

Dear Students and Parents,

We are approaching the beginning of band camp, and the beginning of the competition season. I have been on the phone today with many different people trying to get this show underway. I really think that we are going to have a great year.

Band Camp Information and Calendar

I have already sent the calendar out at the beginning of the summer. If you have lost the calendar and would like another copy, please email me so I can email you a new copy or you can check the website. The first day of band camp is as follows:

1. July 27th
 - a. All Leaders – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - b. Drum Majors and Captains – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
2. July 28th
 - a. All Returning Members – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 - b. New Members – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

There is a door to the band room right on the corner of Orange Street and Bonita Street. The room number is 603. Please make sure to arrive on time. There is a lot of work to do and not a lot of time.

Forms

I have all the forms that need to be filled out on the website. To find them, go to www.tustinhsmusic.com then go to ensemble, marching band, forms. If everyone can print them out and have them signed before the first day of band camp, it will make band camp easier. I will have a few of each form that I can pass out the first day. All forms are due by July 30th.

Music

I am putting the music on the website under music. The password is tillers20. I will have music for everyone the first day of band camp, but if you want to start looking at the music early, please do so. We will be working on the following pieces during band camp: THS Warm-up, Men of Ohio, and On Wisconsin (Fight Song).

New Parent Orientation Meeting

We will be having a new parent orientation meeting on July 28th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the band room to discuss all the information you should know as a new parent. Please plan on attending so you are best prepared for the year.

Booster Meeting

Our first Booster Meeting of the year will take place on July 28th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. We will cover different material than the New Parent Orientation.

Parent Help

For the year to run smoothly, we need to have many parent volunteers. We have a booster meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the band room. We will be going over all the details of upcoming events at those meetings. Everyone is welcome at the meetings. We still need some help to fill all the booster positions. We will also need other volunteers throughout marching season. Every competition and football game needs parents to help. Visit the music website and click on the booster tab. There are two files, one for football and one for competitions. The website will be updated throughout the year. If you can volunteer, please read the instructions on that webpage. There will be times that I will send an email asking for more help.

COVID 19 Protocols

All students will need to wear a mask while inside. Most groups will be practicing outside; however, we will start inside every day. When students are outside, they may choose to wear a mask or not. Wind players will need to wear a mask with a hole in them (provided) while playing their instruments. They will also be given a bell cover for their instrument.

Uniform Distribution Help

We need some parent volunteers to help fit students for the upcoming Marching Band season. If you are willing and available, please go to the home page of the website and look for the section that talks about Uniform Distribution Help. That will give you the dates and time help is needed. We need 4-7 volunteers to make this work. Thanks in advance for all your time and efforts!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When should I bring my instruments?

A. You should bring your instrument the first day of band camp.

Q. What if I do not have an instrument?

A. We will check out one to you on the first day of band camp.

Q. What clothes should I wear to Band Camp?

A. Wear light, loose fitting clothing every day. Shorts and T-shirts are recommended. Hats and sunglasses are also recommended.

Q. What shoes should I wear to Band Camp?

A. Wear tennis shoes or marching shoes. This is a requirement. Sandals and open-toed shoes are not acceptable. If you wear inappropriate shoes, you will not be allowed to participate in the day's marching rehearsal.

Q. What else should I bring to Band Camp?

A. Bring and put-on sunscreen. It does you no good if you just bring it and do not use it. You will have an hour break for lunch and an hour break for dinner. Make sure to bring food or money for both meals. WATER, WATER, WATER!!!!!! It is going to be hot and you're going to be moving around. Preferably, bring two water bottles of some kind: one for the morning and one frozen for the later afternoon.

Closing Thoughts

I look forward to meeting all the new students and seeing the returners again. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Have a great rest of the summer, and I will see everyone soon.

Sincerely,



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