



August 1, 2021

Hello!

We had a fantastic first week and look forward to continuing to make progress, dive into more music, and get started on our show this week! Here are some reminders for the upcoming week.

- **Schedule for the week of 8/2-8/5**
 - Monday 8/2
 - Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – 8am-Noon AND 4pm-8:30pm
 - Color Guard – 1pm-8:30pm (dinner break from 4-5)
 - Tuesday 8/3
 - Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – 8am-Noon AND 4pm-8:30pm
 - Color Guard – 1pm-8:30pm (dinner break from 4-5)
 - Wednesday 8/4
 - Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – 8am-Noon
 - Color Guard – 1pm-4pm
 - NO EVENING REHEARSAL
 - Thursday 8/6
 - Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – 8am-Noon AND 4pm-8:30pm
 - Color Guard – 1pm-8:30pm (dinner break from 4-5)
 - Friday 8/6
 - Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion – 8am-Noon
 - Color Guard – 1pm-4pm
 - NO EVENING REHEARSAL
- Students who do not have available transportation to leave and return may stay at the band hall during the afternoon break. Be sure to plan ahead. If you won't have transportation to return at 4, don't leave at noon. Make sure you bring lunch or have a way to go get feed during the break. Our older students are usually willing to take younger students to lunch with parent permission.
- **What to wear and bring (updated for this week, be sure to read)**
 - This week, we will be introducing more of our movement program along with the marching fundamentals we've been doing. It may be a good idea to bring a yogo mat or beach towel if you have one as you may need to kneel or lay on the concrete at times. If you don't have one, it's ok. This will be happening at the beginning of rehearsal before the ground gets too hot.
 - We will be starting to learn drill this week. We use an app to teach drill. The app requires a device running iOS 12 or later, or Android 7.1 or later. If you have such



a device, please plan to have it with you at each rehearsal. We have a limited number of devices available for students who don't have one. **The device does not have to have service as long as it can connect to wifi.** If you have any old phones that meet these requirements you'd like to donate for students to use, we will gladly take them off your hands. If you'd like to get a head start, search for UDBapp Pro in your app store and download it. We will give you login credentials at rehearsal when the time comes.

- We did a good job with wearing the appropriate attire last week. Keep it up!
- We need to do better with having hats and sunglasses. Again, you can't properly receive instruction or be adequately aware of your surroundings on the field if you are having to squint and look at the ground all the time.
- All students are required to have **water** at every rehearsal. At this point, everyone who has paid at least \$20 toward their fees should have received their new water jug. The pouches with carry straps will be in later this month. If you have not received your jug, please try to bring in at least \$20 toward your fees this week so you can get it. (note: the ice machine is currently not working while maintenance is waiting for a part, if you don't want lukewarm water, you should definitely fill your jugs at home).
- Make sure you wear **sunscreen** and have some with you for re-application as needed.
- It is a good idea to have **bug spray**, especially when we start evening rehearsals.
- Make sure you have your **instrument and everything you need to play it** (mouthpiece, reeds, ligature, valve-oil, etc.) If you play a school instrument and didn't get one in the spring, you'll get it the first day of rehearsal.
- Make sure you have your **flip folder and lyre**. We understand some of you don't have these yet. We will get an updated count of who needs them and place an order this week.
- **Physicals and Rank One forms** need to be completed. Everyone who has been at rehearsal has completed the physical but some still need to complete forms in Rank One. If you weren't at rehearsal last week and will be returning this week, make sure you bring your physical if you haven't submitted it. You will not be allowed to participate in rehearsal without it.
- Do not forget about the **Fundraiser**. Those who have been actively sharing their link have been successful. Do not limit yourself to just sending the emails through the website. Share your link any way you can. We have several students who have reached or surpassed the \$300 goal. Don't stop there, remember you can use any earned credit beyond what's needed to cover current fees for any future fees or trips. (Pro tip: I've seen it posted on Facebook by some parents. Every single one I've seen posted on a parent's Facebook page reached their goal within 48 hours.)
- You may continue making **fee** payments by cash, check, or credit/debit card any time. You will soon be able to make payments online through Presto as well, but that is not



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quite set up yet. **Please plan to pay at least \$20 toward your fees as soon as possible to get your cooler.** The next minimum to meet will be to have \$75 paid in order to receive your shirts and joggers when they arrive in approximately two weeks.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone next week!

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