

BAND NOTES

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American Fork High School Marching Band, (801) 756-8547

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Delta

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First Day of School

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Miller's Musical Moment

BAND CAMP! We have actually already had two mini-band camps so we are prepared for the 4 day camp coming up in August. The summer parade season is almost over and we can now fully focus our energies on putting together a championship field production. Preparing for the Bands of America Grand Nationals is a daunting task and I can honestly say our band has never seemed as focused as this season. The rehearsals have been amazing and the focus of the students, if we can maintain, will serve us well to get us into the final 12 bands in Indianapolis.

All students are expected to arrive at band camp with the music already memorized. The Drill consists of 93 sets, or forms on the field. This is the most sets our band has ever attempted. This seems impossible for new students but at band camp we learn to take it one bite at a time until we have it all down. We are already at set 30 with only 63 more to go! This is where repetition is a great learning tool. It is all a massive undertaking and I always am amazed when it all comes together. All this takes a lot of work and dedication by students and staff and the parents play a major role in helping to make this show become a reality.

We need lot's of parental involvement this year and if have not already been contacted to help in some way please call Mrs. Jones at 400-7482 and she will put you to work. The summer parades have gone very well and we have received great reviews for how we look and sound. The Stadium of Fire performance was lots of fun for our 50 trumpet players and there were lots of sun burns at 7-Peaks. A special thanks to all the students for their hard work and dedication in getting our season off to the best start ever! A heartfelt thanks goes to all the Band Moms and Band Dads for all they do to get this band ready for the competition season. We truly could not do what we do without you. Hang on for a great ride full of adventure, hard work, fun times and making great friends that will last a lifetime. Let's have a great time as we once again "Strike Up The Band" for the 2008 season!

Mr. Miller

We encourage all students and parents to check your e-mails often for new and up-to-date information. This is our best and most efficient way to communicate with you.



We also wanted to recognize and give a special thank you to **Savage Industries** for the baritones. We are so grateful for the support and love you have given us over the years.

THANK YOU!

I have been thinking recently about why we do what we do to help and serve this band organization. I have had the great opportunity to get to know many of you band parents and students the past few months. I have paid great attention to the many hours you spent in a variety of capacities. I have seen band dads take a few hours off work to flip hamburgers, and make Gatorade in a shirt and tie to make sure our kids get a great meal and a cool drink during an all day drill camp. I have seen them carry and lift equipment, unload garbage, paint the field, and provide water after a hot parade. I have seen band moms planning, shopping and preparing food. I have seen them making phone calls, giving a saxophone player a hug because she's tired after a long 10 hour practice. I've seen a mom give a tuba player a Kleenex to help stop a bloody nose during practice. I've seen moms take off an hour or two of work to come and help serve food, fit a student for a uniform, or walk a hot parade. I've seen them encouraging a student to sell Steel Day's tickets to pay for band fees, and spend countless hours preparing for Steel Day's breakfast. I could write pages and pages of observations I have made and encounters I've had as I quietly watch the many interactions between band parents and band students.

Why do we do this? The reasons are many. One of the reasons we serve and give of our time is because we have a vision. We see that the actions we take now will affect the future of many lives, namely our children. Second, we give because we are deep rooted people with strong values and traditions that stir us to act and be involved in building relationships and becoming involved in things that are good, and things that matter. We see the value of teaching our youth that hard work brings great benefits, and that being apart of something bigger than ourselves makes us better people and creates a feeling of team work. As parents of band and color guard students we are all apart of the band booster family. We work together, play together, learn together, and assist in building the traditions that make American Fork High School music and band programs great.

Thank you, every past, present, and future band parent. Thank you for your encouragement, time, faith, and dedication to this organization. I look forward to many more opportunities to serve with you during this year. We have a great season ahead of us!!

Wendy Jones



Band Web Page

Get on www.afbands.org and click on "marching bands" to find instructions and maps for parades, band camp in Delta, and upcoming competitions.

Note to Parents...

Charms Music Office Assistant

Charms Music contains an up-to-date calendar and information about the band. Please make sure you have entered your correct e-mail address so you can receive all information.

Follow the followings steps to access your students account, check on the calendar, look at newsletters, forms etc, and to e-mail Mr. Miller.

To access the AF Charms program, do the following:

1. Go to www.charmsmusic.com
2. Go to the Parents section at the left of the menu, it is highlighted in blue.
3. The login is **americanforkhsb**
4. From this screen you can view the band calendar, download forms or e-mail Mr. Miller.
5. Enter your student's school ID#
6. This screen allows you to view several areas, including inventory, music, uniforms and forms your student might need. The financial information is now operational and you will be able to check on your students balance. The Macy's trip is separate and billings are being sent by New Horizons.
7. Click "Student Info" and you can update your student's info including information about parents.

2008 AF Band Camp Schedule and Details

What to Bring to Band Camp

**This should all fit into a duffel bag or suitcase.
Please put your name on everything. **

A positive and work hard attitude
Sack lunch for Monday at Band camp
Food assignment (see Delta Camp Food assignment) cookies, chips, etc.
Water jug (large size)
sleeping bag
foam sleeping pad
pillow
Shower stuff, towels, wash cloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
Toiletries, deodorant, tooth brush, paste, etc.
Personal medication
sunscreen
hat
swim suit
Sweatshirt (It might be cold in the morning)
Clothes for 4 days
rain poncho or rain jacket
lip balm (no Carmex)
Music, drill book and technique books with pencil

On the Lighter Side...

Some signs you have been in band too long...

1. Instead of writing 'and' you write 'band'.
2. Your iTunes library is filled with songs you've played.
3. You like wearing your uniform.
4. You start responding to 'band dork'.
5. Your mouthpiece tastes good.
6. You hang out in the band room before, during, and after school.
7. You daydream about sets for next year's show.
8. Instead of sneakers, you wear your marching shoes to school.
9. You like changing clothes on a bus.
10. You go trick-or-treating in your uniform.

2008 Band Camp Schedule

Monday August 11

6:45 Load busses
7:00 Depart to Delta I.P.P. Rec Center
9:30 Arrive and unload
10-12 M&M
12-12:45 Lunch (sack lunch from home)
12:45-4 Review Drill Sets (1-40)
4-5 Sectionals (Find Shade!)
5-6 Dinner
6-6:30 M&M
6:30-9 Drill Sets (41-47).(6)
9-9:15 Sectionals (Music/Warm-down)
9:15-10:30 Free Time / Showers etc.
11 Lights Out

Tuesday August 12

6 Breakfast
7-8 M&M
8-8:30 Warm-up Music Sectionals
8:30-12 Review 1-40/ Sets (48-55) (8)
12-1 Lunch
1-2 Brass/WW/Perc/Guard
2-2:30 M&M
2:30-5 Drill Sets w music (56-62) (7)
5-6 Dinner
6-6:30 M&M
6:30-9 Drill Sets (63-69) (7)
9-9:15 Sectionals (Music/Warm-down)
9:15-10:30 Free Time / Showers etc.
11 Lights Out

Wednesday August 13

6 Breakfast
7-8 M&M
8-8:30 Warm-up/Music Sectionals
8:30-12 Review / Drill Sets (70-76) (7)
12-1 Lunch
1-2 Brass/WW/Perc/Guard
2-2:30 M&M
2:30-5 Drill Sets w Music (77-83) (7)
5-6 Dinner
6-6:30 M&M
6:30-9 Drill Sets (84-90) (7)
9-9:15 Sectionals (Music/Warm-down)
9:15-10:30 Free Time / Showers etc.
11 Lights Out

Thursday August 14

6 Breakfast
7-8 M&M
8-8:30 Warm-up/Music Sectionals
8:30-12 Review / Drill Sets (91-93) (3)
12-1 Lunch
1-2 Brass/WW/Perc/Guard
2-2:30 M&M
2:30-5 Review Drill Sets w Music (7)
5-6 Dinner
6-7 Final Full show run
7:15 Load Bus Return to AF
9:15 Arrive AF

Band Camp Assignments

DELTA BAND CAMP KITCHEN MOMS MEETING

This meeting will be help on Thursday, July 17th at 8:00pm in the band room. Attendance at this meeting is important for any Moms who signed up previously or is interested in helping us in the kitchen at band camp Aug. 11-14.

**SECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS
MARCHING BAND CAMP 2008**

Dear parents,

Every year we ask each section in the marching band to donate different items for our Delta Band Camp. (Aug. 11-14). Listed below are the items we are need of. Each band member needs to bring their item with them to the high school on the morning of Aug. 11. These items will be loaded at this time onto trailers and trucks. **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!**

ALTO SAX : 1 - 12oz. or larger bag of tortilla chips
FLUTES: 1 - 12oz. or larger bag of tortilla chips
BARITONE SAX: 1 box Capri Suns/10 pouches per box
TENOR SAX: 1 box Capri Suns/10 pouches per box
TROMBONE: 1 box Capri Suns/10 pouches per box
BASS CLARINETS: 1 - 12pkg./12oz cans soda pop
TRUMPET: 1 - 12pkg./12oz cans soda pop
CLARINET: 1 - 2 liter bottle of rootbeer
TUBA: 1 - 2 liter bottle of rootbeer
GUARD: 1 full size watermelon
PERCUSSION: 1 box granola bars/10 per box
MELLOPHONE: 2 boxes Little Debbie snacks/8 or more per box
DRUM MAJOR: 2 boxes Little Debbie snacks/8 or more per box

If you have any questions, call

Renae Pew 847-2265

Kris Bromley 756-3071

Kellie Magelby 492-9253

Band Uniforms

Parents,

We are trying to make sure that all uniforms have a proper fit. It has been very difficult to make sure that the hems are the proper length. We had an inspection a couple of weeks ago and your student should have told you if their uniform needed alterations. Many of the uniforms that needed to have the hems adjusted still have not been done. Please be aware that if these adjustments are not done by the next parade on July 17, Mr. Miller will not let your student perform in the parade. I would hate to see them work so hard and not be able to perform.

You can find the uniform information on page 11 of your students blue band handbook. Please remember that the hem measurements should be done while your student is in "playing position". Another additional piece of info, on the pants, the crease in the front of the pants should not have any ripples in them. They should rest on the shoe and not have any bend in the fabric at all.

One thing that I have noticed at the parades is that the uniforms have not been pressed. Please note that if you make an alteration, you must press the uniform after. The handbook states that the uniform is not to be worn if it is not pressed. We have noticed that there are many students that also need hair cuts or need to have their hair pulled up.

If you have any questions call Jackie Hoggan at 801-756-7751 or 801-669-3291.

Band Schedule

JULY SCHEDULE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | <u>1</u> MB Brass Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>2</u> MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> MB Provo Parade | <u>5</u> |
| <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> MB Perform AF Amphitheater 7pm MB Practice Full Band 7-9:30 AM | <u>8</u> MB July Camp 7-6 | <u>9</u> MB July Camp 7-6 MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>10</u> Corps Encore Ogden | <u>11</u> Color Guard Camp | <u>12</u> Color Guard Camp |
| <u>13</u> | <u>14</u> MB Practice Full Band 7-9:30 AM | <u>15</u> MB Brass Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>16</u> MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>17</u> MB Practice Full band 6-9 PM | <u>18</u> Dr Tim Leadership Clinic | <u>19</u> MB Steel Days Parade |
| <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> MB Practice Full Band 7-9:30 AM | <u>22</u> MB Brass Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>23</u> MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> |
| <u>27</u> | <u>28</u> MB Practice Full Band 7-9:30 AM | <u>29</u> MB Brass Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>30</u> MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>31</u> MB Practice Full band 6-9 PM | | |

AUGUST SCHEDULE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|--|---|---|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> MB Highland Parade |
| <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> MB Practice Full Band 7-9:30 AM | <u>5</u> MB Brass Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>6</u> MB WoodWind Practice 7-9:30 AM | <u>7</u> MB Practice Full band 6-9 PM | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> |
| <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> Band Camp @ Delta | <u>12</u> Band Camp @ Delta | <u>13</u> Band Camp @ Delta | <u>14</u> Band Camp @ Delta | <u>15</u> | <u>16</u> |
| <u>17</u> | <u>18</u> First Day of School | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>21</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> |
| <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> MB Practice 2- 5:30 | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>28</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> |
| <u>31</u> | | | | | | |

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| | <u>1</u> Labor Day No School! | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>4</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> |
| <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> MB Practice 2-5:30 | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>11</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>12</u> MB Cleaning Camp ? 3-9 | <u>13</u> MB Cleaning Camp ? 8-6 |
| <u>14</u> | <u>15</u> MB Practice 2-5:30 | <u>16</u> | <u>17</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>18</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> |
| <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> MB Practice 2-5:30 | <u>23</u> MB Weber Review Show? | <u>24</u> MB Practice 3-5:30 | <u>25</u> MB Practice 6-9 PM | <u>26</u> MB Pep Band 6:30 | <u>27</u> MB Bridgerland Show ? |
| <u>28</u> | <u>29</u> MB Practice 2-5:30 | <u>30</u> | | | | |