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## *KCHS Marching Band Informational Newsletter*

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Hello students and parents,

I am so excited to begin this wonderful tradition with all of you. Since this is our first year marching, I have outlined all of the guidelines and expectations that come with this activity. Marching Band takes a lot of hard work, but it is a LOT of fun! Before the season begins, I need both students and parents to understand what goes into creating a happy and healthy program. Please read this document carefully and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. ☺

### **Band Camp:**

Band Camp will take place July 24-28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am-3:00pm here at the school. **Attendance at Band Camp is mandatory and will count towards your first semester grade.** Any and all scheduling conflicts need to be brought to my attention immediately. Attached you will find the full Band Camp schedule, checklist, rules and expectations. Band Camp is necessary in order for the band to learn their halftime show. Without this week of intensive rehearsals, we would never be ready to perform. This year is especially important because the band as a whole must learn all of the fundamentals of marching. In years to come, upperclassmen and section leaders will act as teachers and mentors. This year, everyone is starting fresh. I still need parent/guardian or sibling volunteers for Band Camp! If you are interested, please fill out volunteer information at the end of the packet. (If you are an aunt, uncle, cousin, grandma, grandpa, older sibling, etc. and you would like to volunteer, we would love your help too!)

This year, our resources are limited so I request that all students BRING A LUNCH to camp every day. In years to come, band boosters or volunteer parents will provide lunch. Off campus lunch will not be an option.

### **Wednesday Rehearsals:**

The band will have a full rehearsal once a week after school. This rehearsal will take place on **Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00pm.** If you have a job after school, make sure you communicate your availability with your boss ASAP! In the event there is a school sporting event that you are PLAYING in (game or meet, not practice) on a Wednesday, you will be excused to play. Games and meets take precedence over rehearsal, just as a band performance takes precedence over a sporting practice. Like Band Camp, **Wednesday rehearsals are mandatory and graded.** Any and all conflicts need to be communicated as soon as possible. Absences are unexcused without a doctor's note, or extenuating circumstance communicated with Ms. Kling (death in the family, personal/family emergency, etc.). "Too much homework" is not an excused absence. You have to manage your time and make it work. If I could do it in high school, you can too. I have faith!

### **Sectionals:**

Section leaders are required to hold at least one sectional a month (drumline at least two). Sectionals can be held at a section leader or section member's house. I will be available in the band room several days each week for sections to utilize space for sectionals. There will be a calendar for section leaders to log their sectionals so the section can be graded appropriately. Section leaders are responsible for scheduling the sectional at a time that works for all members of the section. Section leaders will be required to take attendance.

### **Games:**

The Marching Band will perform at every home game. These are required, graded, performances. Any and all conflicts need to be discussed immediately. During the game, the band will sit together in the stands and perform stand cheers. After our halftime show, the band will have 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter off, to get food and visit with their friends. **Your instruments must stay in the stands where the band sits.** I would not recommend leaving it unattended. For example, take turns going to the restroom so that your instrument isn't left alone. I will stay with the instruments, but I am only one person. At the games, you represent the band and the school. This means, no profanity, no tomfoolery, and good sportsmanship AT ALL TIMES. If you are reprimanded for your behavior by myself or an administrator, your grade will be affected. Football players and Cheerleaders: I will sort details out with your coaches. As of right now, plan on marching in the halftime show in your football or cheerleading uniform (kids all over the country do this!)

### **Uniform:**

Performances: This year, we will wear KCHS Marching Mustangs t-shirts for performances. You will need to purchase your own shirt. Price is TBD. Payment will be collected at Band camp (if payment is an issue, see Ms. Kling). Please indicate your shirt size (adult male sizes) on the signature page. With your marching band shirt, **you must wear khaki or tan bottoms.** You will probably want shorts in the beginning of the season, and pants as it gets colder, but this is up to you. You must wear athletic shoes with laces. Slip on shoes, sandals, flats, TOMs, or moccasins are not acceptable. If you can wear them in gym, you can wear them to band (Converse are okay).

Rehearsals: At rehearsal, you must dress appropriately for the weather. You must wear athletic shoes with laces (see above). I would recommend athletic clothing, but school clothes are okay. School dress code applies at rehearsal.

### **Expectations:**

As a member of the KCHS Marching Band, you are expected to be:

- **On Time** – you are expected to be on time to rehearsals and performances. That means here and ready to go by the time the event is scheduled to start. Plan to show up at least 15 minutes before scheduled start times. We will begin on time. Showing up late wastes valuable rehearsal time.

- **Respectful** – you are expected to treat your peers, your instructors, yourself, and your materials with respect. The band cannot function without mutual respect.
- **Responsible** – you are expected to show up on time with all of your materials. Keep track of your music and other supplies. Clean up after yourself. Make your section leader aware of copy needs as soon as possible.
- **Positive** – you are expected to have an upbeat and positive attitude. We cannot achieve anything under a blanket of negativity. Marching Band is a lot of fun! Show up to rehearsal with a positive outlook. 😊

**Parent volunteers:**

Parent volunteers are necessary to make the season run smoothly. I will need parent volunteers to fill the water cooler and help supervise water breaks at camp, I will need one parent to be responsible for medications and injuries (I will equip you with a first aid kit), and I will need parents to help supervise lunch. There is much to be done at camp and during the season. It is impossible for me to do everything by myself. If you are interested in volunteering, please include your name, phone number, and email on the signature page under “Parent Volunteers.”

**Please join me for a parent meeting, Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm in the band room, room 162 to go over this outline in detail and address any questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me at:**

831-385-5461 ext 1162 or [jkling@smcjuhsd.org](mailto:jkling@smcjuhsd.org)

I look forward to a fun and exciting season!

Musically,

Jillian Kling

Student name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I understand and agree to the above rules and expectations. I understand that I am REQUIRED to be at Band Camp and Wednesday rehearsals as a part of my grade. I understand that football games are required events. I understand that as a part of this ensemble, I represent the band and the school as a whole, and I plan to represent my band and my school in a positive way. I am committed to and prepared for this responsibility.

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent, I understand the expectations of my student. I am aware of the requirements and responsibilities of Marching Band. I understand that my student has committed to after school activities and performances associated with Marching Band. By signing this form, I agree to all aforementioned rules and expectations of my student.

**Parent/guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Information:**

T shirt size (adult sizes): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contacts: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: (please indicate if this is to be taking during camp hours)

Additional information:

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**Parent Volunteers**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_