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Welcome Back Marching Warriors!

I hope you all have found 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. Wednesday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Student Leadership Team ONLY)
2. then the ENTIRE Marching Warriors Team on Thursday, August 2, 2018 (All Marching Warriors: Guard, Winds, Percussion, Drum Majors).

We as a staff are extremely excited to begin our journey on our show, "Khan-Quest: The Rise of Genghis Khan" with you!

I've included in this email another copy of the full band schedule for August – October. The Guard (Flag Corps) should have already received a GUARD ONLY calendar that informs our flag corps members of a slightly different rehearsal schedule from Mr. Chuck Cummings. The schedule lists all events for the 2018-2019 marching season, all of which are mandatory unless otherwise noted. The band will perform at four home football games (not including possible play-off games in the post season), four competitions/festivals, 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

By this point in the summer, you more than likely have already paid your marching band fee. If for some reason you have not, please make sure that you bring in a check the first day of band camp, Thursday, August 2 for **\$130.00** made out to **WVHS Bands** and either hand the check to Mr. Carroll or Mr. Duker upon arrival.

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. Additionally, you may also already be aware that the school district charges an activity fee of **\$200.00** that you will need to pay separately through *Push Coin* during registration.

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 there are any questions pertaining to the marching band fee, 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 we 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 breaks)
- 4) Gym Shoes (no sandals/flip flops allowed while we are on the field)
- 5) Comfortable, loose fitting clothing that you can move in. (Lighter colors are smarter since darker colors attract and hold light/heat)
- 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 mid July:
 - a. <https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/MTAzNTMwMDg0>
 - b. Class code: s1bo298
- 10) Folder from June Camp (Should still contain: Warm-up, Fight Song, Star Spangled Banner, as well as new, updated show music)



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- 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!
- 12) Positive Attitude: You will have days that you may feel tired or stressed. Do your best to leave that "baggage" at the door before you come in for rehearsal and focus instead on having a terrific and productive day! If we all give a positive 100% at each rehearsal, we learn more efficiently, quicker and we just enjoy ourselves much more!

Registration 'Readiness Days':

- Mr. Schmidtgall, one of our assistant principals, has painstakingly made it a priority to accommodate ALL MARCHING WARRIORS on ONE Readiness day for the fourth 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 Friday, August 10th**. ALL Marching Warriors are being accommodated for *Readiness Days* at 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. This is a special & specific time just for Marching Warriors Members (guard, winds, percussion...all members). **Rehearsal will start at 9:00 a.m. on August 10th after all Marching Warriors have completed their *Readiness Days* obligation.**
- 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://wwhs.ipisd.org/Subpage.aspx?id=1273> 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 17 at 7:00 p.m.** This will occur in conjunction with the WVHS TailGate. A brief parent meeting will be held in the band room at 6:00 p.m., 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 31!**

The marching band **Season Celebration** will occur on **Friday, October 19 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@ipisd.org. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Warrior Pride!

Kevin J. Carroll

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