



May 31, 2016

Hello everyone!

I feel like this year has gone by too quickly, but I'm excited for the summer and to get things going with the 2016 Blue Devil Marching Band! The brand new uniforms will arrive in August, and it's going to be a great year. I am VERY excited for next year's show, which will feature music from the Broadway smash "Les Misérables." It's going to be an incredible show!

Here are the dates and some notes to be aware of (I have also included the season calendar):

▪ **June 20-22 (M-W), 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM... *Mini-Camp in the South Band Room***

- This is a short, 3-day, mornings only camp while everyone is still fresh from classes to get everyone acclimated and ready for the new season. It will allow us to get some things out of the way prior to August, like marching fundamentals and a head start on our music.

▪ **August 1-5 (M-F), 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM... *Band Camp at South High School***

- As always, Band Camp will take place the week before fall sports begin.
- Wear tennis shoes, comfortable clothes, bring water/sunscreen, and be ready to be outside!
- Students need to be at these dates to fully participate in the Marching Band... please schedule vacations and other summer camps around these dates. Missing rehearsals (especially when learning charts for halftime drill) really sets members back and causes them to fall behind the band. If there is an unavoidable conflict with a date, please let me know as soon as possible so we can make accommodations.
- I've included an order form where students will need to order the following: their marching band t-shirt (if they do not already have one), baseball hat, and marching shoes. Students will also have the option to purchase a themed t-shirt featuring this year's Les Misérables halftime show.
- Students will also need a flip folder to hold music if they do not already own one. Clarinets and Saxophones will need a lyre to hold the flip folder as well.

Along with this letter, I have attached the full season calendar, and information/commitment form, and an approximate price list for flip folders, lyres, and other equipment. If you're on the fence about doing marching band... get off and join us! It's a lot of fun and the group will be better with you in it! Please feel free to contact me with any other questions... email works best!

Looking forward to a spectacular season!

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