

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2020-2021 Instrumental Music Program. I am looking forward to a great year of new and exciting things. I am sending each of you all the information about next year that I know of right now.

Band Camp Information

The first item I am sending you is the schedule for July through December. This includes all the events that I know of now. Band Camp will be from July 27th – August 6th. Band camp is at Tustin High School. The students will start every day in the band room and then will go to different sections of the campus to work. If you fail to attend band camp, you will be dropped from band and put in a PE class. You will be too far behind to catch up. There is no cost to attend band camp or to be in band. Look at the schedule closely because specific people are expected to attend the first day and then everyone for the remainder of band camp. New members include all freshmen, sophomores, and any student joining the group for the first time. Do not forget to bring your instrument (if you have your own) when you come to band camp. The students can do what they would like during the lunch and dinner breaks. They may go home and have food, bring their own food and eat in the band room, or walk over to a close restaurant. The time schedule for band camp is as follows:

Band Camp 9-8 Rehearsal Schedule

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Morning Rehearsal)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (Lunch)

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Afternoon Rehearsal)

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Dinner)

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Evening Rehearsal)

Placement Information

This year we will be having a placement day on July 30th. We will be using that day to assess each student on both their instrument and marching techniques. This is important to make sure that every student can be successful. I will be posting music on the website that they will have to learn and we will be working with them during band camp to achieve that music. I will give more information regarding this process in a letter I will be sending home in late July.

School Year Information

The after-school rehearsals will begin on the first week of school and will end at the end of the marching season, which could be as late as November 20th. There will be only 1 Saturday rehearsal throughout the entire season. There are also several football games and competition performances. Please put all these events on your calendar. More information regarding all these events will be provided. I noticed that we have a schedule conflict with two SAT dates. The conflict is unavoidable and is on a very important date for the band (October 2nd and November 6th). Please make sure you do not sign up for the SAT on those dates. The best date to sign up for the SAT would be August 28th or December 4th.

Donation Information

The State of California has decided that no school program can force students and parents to pay a fee to be in an extra curricular school activity. However, this does not change the financial needs of running a successful Marching Band program. It costs about \$25,000 to run Marching Band every year. We are going to be working on increasing our fundraising to be able to cover more of the \$25,000. If every family can donate \$50, then we will help cover the expenses. I know that not every family is able to afford to donate \$50, so any amount that you can donate would be greatly appreciated. Keep in mind that all donations are tax deductible. If you can donate, please make all checks payable to THS IMO.

New Parent Orientation Meeting

We will be having a new parent orientation meeting on July 28th at 6:00 pm in the band room to discuss what to expect as a new parent to the Marching Band. It is highly suggested that all parents attend.

Registration

Tustin High School registration will take place during the first week of band camp. Registration starts at 8:00am. It is suggested that all Marching Band students get in line by 7:30am so they can get through the process before band camp starts at 9:00am.

4th of July Help Needed

The Instrumental Music Organization volunteers every year in the 4th of July Carnival at Centennial Park in Tustin Meadows. We need help from students and parents. If you can volunteer your time, please contact Mr. Fisk at mfisk@tustin.k12.ca.us or 714-730-7414 x87603 by June 30th. This is a good opportunity for new parents and students to get involved early.

Transportation

The school requires each student that participates in extracurricular activities to pay a transportation fee. The transportation fee should be paid the day of your registration. If you are financially unable to pay the fee, the school will offer payment plans so you can pay slowly throughout the year. If you have any questions, please talk to the person taking the money on the day of your registration to discuss any issues.

Closing Thoughts

I am really looking forward to the beginning of the school year. I believe that we are going to have a great time with this year's show. If anyone has any questions over the summer, please feel free to contact me. My office number is 714-730-7414 (ext. 87603); I will be checking my voicemail infrequently, so email would be best. My email address is mfisk@tustin.k12.ca.us, which I check every day. We also have a website that has a lot of information on it. There are a few password-protected areas. The password is **tillers20**. Please bookmark it and look at it often to get up-to-date information. www.tustinhsmusic.com We also utilize Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (all with the handle [tustinhsmusic](#)). Be sure to follow us to keep up-to-date on everything happening. Have a great summer and I will see everyone in July.

Sincerely,



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