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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Parents and Students:

I hope all of you are having an enjoyable and restful summer.

Please make sure that you read all of the material contained in this packet very carefully. To efficiently run an ensemble of 75+ students, it will be extremely important for everyone to understand their responsibilities before we start band camp on Monday, July 26th.

The band staff is currently putting the finishing touches on our 2010 Marching Band production entitled "Cinematic" and I am very excited about our show. I look forward to seeing all of you for band camp in a few weeks.

BAND CAMP DATES

Band Camp dates for the 2007 Marching Band are:

July 21 - 23. Student Leaders only. 9AM until Noon.

July 26-27. Color guard, percussion, rookies, and student leaders **ONLY**. 8am-6:00pm.

July 28 - July 30. Full Band - all winds, color

guard and percussion. 8am-6pm.

Aug. 2-6. Full Band - all winds, color guard and percussion. 8am-6pm.

Aug. 9-11. Full Band - all winds, color guard and percussion. 8am - 6pm.

Aug. 16, 17, & 19. Full Band - all winds, color guard and percussion. 5:00pm until 8:30pm.

These are mandatory dates for all members of the 2010 Blythewood High School Marching Band.

ROOKIE CAMP

All "rookie band members" (rookie is defined as 1st time marching band member with Blythewood High School) will have two days of rehearsals on Monday, July 26th and Tuesday, July 27th. Times are 8am until 6:00pm. We will take a lunch break both days from noon until 1:00pm. These rehearsals are mandatory for all of our new band members. Please read the sections later in this newsletter regarding lunch and what to bring with you to camp.

FEES

Marching Band fees are \$400 for all members of the BHS Marching Band (\$450 if paid after August 16th, 2010). The first installment

of \$150 was due in May. The second installment of \$125 should be made on Wednesday, July 28th. If you have not made the \$150 payment that was due in May, please do so immediately (the address is at the top of this page - attn: BHS Band). **Band fees are non-refundable in the event that you choose to leave the ensemble.**

PLEASE NOTE: We will be kicking-off our first fundraiser on Wednesday, July 28th. If your child participates in the fundraiser, 80% of the profits will be placed in your child's student band account. These monies can be used for your child's final marching band fee payment on August 16th.

PARENT MEETING/COOK-OUT

We hope that all of you will plan on joining us for our welcome back hotdog cookout on Friday, July 30th. This will give all of our families an opportunity to learn about our band booster organization and how you can get involved in your child's music education. You will also have an opportunity to pay fees, join the booster club,

buy shoes, or purchase BHS Band clothing.

PARENT HELP NEEDED!!!

CHAPERONES: We'd like to have chaperones for the entirety of the rehearsal day (8am-6pm) during band camp. If we can't get coverage for all day, we will need to have several parents for each lunch period (noon-1pm).

If you are available to volunteer your time all-day (8am-6pm) or during lunch (12noon – 1pm), contact Roxann Bradshaw by phone at 269-3129 or by email at

rbradshaw5@sc.rr.com

BAND CAMP SCHEDULE (LUNCH)

We will typically run the following schedule for the two weeks of full band camp.

8am-noon: outside, marching fundamentals and learning drill.

Noon-1pm: lunch*

1pm-4:30pm: inside, music

4:30pm – 6pm: outside, learning drill.

*Enclosed you will find a permission form that needs to be completed in order for your child to leave campus during the lunch break. This form must be returned in order for your child to leave during lunch. Please turn it in on the morning of your child's first day of band camp.

Students who stay on campus will need to bring their own lunch (drink included). It is important to note that we will not have access to a refrigerator or microwave during our lunch time. Students will be chaperoned during lunch, and will have specific areas within the school where they will be expected to be.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Instrument, Music, Pencil, Sunscreen, Towel, and a Hat.
- Water jug w/ water – the bigger the better. Please mark with student name. We will take frequent, but brief water breaks. You **MUST** bring your own water to rehearsal. There will not be time to enter the building during breaks.
- Athletic shoes. Either running shoes or cross trainers. No high-tops, flip-flops, sandals, boots are to be worn at marching rehearsal. **NOTE: THIS YEAR WE WILL BE REHEARSING ON GRASS. DO NOT WEAR YOUR NICEST SHOES. THE GRASS WILL BE WET MOST MORNINGS.**
- Clothing that is comfortable and allows freedom of movement.

SUMMER UNIFORM

All marching band students will receive two shirts this year. One shirt will be a navy blue t-shirt that will contain our Blythewood

Bands logo; the other shirt will be our 2010 Show Shirt. This year's summer uniform will consist of our Blythewood Bands' shirt (the navy blue shirt that will be provided); khaki shorts*; white socks*; and white tennis shoes*.

***ALL OF THESE ITEMS WILL NEED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE STUDENT. YOU WILL NEED YOUR SUMMER UNIFORM BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th.**

COLOR GUARD SUMMER UNIFORM

All color guard students will receive two shirts this year. One shirt will be a navy blue t-shirt that will contain our Blythewood Bands logo; the other shirt will be our 2010 Show Shirt. This year's summer uniform will consist of our Blythewood Bands' shirt (the navy blue shirt that will be provided); grey Softe shorts*; white socks*; and white tennis shoes*.

***ALL OF THESE ITEMS WILL NEED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE STUDENT. YOU WILL NEED YOUR SUMMER UNIFORM BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st.**

BAND UNIFORM

Considering that our band uniform has white pants, all students will need to purchase white athletic shorts that can be worn underneath the uniform bib pants. In the past, our students have had difficulty finding white athletic shorts once school has started. I encourage all of you to start

shopping for white shorts as soon as possible.

PECKNEL MUSIC DAY – FRIDAY, JULY 30TH

Are you in need of reeds, valve oil, flip folder, etc? If so, Rochelle Doty from Pecknel Music will be visiting band camp on Friday, July 30th during our cookout. This packet of material includes a price list of the different items that Pecknel will be supplying. I encourage all of you to place your order with Rochelle before she arrives on July 30th. Please read the insert from Pecknel music that explains the pre-ordering process. This year, you will need to purchase your marching band gloves through Pecknel Music.

MARCHING BAND SHOE PURCHASE NIGHT – JULY 30TH.

All brass, woodwind, and percussion students that are new to the Blythewood High School Marching Band will need to purchase marching shoes and gloves. This year we will be purchasing our Marching Band shoes from the Crown Store which is affiliated with the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps. The cost of shoes this year is \$31.00 per pair. We will have a sizing set for students to try on shoes during the Hot Dog Cookout on Friday, July 30th. Please make all checks payable to BHS Band Boosters.

COLOR GUARD – SHOES, TIGHTS, AND GLOVES.

All Color Guard members will also need to purchase shoes, gloves, and tights for your uniform. We are still determining the cost for these items. We will notify all color guard members of this information within the next week.

SPIRIT DAYS

Mon. Aug. 2nd – White-Out Day: On Monday, August 2nd, we want everyone to wear as much “white clothing” as possible. (We considered doing a “black-out day”, but it is extremely too hot to wear black in August.)

Tue. Aug. 3rd – College Day: Show your allegiance to your favorite college athletic team or institution of higher learning.

Wed. Aug. 4th – Color Day: Each section will be assigned a color to wear on this day. We will inform all of the sections of their colors on Wednesday, July 28th.

Thu. Aug. 5th – Hat Day: Wear your favorite hat on this day. We will be giving awards for different hat styles. You may want to see if your entire section can coordinate the types of hats being worn.

Fri. Aug. 6th – Spirit Day: We want all students “decked-out” in their blue and gold attire. We will also be issuing all of you your BHS Band shirts later that day for our field trip. See the next announcement

concerning our Band Camp field trip.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH – BHS MARCHING BAND GOES BOWLING AT ROYAL Z LANES.

We will be ending rehearsal early on Friday, August 7th to take all of our students (via bus) to Royal Z Lanes for an evening of fun. We will be at Royal Z Lanes from 4:30pm until 6:30pm and then we will return to the school by 7:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided at the bowling alley, but you may want to bring a little additional spending money. The cost of this event has already been factored into your marching band fees.

WATER DAY

On the last full-day of camp, we invite all of you to bring your water guns, “super-soakers”, water balloons, etc. We want to celebrate our last full-day of camp. (Believe me, this day is going to be worth it.)

ENCLOSED BAND FORMS

You will find a health form, a travel permission form, and a lunch permission form in this packet. Please make sure that you fill out all of these forms. Your child will need to bring these forms with them on their first day of band camp. Please note that we will need to have a copy of your insurance card attached with the health form.

REHEARSALS ON AUG. 17TH, 18TH, & 20TH.

We will have three days of rehearsals (Aug. 17, 18, & 20 the week that school begins. These rehearsals will be from 5:00pm until 8:30pm. These rehearsals are mandatory for all 2009 Marching Band members.

MESSAGE FROM THE BHS BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT.

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Marching Band Season for Blythewood High School. This year should be a great one as we move to 5A competition.

Please join the Booster Board for a get to know you cookout after rehearsal on Friday, July 30 at the school. We will provide a light dinner and let you know what opportunities await you for this exciting Marching Band season.

Thanks and we hope to see you on the 30th!

Mellanie Jinnette
Band Booster President

BHS ORIENTATION CONFLCITS WITH BAND CAMP:

We are aware that the BHS Orientation sessions have been scheduled during the first three days of band camp. Please take a look at

the following schedule so we can handle this conflict most appropriately.

SENIOR BAND STUDENTS:
Report to your orientation time as scheduled.

JUNIOR BAND STUDENTS:
Report to your orientation time as scheduled.

SOPHOMORE BAND STUDENTS: Report to your orientation time as scheduled.

FRESHMAN BAND STUDENTS: All freshman band students can report to orientation at 8:30 AM in hopes of being toward the front of the line. Please understand, you will not be allowed to cut in line because you are a band student. This option merely gives you an opportunity to arrive much earlier than your scheduled time.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:
You can take care of getting your child's schedule and paying their fees without your child being present.