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Hello, MTMB Students and Parents!

What an Amazing Week!

This past week at band camp was GREAT! Despite the heat and losing two afternoon rehearsals to storms, everyone worked hard each day and learned all but four drill pages of this year's show. That's a huge accomplishment! Our staff went above and beyond (some even used their vacation time from work) so students could get the instruction and support they needed to grow their skills and make outstanding progress. And behind the scenes, our amazing band parents kept everyone going strong by donating drinks, snacks, and volunteering their time for our "juice" breaks.

It truly was a GREAT week... and we're excited for even more excellence in the season ahead! As we continue into the first week of the regular season, here are a few important MTMB updates. Please read this document thoroughly and contact [Mr. Siegel](#) with any questions you have.

Cheering Each Other On!

- A huge thank you to Amanda and Steve Spealman for organizing juice breaks, hauling ice, setting up coolers, and cleaning up every day.
- A big shoutout to the MTMBB Board for bringing Kona Ice to camp (perfect on a really hot day!) and for sponsoring Saturday night's Cosmic Bowling at Leisure Lanes.
- Another huge thank you to the McCardell family, the MTMBB Board, and all our volunteers who helped make Friday's Family Picnic such a fun and memorable event for both students and families.

Absence Reminder

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Exceptions are for illness, emergencies, or religious observances (verified by parent or doctor note). Missing a day of band camp is like missing a week of regular season rehearsals! If you need to be absent at the last minute, please email [Mr. Siegel](#). If you need to request an excused absence for a future date, please use this Google Form: [LINK](#).

Communication: Join the BAND app for instant updates when they happen.

- Students: <https://band.us/n/abafAbE9qe04N>
- Parents: <https://band.us/n/aea9A2kcl4maP>

Band Camp Information

Please review the document linked [HERE](#) for schedules and specific information.

Breaks & Meals

- Water Breaks: 1-2 minute breaks given approx. every 15-20 minutes depending on the weather. More frequent when the temperature is above 90 degrees. Stay hydrated!
- Dinner: Bring food; no deliveries or off-campus trips. Leave the space better than you found it by cleaning up after yourself.

What to Bring

Instrument/guard gear, music binder, set book, pencil, clips, water, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, sunglasses, athletic shoes/socks, dress code–appropriate clothing.

This Week's Schedule & Important Rehearsal Expectations

This week, we'll be shifting to late-afternoon and evening schedules because of teacher inservice. The rehearsal time is shorter so every minute counts. To stay in strong shape, move in unison on the field, and keep improving our show, it's important that all band members give their best effort during the entire rehearsal. Stay focused and engaged.

This Week's Schedule - Week 1

- Monday, August 18 - Practice 4-9 PM (Doors open 3:30 PM) *Bring a dinner.*
- Tuesday, August 19 - Practice 4-9 PM (Doors open 3:30 PM) *Bring a dinner.*
 - Come fueled before practice, because the dinner time is later than usual today.
 - We'll have our first "stands music" rehearsal outside of the Literacy Fest Event.
- Wednesday, August 20 - Practice 4-9 PM (Doors open 3:30 PM) *Bring a dinner.*
 - This is our dress rehearsal for two performances this week!
- Thursday, August 21 - Public Premier Performance 4-8 PM (Doors open 3:30 PM)
 - Practice @ 4:00 PM
 - Dinner from 5:45-6:15 PM.
 - Get Into Uniform and Warmup 6:15-7:00 PM
 - March to Stadium and PERFORM @ 7:00 PM
 - Ice Cream Social to follow...
- Friday, August 22 - Football (H) vs. Cumberland Valley HS ***BAND PICTURE DAY***
 - Report Time = 12:30pm (Doors open at 12:00pm)
 - Pictures = 1:00pm (*See details below.*)
 - Dinner Break = 4:00-5:00pm
 - Stands Music Rehearsal = 5:00pm
 - Line Up and March to Stadium = 6:00pm
 - MTMB PERFORMS PREGAME = approx. 6:30pm
 - Football Game Kickoff = 7:00 PM
 - Approximate Dismissal Time = 9:30 PM

Equipment Squad

Equipment Squad should report to the MS Parking Lot (where the band practices) on Tuesday, August 19 between 5:30-6:00pm. Bring your instrument. Today you'll be playing in the stands music rehearsal and then learning the basics of your job with the sideline percussion section. You will be dismissed at 8:00pm and may choose to be picked up at that time or you may stay to watch the remainder of band practice, which ends at 9:00pm. Before you leave, you will be given a band picture form and a packet of required forms that must be signed and returned.

Equipment Squad should report to the HS Band Room on Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 pm. You will follow the band's schedule for the rest of the evening. Please return your signed forms at this time.

Equipment Squad will follow the band's entire schedule on Friday, August 22 for photos and the football game. If you would like to order band photos, please bring the photo order form and check at this time. You will give it directly to the photographer. Dinner is being provided that night. *I have a QR code form that you will fill out on Tuesday when you join us.*

The Equipment Squad dress code is all black, or as close as you can get. T-shirts and casual wear are totally fine; this is not the concert band. 😊 If you don't have all black, get as dark as you can. Please minimize the artwork on shirts if possible, but don't feel the need to run out and purchase additional clothes for this role.

Please let me know if you have any questions or are unable to attend, need to be late/leave early from any scheduled event. THANK YOU!

Arrival and Dismissal

- For Rehearsals: Parents may drop off in the high school car rider loop on either side of the school. Student drivers may park in the auditorium parking lot. Rehearsals will end promptly at their scheduled time or a few minutes before. Parents may wait to pick up their bander in the car rider loop (stay in the right lane please - leave the left lane open for traffic to pass) or the auditorium parking lot of the high school (please use a parking space so you do not block parked cars from exiting. Thank you!) Students have responsibilities to complete at the end of rehearsal relative to cleaning up instruments, materials, and supplies. It may be a few minutes past dismissal time before students start making their way out. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- For Home Football Games: Parents may drop off / pick up in the high school car rider loop on either side of the school. Student drivers MUST park in the middle school "band lot" (where we had band camp) and enter through the HS Band Room Doors (*for home games, the auditorium lot is reserved for handicapped accessible parking. Thank you for your cooperation!*) Our end time is approximately 9:30 PM, but may change based on the game action and any weather issues. After the game, parents may wait to pick up their bander in the same locations.

Campus is super-busy during the time immediately following a home football game. Please do your part to keep students safe during this dismissal time. Patience is the key. Also, note that students have responsibilities to complete at the end of a performance event relative to cleaning up instruments, materials, and supplies. It may be a few minutes past the end of the game before students start making their way out. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Picture Day

On Friday, August 22, Paul Jacobs Photography will be on site to take the official large group, section, and individual band photos for this season.

Each student received a picture order form/envelope at last Friday's rehearsal. There is no obligation to purchase photos, however we ask that every student be photographed even if not ordering for our end of season memory book (*and in case you change your mind later.*) If you are ordering photos, please bring the form with you to the photo shoot and hand it directly to the photographer when your individual photo takes place.

Band members should report to the band room for a team meeting at 12:30pm. Instructions will be given at that time. The large group photo will be taken first, followed by sections as listed in this schedule:

- Full Group = 1:00 PM
- Drum Majors = 1:30 PM
- Low Brass = 1:45 PM
- Horns = 2:00 PM
- Trumpets = 2:15 PM
- Saxophones = 2:30 PM
- Clarinets = 2:45 PM
- Flutes/Piccolos = 3:00 PM
- Color Guard = 3:15 PM
- Sideline Percussion & E-Squad = 3:30 PM
- Field Percussion = 3:45 PM

Drum Majors and Student Leaders will be responsible to ensure everyone is ready for your section/individual photo at the assigned time, even if the photographer is running behind schedule.

Before or after your section photo time, section leaders should rehearse the Star Spangled Banner, "stands" music (drumline grooves and cadence), and show music as needed.

Uniforms

We will use the full uniform for the photos (no hats). Students should be prepared to use their full uniform for both performances this week, however we may decide to make adjustments based on the weather. Reminder: blue MTMB shirts must be worn under the uniform and will be used as our alternate uniform top if the weather continues to be so warm.

Dinner @ 4:00 PM

Dinner tonight is being provided by the Band Boosters and TFB Catering!

Final Thoughts

Enjoy this first week of the regular season as we perform for our families and community, and as we take our next steps on this journey together! There is so much to be excited about. Continue to work hard, make good choices, and together we are going to do GREAT things!

~Mr. Siegel



"We forget: In life, it doesn't matter what happens to you or where you came from.

It matters what you do with what happens and what you've been given."

— Ryan Holiday, *The Obstacle Is the Way: The Timeless Art of Turning Trials into Triumph*