



July 11, 2010

Dear Students,

Wow has summer been flying by! I hope you've had a great summer break and are ready to get back to work so we can have a great marching season. I'm looking forward to a great year. We will start full band rehearsals on Monday, August 16. We will work marching fundamentals from 8 to 11 AM, then take a break for lunch and come back and work music from noon to 3:00 PM.

**THINGS TO BRING** to summer rehearsal: \$10.00 for band shirt (due by end of week), Sun-screen, sunglasses, shoes (no sandals or flip flops) lyre (links to places to purchase on band website), reeds/grease/oil/other supplies dependent on your instrument, PENCIL, SOME KIND OF WATER BOTTLE.

**DOWNLOAD YOUR MUSIC** and look start to work on it. This will do wonders for our season. The show music is all available on the website. Stand tunes will be added in the coming days.

**ROOKIES** - this means anyone who did not march last year. We will start on August 9 at 9:00 AM and go through noon each day until Friday. If you did not march last year it is expected you will attend these rehearsals.

**PERCUSSIONISTS** - we will rehearse from 1 to 3 PM August 9 through 13. We will start off rehearsals with challenges for spots in other sections, if anyone chooses to challenge. Challenge music will be selected from the show music available on the band website.

**UNIFORM CHECKOUT** will be after music rehearsals the week of August 16. Juniors and seniors on Tuesday, sophomores on Wednesday, freshmen on Thursday. By the end of the week, you must have either shown me that you still have your marching shoes from last year, or have brought \$20 to have a pair ordered.

**IF YOU NEED A SCHOOL INSTRUMENT** and did not check it out for the summer, contact me BEFORE the beginning of rehearsals so that we can get you one checked out. We will not be doing checkout during summer band.

**DCI CONTEST** - July 21 at Broken Arrow HS. Tickets are \$15.00. If you want to go, you must tell me by 5:00 PM on July 17 so that I can plan transportation. We will leave at 5:15 PM and be back around 11:30 PM or midnight.

**FORMS** - If you want to get a head start, download the medical release and other forms from the website and bring them already filled out. Special surprise for those who come with them complete on Monday.

**FALL CALENDAR** is available on the band website.

Sincerely yours,

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