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Welcome Back Marching Warriors!

I hope you all have found at least a little time to sit back and enjoy some of your summer! I am sending this letter to jog your memories a little before we jump back in.

1. This coming Sunday, July 30, 2017 (Drum Line),
2. Tuesday, August 1, 2017 (flag corps)
3. Thursday & Friday, August 3 & 4, 2017 (Student Leadership Team)
4. then the ENTIRE Marching Warriors Team on Monday, August 7, 2017 (All Marching Warriors).

We as a staff are extremely excited to begin our journey on our show, "Dark Matter" with you!

I've included in this email another copy of the full band schedule for August – October. A GUARD ONLY calendar that will inform our flag corps members of a slightly different rehearsal schedule will be forth coming from Mr. Chuck Cummings and Ms. Lisa Janacik. The schedule lists all events for the 2017-2018 marching season, all of which are mandatory unless otherwise noted. The band will perform at five home football games (not including possible play-off games in the post season), four competitions, two parades, and various pep assemblies. Please remember that all rehearsals and performances are mandatory and we will expect you to honor that commitment.

Marching Band Fee

The fee for Marching Warriors participation is $330.00 made payable to "WVHS Marching Band". We ask that all families pay the fee by the start of our FUNdies camp (Tuesday, June 6). We spend a great deal of our budget over the summer with instructors, designers, and equipment, thus needing access to those funds. However, we also realize that some families may need to spread payments out. Please note that marching band fees are non-refundable.

For those who need to pay in installments, here is the requested payment schedule:
PAYMENT #1: Tuesday, June 6 - $130.00
PAYMENT #2: Friday, August 11 - $100.00
PAYMENT #3: Friday, August 25 - $100.00

Please understand that the Marching Warriors cannot function without the fees being covered by each member. Almost all of the expenses for the marching organization are supported through the marching band fee. If your family is on the IPSD approved Fee Waiver list, the $200.00 Activity Fee that goes directly to the school district is waived, but you will still need to pay the $130.00 that goes toward paying marching band expenses. If your family is in need of other accommodations to this payment schedule, please feel free to contact Mr. Duker at mark_duker@ipsd.org or call his direct line at (630) 375-3266. We want all students to be able to participate in the Marching Warriors, but also need to be responsible with our budget.

What to bring for band camp days:

1) Sunblock (doesn't matter who you are – wear it! You'll thank me in 15-20 years!)
2) Hat with brim (helps keep the sun off of your head - doesn't allow the sun to sap your energy level as fast)
3) Water Bottle (that way you have water sitting on the side line for you when we take a break)
4) Gym Shoes (no sandals/flip flops allowed)
5) Comfortable, loose fitting clothing that you can move in. (Lighter colors are smarter since darker colors attract and hold light/heat)

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6) INSTRUMENT/FLAG – I shouldn't even have to mention this, but you'd be surprised…
7) Extra Instrument Supplies (i.e. reeds, valve oil, sticks, mallets, neck straps, etc.)
8) PENCIL! Please, everyone…since you started band, you have been reminded about this. It is ESSENTIAL to bring at least one!
9) Printed Out Music from our Google Classroom Site – it has been updated and completed with changes since early July:
    a. https://classroom.google.com/c/MTAzNTMwMDg0
    b. Class code: slbo298
10) Folder from June Camp (Should still contain: Warm-up, Fight Song, Star Spangled Banner, as well as new, updated show music)
11) Lunch or Money for lunch:
    a. You will have from 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. each day to eat.
    b. If you choose to leave campus, know that you must be seated in the band room by 1:15 p.m., so choose wisely for lunch!

Registration 'Readiness Days':

- Mr. Schmidtgall has painstakingly made it a priority to accommodate ALL MARCHING WARRIORS on ONE Readiness day for the third year in a row! It was decided that the best course of action for the Marching Warriors Members is to have you all attend **Readiness Day** on **Wednesday, August 16th from 7-8 am.** This is a special & specific time just for Marching Warriors Members (guard, winds, percussion…all marchers). **Rehearsal that day will start as normal at 8:00 a.m.**
- Mr. Schmidtgall also encourages each student and their family to read thoroughly through the 'Readiness Days' FAQs information before you come so that you are completely prepared. Here is a link to that site: http://wvhs.ipsd.org/News.aspx?id=73346 and you can pull it up on the WVHS Home Page. These simple steps should help to expedite the process for you and/or your family.

Parent Preview will be held on Friday, August 18 from 5:30-7:15pm. This will occur in conjunction with the WVHS Pig Roast. A brief parent meeting will be held in the band room at 5:30pm, immediately followed by an opportunity to view the marching band show for the first time. Parents will have an opportunity to sign-up for different band committees…please consider getting involved. We need your help to provide our students with an outstanding experience!

Senior Parent Night & Season Celebration: Senior Parent Night (for marching band, cheerleaders, dance team, and football players) will occur at the 1st home game of the year: **Friday, August 25**! ***This date is different than the calendar – it was just changed this summer!***

The marching band **Season Celebration** will occur on Friday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. – the day before our U of I performance. We want all students and families to have a happy and successful marching season! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Carroll at 630-375-3271 or kevin_carroll@ipsd.org See you soon!

Warrior Pride!

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