

July 25, 2014

# Pre-Band Camp Edition

## Welcome 1st timers!

THANK YOU for becoming a member of what is sure to be the finest Marching Organization in the State this year. There is a LOT of information to be had. It used to be overwhelming to try to stay on top of it, but now, thanks to tools such as this newsletter and the internet, there should be absolutely no need for you to worry. We are a 90% paperless organization. It's just the way of the world now. It's better that way. You can't lose anything if it's in the cloud.

Please make a commitment to reading through the newsletter as they come. Don't wait! During marching season, there is a main monthly newsletter at the beginning of the month and weekly updates with competition results and information about upcoming events plus student recognitions. Those are very fun to read!

## But Wait... There's More...

You will only find information relating to BAND CAMP in this edition. There's a handy guide to the right! Please look for the next issue around August 3 with lots of relevant payment, fundraising, volunteering and calendaring information. There are many forms due. Please stay on top of it! We will nag you if you don't, but we would rather not. :)

## A Little About the Show

The name of the Marching Show is "Defying Gravity". The show is not about the Broadway musical "Wicked". We are just using one of it's songs as the closer to our show which is about aspects of FLIGHT. As I have been thinking about the show as a whole and the songs that are included, I realize that there is such an amazing aspect of not only lifting ones physical body off the ground through flight, but also their "spirit". This year as we embark upon a really important journey to move toward creating a band family as we have never achieved before, I have been thinking that we have a great opportunity through the spirit of the music in this show to really put the pieces of this puzzle together. I hope you will feel as uplifted as I have been through listening to the music. I hope your kids know enough to be looking for opportunities to be uplifted by the music. After all, that is what music was invented for. Wasn't it?



The schedule is somewhat fluid. Don't forget to be flexible! Sometime we HAVE to change stuff at the last minute. Your patience is deeply appreciated.

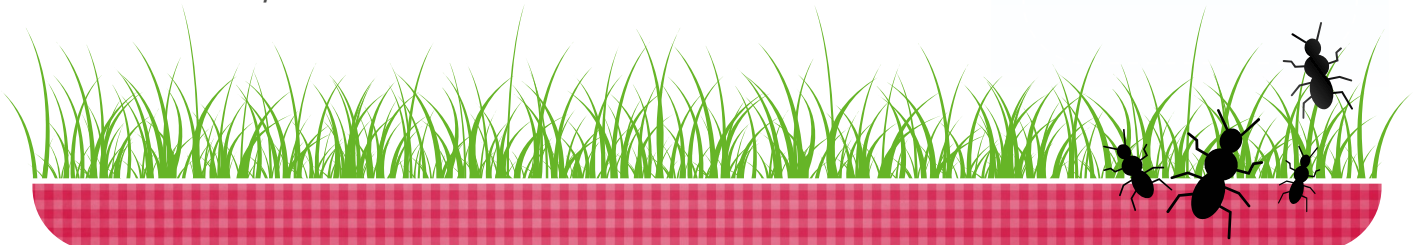


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### Important Dates

07/28	Band Camp Begins!
08/1	NO CAMP!
08/2	PARENT DAY!



# Band Camp Schedule at a Glance

## WHAT TO BRING!!!!

### EVERYDAY:

- BIG WATER JUG
- HAT
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- THICK SOCKS
- LACED UP SNEAKERS
- YOUR MUSIC/DRILL
- HEALTHY SNACKS
- SMILE
- GOOD ATTITUDE

Shiny!



### Monday July 28

- 8am: Welcome!
- 11:30: Lunch/Dinner Break
- 4:00: Warm Up
- 8pm: Done for Day

### Tuesday July 29

- 8am: Warm Up
- 11:30: Lunch Break
- 1:00: DRILL
- 4:30: Dinner Break
- 6:00: Music Rehearsal
- 8pm: Done for Day

### Wednesday July 30

- 7:30am: Warm Up
- 11:30: Lunch Break
- 1:00: DRILL
- 4:30: Dinner Break
- 6:00: Music Rehearsal
- 8:00: Done for the Day

### Thursday July 31

- 7:30am: Warm Up
- 11:30: Lunch/Dinner Break
- 4:00: Music Rehearsal
- 7:00: Done for the day!

### Friday Aug 1

**NO BAND CAMP**

### Saturday August 2

- 7:30am: Warm Up
- 11:30: Lunch Break
- 1:00: Music Rehearsal
- 3:30: PARENT SHOW ON THE PRACTICE FIELD!
- 4:00: MANDATORY PARENT MEETING in the AUDITORIUM!!!
- 5:00: MARCHING BAND FAMILY PICNIC

**PLEASE!!! PULL ALL THE WAY TO THE RIGHT WHEN WAITING TO PICK UP YOUR KIDS AFTER REHEARSALS AND AT CAMP. BE CONSIDERATE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO PASS ON YOUR LEFT!**



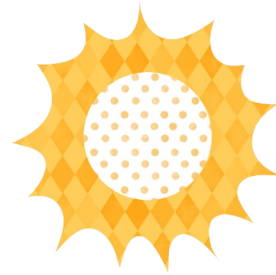
## SIGN UP FOR MR. BENNETTS REMINDER TEXT MESSAGES!!!!

Awesome! Sometimes Mr. Bennett will need to remind everyone about something very, very important right away. Or... What if the bus breaks down? What if the game gets rained out? If you sign up with this system, you will know what is going on in real time.

Here's how to Subscribe to texts. Please get it done RIGHT NOW!

1. Open your Messaging App
2. Enter 623-552-4731
3. In the Message Part type: @kben
4. Push send.

Remind is a one-way text messaging and email system. It is completely confidential. Teachers will never see your phone number and you will never see theirs.



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*"80% of success is showing up.— but it is 100% certain you will fail if you don't."*

*From the mind meld of...Woody Allen & Cami Jaworski*

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## To-Due, To-Due, To-Due

Lots to do right now. Don't worry. It's not always like this! Good news is... We get a jump start on it before school starts!

### Monday, July 28 2014

- Tylenol Consent  
(Emailed 7/25)

### Monday, July 28 2014

- Band Picnic Order Form  
(Emailed 7/25)

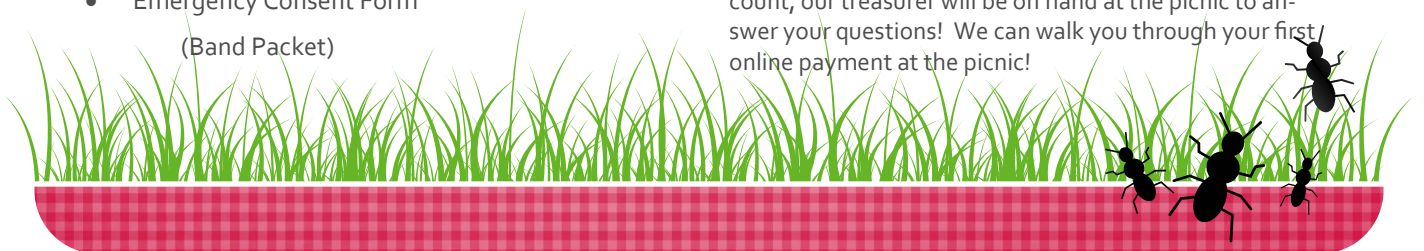
### Thursday, July 31 2014

- Participation Agreement  
(Band Packet Emailed 7/17)
- Emergency Consent Form  
(Band Packet)

### Saturday, August 2 2014

- Season T-Shirts. Students shirts will be ready for pickup. Order your family shirts at the dinner!
- **FIRST BAND FEE DUE!!!!**
  - \$250 1st child
  - \$150 Siblings

You can pay your fee by check (make sure the students name and ID are on the notes section. You can use the payment slip from your packet. It helps us and you keep track of your payments. You can also make a payment via CHARMS at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) or through our booster website via paypal @ [www.highlandhighband.org](http://www.highlandhighband.org) Please make this first payment on time! If you have any questions about your account, our treasurer will be on hand at the picnic to answer your questions! We can walk you through your first/online payment at the picnic!

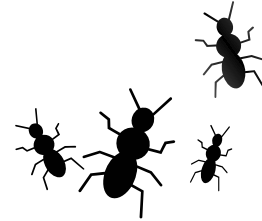


## Parent Show

The kids will treat us with a little bit of what they have been working on during band camp from 3:30-4:00 on Saturday, August 2. We will meet on the marching practice field.

There is no shade! Please plan accordingly! Sometimes we get lucky with

the weather, but mostly we do not. Mostly, it's the hottest day of the summer.



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*"Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I may remember, Involve me and I learn."*

*Benjamin Franklin*

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## Mandatory Parent Meeting

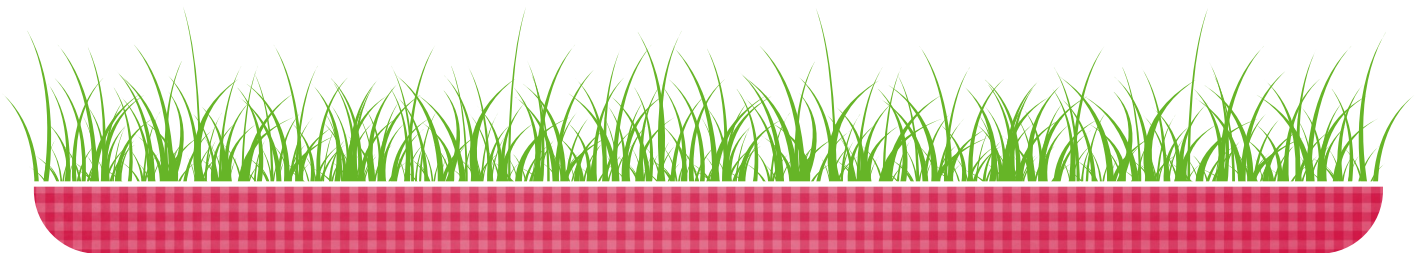
**Saturday, August 2 2014 4:00-5:00pm**

Immediately following the show, we will probably RUN into the auditorium where (hopefully) we will get the benefit of some nice air conditioning.

This meeting will address a couple of the same things from the freshman parent meeting, but overall, there will be new information. We finally have all the FINANCIAL and CALENDAR facts, which is why you really need to be there.

Please be sure to ask LOTS of questions. Don't be afraid to hang out after and talk with the Director, Staff and Boosters. It will help alleviate the dinner rush anyway.

We need you to bring your cell phones to the meeting!!!! We will show you how to use all kinds of apps and internet tools to make your band experience WAY EASIER. Even if you are not tech savvy, don't worry. Our tools are easy to use and we have lots of techies on standby to help you!



## Donations During Band Camp

We need a few things. It's going to be really, really really hot. If you want your kids to be as comfortable as they can be... then help us help them. If it is a food related item you are donating, please call LORI LABARGE FIRST before donating. 480-694-4920. She will be able to tell you when and where we need it.

- Sunblock– SPF 40 or higher.
- Garbage Bags– Just the standard Kitchen kind
- Crates of Water Bottles (for future trips)
- Ziplock Quart Size Bags. (We use these to put ice in for injuries)
- Hair Ties
- Whole watermelon
- Grapes

We are VERY appreciative of donations, but we have very strict rules for food. PLEASE make sure you call FIRST and get permission! We don't want to get anyone sick!

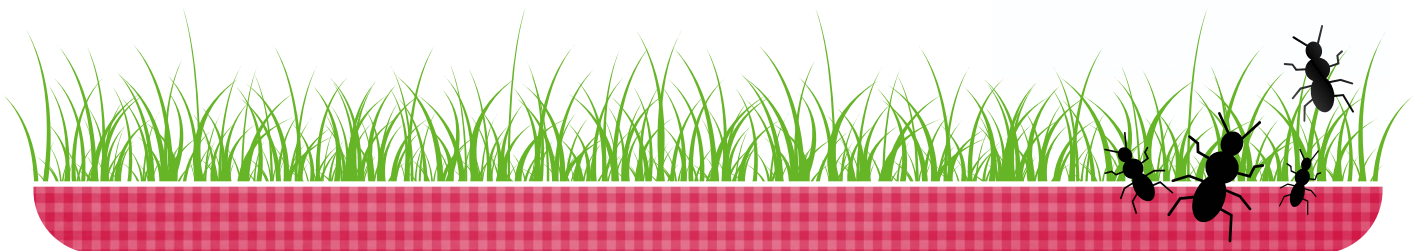
## Volunteering During Band Camp

Looks like we need a few more volunteers to help out during Camp. Please go to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) and go to the volunteer section located in the hub. In the dropdown menu, please choose a date you are available and the sign up.

Saturday is the day that is the most scarce on volunteers and the day we need the most help! The boosters will be very busy taking care of the meeting and the dinner. If you are not on the band board, we need you to help us that day so much! Please go there right now and sign up so we don't have to fret and fret about whether the kids are covered.

IF THE SPOTS ARE FULL and you are bored... come on over anyway! We have such a great time sitting around talking and helping/getting to know the kids. You gain a deeper appreciation for what your child is capable of when you see them get through a band camp!

Don't forget to tell your kids to have a great attitude EVERY time they walk out the door!



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Mr. Bennett was pretty silly in the Wind Rehearsal Thursday. This photo really sums it up!

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## FUNDRAISING!

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Here are some things you can do right now to help pay for your band fees!

- [Www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

Go to their website today to get more info. THIS IS SOOOOO EASY!!!!

- **Subway 2 for 1 KEYFOB!**  
(NEW)

We will be selling KEYFOBs as individual account fundraisers beginning the first day of band camp at the practice field. Your child can purchase/sell a keyfob for \$10 and get \$5 back in their account! This KEYFOB will get you unlimited 2 for 1 subs until December! You can sell these to friends and family too! Sell lots! Come see us under the tents if you have questions!

- **Tax Credit Donations**

Please think about making your first payment with a tax credit donation! You can download the form on [www.highlandhighband.org](http://www.highlandhighband.org) under docs and forms.