Hello!

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 TylerSis. 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 inbox. I will try to send a text to let you know an email has been sent.

I do you 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 excited to begin, but I’m also good with a few more weeks of vacation. 😊

 Our show theme for this fall is “We Are Festus” and will feature the selections: *Funkytown, Rock This Town, Old Town Road,* and *We Built This City*! We also have a few new selections for pregame and in the stands – yes, the stands! We will be back in the bleachers during our games! Woot!

Here is our camp schedule:

Mo-We July 25-27 Drumline Practice (Drumline members only) 9 am-1 pm FHS Band Room

Tues July 26 Color Guard Meeting (Color Guard members only) 10 am-Noon FHS Band Room

Wed July 27 Leaders meeting 1-3:30 pm FHS Band Room

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

Th-Fr July 28-29 Marching Band Practice (full band) 8am-Noon FHS Band Room

Mo-Th Aug 1-4 Marching Band Practice (full band) 8am-Noon FHS Band Room

Thu Aug 4 Marching Band Performance/Parent meeting 6:30 pm FHS tba

 Attendance of ALL participants is expected at camp.

Uniform check-out will start with Seniors and Juniors on Monday, August 1 at noon.  Sophomores will be Tuesday, August 2 at noon and Freshmen on Wednesday, August 3 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.

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 $45 this year. (Color guard, see your information from May, but I will also send it to you again soon.)  The fee will include meals for the entire band at home football games during 3rd quarter via the Band Boosters. 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 the first week of practice. 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 ($88) 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 $20. (Total would then be $70). 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 20th. 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 new Band Booster President is Mrs. Trost. We are excited to get things rolling, so you can expect to see emails through Charms from her seeking help at our events.

NEW THIS YEAR: MSHSAA has passed a rule that requires ALL Marching Band members to have a physical before they can participate. Hopefully you saw an email from Lindsey Roth with information regarding optional physical clinics – or you can use your regular doctor if preferred or the time slots are all filled up. 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 TylerSis. Hard copies are available at the Activity Director’s office if you prefer. Once all the required paperwork is complete those of you who are student athletes will receive two cards from Mrs. Donaldson in the Activity Director’s office. You will need to bring the marching band card to me before you can participate. (The other is for your fall sport). Those of you who are not student athletes Mrs. Donaldson will make you a card that you will pick up from her and then bring to me before you can participate. Questions regarding the physical can be directed to Lindsey Roth at rothlindsey@festusedu.com. Questions regarding the activity packet and eligibility requirements regarding the physical can be directed to Michelle Donaldson at donaldsonmichelle@festusedu.com, or you can call Mrs. Donaldson at 636-937-5946.

The physical form is attached to this email for your convenience. A hard copy can be picked up from the Activity Director’s office.

This should all be completed prior to July 25th, 2022. Please and thanks!

Other info…

For marching band - students should have a pair of black 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 light marching season with only three regular season home football games, the MU 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 home game. Homecoming is September 16th.

For Drum Majors/Section Leaders/Assistant Section Leaders/Captains – I will see you on Wednesday, July 27th at 1 p.m. for our leadership seminar. Pizza will be provided, but please bring a beverage.

Color Guard members, be looking for an email coming to your inboxes soon! We will see you on Tuesday, July 26th 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.

Thanks for your time, support, and efforts!

WE ARE FESTUS! Woot!

Mrs. Sekelsky

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