



August 8, 2021

Hello!

Thanks for a great week last week. Here are updates and reminders for this week.

- **Schedule for the week of 8/9-8/13**
 - Monday 8/9
 - ALL members – 7:30am-11:30am AND 4pm-8:30pm
 - Tuesday 8/10
 - No morning rehearsal
 - ALL members – 4pm-8:30pm
 - Wednesday 8/11
 - No rehearsal
 - Thursday 8/12
 - ALL members – 7:30am-11:30am AND 4pm-8:30pm
 - 7:30pm – Band Booster Meeting (ALL band parents are welcome and encouraged to attend)
 - Friday 8/13
 - ALL members – 7:30am-11:30am
 - Afternoon/Evening – Drum Corps International watch party at the band hall! More details to come once DCI has released the schedule for the show.
- As before, students who do not have available transportation to leave and return on days with two rehearsals may stay at the band hall during the afternoon break. Be sure to plan ahead. If you won't have transportation to return at 4pm, don't leave at noon. Likewise, on Tuesday students who will not have transportation to get to rehearsal at 4pm may arrive early. The band hall will be open all day. Make sure you bring lunch or have a way to go get food during the break. Our older students are usually willing to take younger students to lunch with parent permission.
- **What to wear and bring**
 - Except for a few non-white shirts, we've been doing a good job with wearing the appropriate attire and having needed supplies. Keep it up!
 - We could still 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.
 - Make sure you continue to bring water. At this point, everyone who has paid (or received fundraiser credit for) at least \$20 toward their fees should have received their new water jug. The pouches with carry straps will be in later this



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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, or if you have recently paid or earned fundraiser donations but haven't yet received it make sure you come see me after rehearsal to get it. (note: the ice machine is still not working while maintenance is waiting for a part, if you don't want lukewarm water, you should definitely fill your jugs at home).

- **Physicals and Rank One forms** need to be completed. Everyone who has participated in rehearsal has completed the physical, but some still missing forms in Rank One. If you will be at rehearsal for the first time 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.
- **Fundraiser.** We've raised around \$1500 more since I re-sent the invitation emails on Friday and got more students involved. We are approaching the \$10k mark, but still only have about 34% participation. With the other 66% on board, we could really blow this thing out of the water. If you haven't shared your link yet, please do. We have one week left from today. For students who have met the initial \$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. To help you keep going, I've raised the goal for those who have met the original goal. This is simply so that potential donors don't think you no longer need their support. (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 received donations within just a few hours.)
- You may continue making **fee** payments by cash, check, or credit/debit card to me in the office at any time. You will soon be able to make payments online through Presto as well, but that is not quite set up yet. **Please plan to pay at least \$20 toward your fees as soon as possible if you haven't received your cooler. Once the carry pouches for the new coolers arrive, it will become an expectation that everyone has matching coolers.** The next minimum to meet will be to have at least \$75 paid to receive your shirts and joggers when they arrive within the next couple of weeks.
- There is a **Band Booster Meeting** on Thursday at 7:30pm during the last hour of rehearsal. By default, all band parents are members of the booster organization. Please plan to attend the meeting to learn more about what the boosters do for our program and how you can get involved. We need volunteers for a wide range of tasks, most of which require no special skills. We look forward to meeting many of you there.

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

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