. Fellow students have recommended bringing a pair of crocs or easy to put on shoes to give feet a break during lunch. Spare pair of socks too! Hat, bucket hats work well to keep sun off face and neck.

Sunscreen is A MUST!! The kids will be outside for good chunks of time and by the end of camp they will be sporting some pretty awesome shoe/sock tan lines, but getting sunburned is a real risk if they don't use their sunscreen. Key words there, USE IT! Spray varieties are popular as it makes application (lol, really these kiddos consider a misting 'good enough') quick and easy and then hands aren't greasy on their instruments. A small tube for faces is good idea too.

WATER is an absolute 100% must. Please, please PLEASE do NOT send your student to band camp with a small disposable water bottle. They need to bring AT LEAST a one gallon container, filled, with them to band camp. Insulated is even better. All my kids that have been in marching band have taken a one-gallon Coleman thermos container with them (\$15 on Amazon). Hint-freeze 1-2 disposable water bottles overnight, put them into the container to keep water cold and then use as extra water once

thawed. There is water available in the band room to refill water jugs. Don't want to purchase a thermos, send them with a gallon jug from Wal-mart? Whatever you do, just send them with lots of water.

FOOD-they will want it and they will need it. Lunch is just an hour this year and Mr. Holmes has requested that all seniors remain on campus as there will not be enough time to leave, get food and get back safely and get any kind of rest with just an hour break. Please have your student pack snacks, fresh fruit, veggies (hahaha, good one, right?), a lunch with some substance to it. The boosters will have a small snack/treat bar where we will be selling some fun items and drinks but we most definitely are not selling items that will substitute for a lunch. We are setting up a storm regiment Venmo account so students can purchase treats using cash or directly through Venmo.

Some items we will be selling:

Gatorade, individual bags of chips, ice cream novelties, Italian ice pops, rice krispy treats, other fun snacky type things. Prices range from \$.25 to \$1.00

Other important info:

We will plan on having a booster meeting that coincides with the performance on 7/30, time TBD. It will not start earlier than the 5pm scheduled event, we might just swap the order of events. We are figuring out best option with Mr. Holmes currently and will announce as soon as we know. It is important that you come to the meeting to hear about the year's plans, fill out important paperwork that needs to be notarized (notary will be on site) as well as purchase/order spirit wear and pay for fees:

\$40 student spirit fee

\$40-\$45 shoes and gloves fee. All students will be fitted for marching shoes, if you have a returning student and their shoes from 2 seasons ago are in good condition and still fit, they will not need to purchase a new pair but will need to purchase 1-2 pair of gloves. All other students are REQUIRED to purchase shoes and gloves. They will not receive those items until they are paid for in full.

Okay, if you're still with me at this point, congratulations! If you zoned out at some point along the way, drink some coffee, find some toothpicks and try reading it again, hahaha!

Looking forward to serving with you all to make this year great for our kids and the V. Sue Cleveland Marching Band program-

Cari Barry, Monica Barajas and Lisa Lane
Band Booster Executive Board

Please have your student LABEL THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS

