

Warren Central High School

Big Blue

Band

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Wednesday, June 8 2011:

Greetings all!!

We hope you're having a wonderful summer! We are very excited about our upcoming year as a band family. We rehearsed the opener music last May and Fundamentals Camp was a GREAT success thanks to OUR GREAT STUDENTS. You're really going to enjoy this show!! Everything you need to do for camp, which you've known about since last February, is in this packet. You will also find a complete band calendar for the 2011-12 year. Please post it where you can check it regularly and READ THE E-MAILS AND BAND WEB-SITE for updates and other news. Things can change.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS, PLEASE READ ENTIRE CONTENTS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

ANCIENT BIG BLUE PROVERB: "EARLY IS ON TIME—ON TIME IS LATE"

"WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEREFORE, IS NOT AN ACT, BUT A HABIT—ARISTOTLE"

General Information:

*ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY. In order to have an efficient camp, there will be no excused absences except death in the immediate family, illness (doctor's excuse must be provided), or attending another official school activity approved *in-advance* by a director. If something happens, keeping you from getting to rehearsal or causing you to be late (sudden illness, car trouble, for example), **YOU MUST CALL the band hall, even if you're just about to leave the house!! If no one answers, leave a message so we'll know what's happening.** YOU MUST speak to a director IN ADVANCE if you know of a reason you might need to ask for an excused absence. Band hall # is 601-631-2864—LEAVE A MESSAGE, PLEASE. WE WILL BE CHECKING!

*BE ON TIME. The purpose of this letter is to give you time to adjust your schedule and arrange transportation in advance. "I don't have a ride" is not a valid excuse for tardiness (or being absent).

*ALL STUDENTS WILL WEAR a WHITE, closed-toe, closed-heel athletic shoe with socks. We are striving for a uniform step and look. This is the only type of footwear that allows this. It's also better for your feet. No boots, Sperry's, sandals, etc., including lace-up boots will be allowed. Those with improper foot-wear will plank or run laps. ONLY WHITE TENNIS-SHOES, PLEASE.

*YOUNG MEN must keep shirts on at all times and YOUNG LADIES and young men will not be allowed to have "mid-drift" showing. Sorry, this is not "MTV Spring Break!!"

*EACH STUDENT must provide his/her own drink cooler. We recommend one with a strap for carrying or a "camelback" type. This allows you to bring more of what *you* want to drink. You must bring your own refreshment. We will provide water. This will also apply to after-school rehearsals. Be prepared for heat. Sometimes, refreshments and snacks MAY BE available for purchase after school, but do not count on that as your only source of hydration.

We cannot rehearse effectively with absences, whatever the reason. **We must have 100% attendance to be the most effective. We know you know this--let's make it a great year!! Effort and behavior was monitored from the beginning of fundamentals camp. Students in the competition band who display problems in attendance, attitude, or effort will be replaced with someone from the Varsity

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Band. With a large group, we must guard against absentees, mainly due to illness. We lose points for having holes in our drill pictures and it makes marching more difficult for those that are present. **WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE “EXCUSED,” WE CAN ONLY TEACH YOU IF YOU ARE PRESENT!**

The remainder of your band fee 2 is due by Friday, July 22 when you come to registration. **Students who have not paid up to date will not participate unless a specific plan has been approved.** If you need to fund-raise the remainder of your fee, let us know when you come July 22. We will have the Maestro Sale at band camp and the Labor Day Pork Roast sale specifically to raise band fee money. Fees need to be raised by the end of August.

*Freshmen, students new to Big Blue, or anyone needing new black marching shoes, must purchase a pair. These are shoes specifically *designed* for marching. We will take orders for them during camp. **Please include \$38 payment for these at registration day if you have not already paid it.** *Reeds and supplies are also available starting Fri. July 22. Prices are posted at school. Please get these items before band camp starts.

Do You Enjoy Survival? Pay attention to these tips:

1. ***DON'T BE A JUNK-FOOD-EATING, LAZY SLOB ALL SUMMER!*** If you stay indoors most of the day, you need to get used-to the heat you'll experience at camp. Go outside between 11:00am and 4:00 PM and take a brisk 20-minute walk several times before camp. It's really embarrassing (and unhealthy) to pass out at camp.
2. The best clothing, in addition to the required shoes include: light colored shorts, T-shirt or tank-top, and a hat or sun-visor and sunglasses.
3. There will be frequent water-breaks for you to drink from your cooler. Fill it with water or a “Gatorade” type product. Drinking carbonated, sweetened drinks like “Coke” or “cool-aid” in the summer heat can make you ill. Caffeine dehydrates you--avoid it. **We are HOPING to sell water and Gatorade at breaks at camp and all marching season. This depends on the amount of parent help we have. Bringing your own is cheaper.**
4. Don't skip meals. Eat a light breakfast or bring a mid-morning snack if you don't like breakfast. Definitely eat lunch to recover from the morning outside rehearsal.
5. Bring a towel to wipe sweat when not at attention.
6. Remember, the opener is enclosed in this packet. Play your instrument—get in shape now if you're not. You know you want all the rewards offered for knowing your music. It'll make the first few days of camp much easier. If you haven't gotten your school-owned instrument yet, call us. **Remember, part of being a champion in life is preparing and taking care of yourself.**

Birth certificates: The Mississippi High School Activities Association must verify your citizenship in order for you to be able to participate in public school extra-curricular activities. If this is your first year in Big Blue, bring us a copy of your birth certificate or bring the original and we'll make a copy.

Camp Schedule:

>Friday, July 22, between 8:00am and 5:30PM. ALL BAND STUDENTS (or just parents) ARE REQUIRED TO come by the band hall to pay fees, get your band locker, check-out school-owned instruments, and flip-folders/lyres. Students, if you are out of town this day, have a parent or another student come in your place. DOING THIS DURING CAMP WASTES TIME. COME THIS DAY TO GET IT DONE, PLEASE. No camp participation will be allowed until health forms), and band fee are turned-in. There will be a \$15 late fee due for any fees not up to date by July 23. FRESHMEN, WE NEED A COPY OF YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON JULY 22RD, PLEASE. THIS IS FOR ELGIBILITY.

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Friday, July 22	8:00am-5:30pm	CAMP REGISTRATION AS STATED ABOVE.
Monday, July 25	8:00am	Freshman Brass & new guard outside/Freshmen woodwinds and Perc. inside.
	9:00am	Freshmen woodwind/perc. Outside/freshmen brass & new guard inside
	10:00	9-12 TH -GRADE ALL SEATED INSIDE FOR ORIENTATION.
	11-noon	All students outside for marching fundamentals
	1:30	Meet for sectionals (areas will be assigned before lunch)
	5:30	Dismiss for supper
	7-9PM	Swimming Party at Ver Beck YMCA on Oak Ridge Road
Tuesday, July 26	8:00am	Freshman Brass & new guard outside/Freshmen woodwinds and Perc. inside.
	9:00am	Freshmen woodwind/perc. Outside/freshmen brass & new guard inside
	10:00	ALL brass outside/ALL Woodwinds and percussion inside
	11:00	ALL woodwind and perc. outside/ALL brass inside
	1:30-4:00	Sectionals.
	4:15	All winds and percussion rehearse in band hall.
	5:15	Full band (including guard) in band hall for announcements
	5:30	Dismiss
	7-9PM	Everyone skate at BIG WHEELIE!!!!
Wednesday, July 27	8:00am	Freshman Brass & new guard outside/Freshmen woodwinds and Perc. inside.
	9:00am	Freshmen woodwind/perc. Outside/freshmen brass & new guard inside
	10:00	ALL brass outside/ALL Woodwinds and percussion inside
	11:00	ALL woodwind and perc. outside/ALL brass inside
	12:00	D.C.I. trip people need to have a sack lunch for the trip. Not on the trip: free for the rest of the day--get a nap!
Thursday, July 28	(We will start an hour later to let the Hattiesburg travelers get a little more sleep!)	
	9:00	Freshmen brass & new guard outside/freshmen woodwinds/perc. inside
	10:00	ALL brass outside/ALL Woodwinds and percussion inside
	11:00	ALL woodwind and perc. outside/ALL brass inside
	1:30	Sectionals.
	2:30	Break
	2:45	Sectionals
	4:00	Break
	4:15	All winds and percussion rehearse in band hall.
	5:15	Full band (including guard) in band hall for announcements
	5:30	Shaving Cream and Giant Slip'n'Slide
	6:30	Dismissal outside after the above activities
Friday, July 29	8:00am	Freshman Brass & new guard outside/Freshmen woodwinds and Perc. inside.
	9:00am	Freshmen woodwind/perc. Outside/freshmen brass & new guard inside
	10:00	ALL brass outside/ALL Woodwinds and percussion inside
	11:00	ALL woodwind and perc. outside/ALL brass inside
	12:00	Show and Tell/end of camp. PARENTS, PLEASE COME! This will be a musical performance (with color guard) in Gym A

Please:

Each band member (except front-ensemble members) is required to bring 2 cans of spray-paint for drill-learning. Please turn them in July 22 with your snacks. We will store these in a safe place in the band hall and access them as needed. Please do not bring green paint, as it blends in with the grass.