Hello Marching Band Members and their Parents/Guardians!

You are receiving this email because you (or your band kid/s) are on the marching band roster for this fall.  If that is in error, please let me know asap as we are beginning to work on show charting.

There is a lot of information here (and probably some I’m forgetting to include).  Please read through carefully and let me know if you have questions.

Emails will primarily be sent out through Charms and the new Infinite Campus program (once that is up and running).  Please ask your family members to see if they’ve received this email.  If not, please let me know and I will check what we have listed for you in Charms.  Check spam folders, too, if the email wasn’t in the inbox. I will try to send a text to let you know an email has been sent.

We will also begin using the Remind App. More information will be forthcoming, but if you don’t have the App on your phone yet, you might want to install it. Festus R-VI is going to be using the Remind App as an important means of communication this coming school year.

I hope you’ve had a great summer so far! I also hope you are looking forward to our fall marching band season.  I’m getting super excited to begin, because I think we are going to have fantastic shows! It’s a great time to be a Marching Tiger, because our show theme is “A Night At The Movies!” and will include a whole heap of fun music! Music from *The Greatest Showman, Ghostbusters, Top Gun, Aladdin, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, The Incredibles, Cars,* and *Batman* will be featured throughout our season. Oh, and of course, *Rocky III* and *IV*!

Here is our camp schedule:

Mo-We  July 24-26  Drumline Practice (Drumline members only)     9 am-1 pm          FHS Band Room

Tues       July 25       Color Guard Meeting (Color Guard members only)       10 am-Noon      FHS Band Room

Wed       July 26       Leaders meeting          1-3:30 pm          FHS Band Room

(all drum majors/section leaders/assistant section leaders/captains)

Th-Fr     July 27-28   Marching Band Practice (full band)         8am-Noon          FHS Band Room

Mo-Th   July 31-Aug 3 Marching Band Practice (full band)            8am-Noon          FHS Band Room

Thu        Aug 3                   Marching Band Performance/Parent meeting     6:30 pm               Tiger Stadium

Attendance of ALL participants is expected at camp. There will be a lot of new things learned – even for returning band members. Please plan to be here!

Uniform check-out will start with Seniors on Thursday, July 27 at noon.  Juniors will be on Friday, July 28 at noon. Sophomores will be on Monday, July 31 at noon. Freshmen uniform checkout will be on Tuesday, August 1st beginning at noon. Sizing can take a bit of time.  The goal would be that each day ends by 1:30. The Uniform agreement is attached to this email, but hard copies will be available at camp, as well.

For the July/Aug rehearsals, dress as cool and comfortable as possible; we will be outside most of the time each morning. 8 am to 12 pm can be warm this time of year. 😊 Wear comfortable shoes & SOCKS, too! (**No sandals or flip-flops**). Drink plenty of water and EVERYONE **MUST** bring personal water jugs.

We will have Dress up days for Camp to show some spirit – winning sections might even get a prize!

Thursday, July 27 – normal day

Friday, July 28 – Festus Friday – wear something Festus-y!

Monday, July 31 – ‘Merica Monday – wear something Patriotic!

Tuesday, August 1 – Tie-Dye Tuesday – wear something Tie-Dyed!

Wednesday, August 2 – Wacky Wednesday – wear some silly socks or hat, or both!

Thursday, August 3 – Threads Thursday – Your section will pick something “matchy” or special!

Band members can park in the student lot and come in through the attendance office doors or be dropped off by the band room doors at the front of the building.

The Marching Band fee is $65 this year. (Color guard, we will talk about your fees at your camp rehearsal on July 25th.)  The fee will include meals for the entire band at home football games during 3rd quarter via the Band Boosters, as well as breakfast and snack for MIZZOU Homecoming. Like before, the fee also funds band T-shirts, drill design, supplies, uniform maintenance, etc. If you are a rookie member, you’ll need marching shoes. The shoes will be available to size and order during your camp uniform checkout time. Cost for new shoes is $38. Returning band members may also purchase marching shoes. Black cotton gripper long-wrist gloves will be ordered for $5 at this time, too. You may make out one check for the fees, shoes & gloves for the total amount ($108) payable to “**Festus High School**” and turn it in with the uniform check-out sheet. Used marching shoes are available on a first come/first serve basis for $15. (Total would then be $85).  We will also offer the ability to pay band fees (not band booster membership) online through Charms using **AffiniPay**, which is similar to PayPal. Simply log into your Charms account to pay online. This will be available beginning July 25th.  Please do not combine the school check with the Band Booster membership check. If you have any questions about the fees, shoes, etc., please email Mrs. Sekelsky at sekelskystephanie@festusedu.com. We work to accommodate everyone.

Band Booster Membership – please see the attached form. Our Band Booster President is Mrs. Trost.  You can expect to see emails through Charms from her seeking help at our events. Us directors can’t tell you how much we appreciate all that the Band Boosters do!!!!!! We are hugely grateful!!

Beginning with the 2022 season MSHSAA passed a rule that requires ALL Marching Band members to have a physical before they can participate.  You will need to get a physical (good for two years) and turn your physical form in to Mrs. Donaldson (**not** to one of us directors).  Also, all band members will need to fill out the activity packet found on the Parent Portal of the new Infinite Campus program.  (I think that will go live in July sometime and won’t be accepted before July 15th.) Questions regarding the activity packet and eligibility requirements regarding the physical can be directed to Michelle Donaldson at [donaldsonmichelle@festusedu.com](mailto:donaldsonmichelle@festusedu.com), or you can call Mrs. Donaldson at 636-937-5946. Incoming freshman – if you had a physical last year for an 8th grade sport it might still be “good.” Again, physicals are good for two years. The physical form is attached to this email for your convenience.  This does **NOT** have to be completed before camp. Once both the physical and annual paperwork are completed Mrs. Donaldson will create cards that will need to get picked up and brought to us. If it is completed by camp time, then you can pick up the card during the July 31-August 3rd time. Otherwise, we will just need it by the time school starts. That’s about as clear as mud…let me know if you have questions.

Other helpful info…

For marching band - students should have a pair of khaki shorts that will be a part of our “Summer uniform” if the weather is too hot for our regular band uniforms or for possible assembly performances and such.  Not too short of shorts, please!  They will be worn with the band t-shirt and marching band shoes. Short black socks will be helpful when in summer uniform.  Long black socks will be needed when in full uniform.

Marching band members that are new to the program – you will have the opportunity to borrow or purchase a flip book and/or lyre that will hold your marching band music.  These are things that will attach to your instrument or arm (flutists).  We will distribute these items during camp week.  You can buy them online or at a music store for yourself if you prefer.  Just make sure you get what you need for your specific instrument.  Drumline members and Color Guard members do not need these supplies.  Again, you can borrow these items from us if you’d rather.  We simply ask for them back at the end of the marching band season and to pay for them if they are broken or damaged.

The band calendar is also attached to this email.  We have a busy marching season with six regular season home football games, the MIZZOU Homecoming Parade and possibly some post season games.  The rest of the calendar for the school year is also listed (minus pep band).  We (the district fine art faculty) got together to hash out dates for concerts/plays, etc.  Hopefully these dates listed will stick (barring cancellation due to snow).  Any calendar changes will be posted on the band website and sent out in an email.  I will let you know when Senior night is…I’m not sure if it will be the first or last regular season home game – I’m assuming last which is October 20th.  Our Festus High School Homecoming is October 6th.

For Drum Majors/Section Leaders/Assistant Section Leaders/Captains – we will see you on Wednesday, July 26th at 1 p.m. for our leadership seminar.  Pizza will be provided, but please bring a beverage.

Color Guard members, we will see you on Tuesday, July 25th for an organizational meeting from 10 a.m. – noon.

Attachments to this email include:

Physical form to take to doctor, then to Mrs. Donaldson.

Band Calendar for your information.

Band Booster Membership Form – can be turned in during camp or when school starts.

Uniform agreement – should be turned in before receiving uniform.  Hard copies will be available at camp.

Whew, so much information!  Don’t hesitate to ask questions.  If I’ve forgotten something that would be helpful to the masses I’ll send out a follow-up email.

One final thing…Everything here, including this email is posted at <https://www.festusbands.org/marching-tigers.html> for your reference.

Thanks for your time, support, and efforts!

Get ready for “A Night At the Movies!!” Woot!

Mrs. Sekelsky

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*Holy Ghostbusters, Batman! We won’t really be riding our Cars into the Danger Zone, but we do think it will be the Greatest Show, some might say Incredibles. It’s A Whole New World coming to a field near you! There might even be Candy, man!*

*Just keep your Eye on your Tigers!*

I tried… 😊