

Hello:

Knowing that folks are planning their summer vacations and are also looking for what is happening next year, here is some helpful information. Please take note on February 26, 2020 this was sent to the current families signed up for the 2019-20 band / color guard. We will need to have MORE COLOR GUARD members. If there are more than sixty musicians, we are doing an ELTON JOHN field show, which will be fun!

Football Schedule

August 28	vs Foothill
September 18	vs Casa Roble
October 2	vs Ponderosa
October 9	vs Lincoln
October 23	vs Placer

Competition Schedule

October 17	Del Oro
October 24	Oakmont
November 7	Lodi
November 14	Napa
November 21	Fairfield

- Monday night rehearsals for all 6pm – 9pm
- Wednesday night rehearsals for COLOR GUARD 6pm – 9pm
- Thursday night rehearsals for PERCUSSION 6pm – 8pm
- **When there is NOT Junior Vikings Football schedule;** to help avoid heat, Saturday rehearsals will be 8am-2pm. I will not know the Junior Vikings football schedule until this summer.

When is band camp?

- July 27, Monday 8am – 2pm
- July 29, Wednesday 8am – 2pm
- July 31, Friday 8am – 2pm

What are costs of band & color guard?

We have lost BINGO. For many years, BINGO was THE fundraiser for our program. Therefore, we are doing what we can to be very frugal, while keeping the program alive and competitive. It is important for you to know where your money goes – **including, not limited to**

- competition fees;
- instructor stipends;
- props (backgrounds / enhancements for the “LOOK” of the show);
- color guard costumes (for the last five-to-six years, we have been reusing past costumes; again, due to being frugal); color guard equipment (flags / “rifles” / “sabers”);
- maintenance of equipment;
- transportation;

Therefore, the costs of band / color guard will depend on how many students are in the program. I have informed the students, if there are less than sixty musicians, we will DEFINITELY do parade and possibly concert band competition. Many NCBA competitions have: PARADE / CONCERT BAND and JAZZ BAND (along with field show). I enjoy marching band and would like to continue to compete in field shows. However, less than sixty musicians, the costs outweigh the amount of work needed. A parade has fewer costs.

I hope this “letter” helps. My school email is: peverts@rjuhsd.us If you have any further questions, please ask. Remember when asking, *Mr. Everts* has been teaching for thirty years ☺ He has a son who played football / Eagle Scout / was in the band ☺ He has a daughter who played soccer / ran track / winter percussion / was in the band ☺ He has an idea of what y’all are experiencing. He has empathy. We want love / connection / encouragement.

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