



Date: 4/23/2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

As we work toward the end of this very weird school year, we are excited to look forward to next year's Marching Band season! This has been an interesting year here at Reidsville High School to say the least. We're looking forward to continuing our musical greatness through the Ram Regiment during the 2021-2022 school year. This letter contains some important dates and information about our Marching Band Camp and upcoming Fall semester that you need to be aware of.

### **Band Camp**

First and foremost, it is difficult to have a marching band without a band camp. Band camp is a vital component of marching band as it allows us to learn, together, our procedures and protocol for different events, drill positions, and of course, music. It is a mandatory event that all band members should be prepared to attend. We will hold the camp for the 2021 season on **July 29th - August 13th** from 9 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 29th will be for leadership and 9th graders only. Friday, July 30th will be for Percussion/Drumline and Colorguard only. Full band rehearsals will begin on Monday, August 2nd and will run through Friday, August 13th. A more detailed schedule is uploaded on the Band website. During camp, there will be a lunch break every day from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. At this time, everyone will be able to eat their lunches brought from home; students who drive will be allowed to go and get a lunch if they would like but they **must return promptly and be ready to work at 2 p.m. This is very important; if they do not return in a timely manner, they may be removed from camp and this may jeopardize their enrollment in the class.** We will also do uniform jacket fittings on the evenings of camp; this will take place right at 5:00pm. and should not take very long. Each section (brass, woodwind, percussion, guard) will stay one night and we will fit and assign uniform jackets and hats.

**\*We are not yet sure what our show theme will be for the upcoming school year but as soon as a decision is made and the music arrives, we will let you know so you can pick it up from Mr. Pike and be practicing over the Summer.**

**\*We will also be having "Open session" or "In-Town" rehearsals every Tuesday over the Summer. Daily time info on this to come out soon.**

**Leadership request forms and Percussion information packets are now available via the Band website. Please fill these out and email them to Mr. Pike by Monday, May 3rd. Drum Major auditions and Leadership interviews will happen after the forms are received in May. All other Order forms and Information packets may also be found on the “Forms and Information” page of our Band Website.**

\*We will be holding regular Booster meetings and will be looking for many parents and interested community members to help us; we need your ideas and your involvement. Some things we will need help with are rehearsals, events, trips, building and attaining props for our show, pulling the band trailer, and moving equipment at football games and festival performances.

### **NightBEAT**

Prior to our Band Camp every year, we try to take a group of students to this Drum Corps International event at BB&T Stadium in Winston-Salem. We do not know as of yet if this event will be held this year. If it is, we will try and go. Stay tuned.

### **Football Games/Other Performances**

\*At the time of this letter, I have a tentative sneak peek full Football schedule that I will include at the end of this letter. Please remember that everything is still very tentative right now again due to Covid-19. However, **All Marching Band members are required to play and perform at every home football game**; there also may be a select number of away games that we will travel to. We believe the first Home football game of the season is Friday, August 20th vs. W. Alamance; we will keep you updated. Jamboree is scheduled for the last day of Band Camp, August 13th. As soon as more information is released about the football schedule, you will be informed.

\*We will be looking to continue our success and growth in the 2019/2020 marching seasons. **All band members are required to perform at any festivals/competitions that may be scheduled.** As of this letter, we have no information on these yet. All festivals take place on Saturdays and we will update you if we learn anything new. Some of these competitions/festivals may or may not take place; we will update you as soon as we know more. We will continue building our Auxiliary/Pit percussion and our Color Guard this year.

We will be holding our annual Fall fruit sale again as well as possible other fundraisers. We will also perform in the Greensboro Disabled American Veterans Parade, Reidsville Christmas/Holiday parade, and the Wentworth Christmas/Holiday parade - Dates TBA. We will also have a Holiday concert around the end of November/beginning of December.

Other unknown performances or opportunities may arise, but are not listed here.

\*\*A list of all events known at this time is included at the end of this letter.

### **Necessary Materials/Fees**

In order to be an active member of the marching band, there are a few things that each student must purchase for their uniform. There is also a general “Band Fee” that covers transportation, uniform cleanings, registration fees to festivals, and other items. The

breakdown is included on the Uniform Order Form. The Band Fee will be reduced this year again due to the impacts of Covid-19.

Each student will be required to purchase 1 pair of white marching shoes, 1 pair of white marching bibs/pants, 1 pair of white marching gloves, and at least 1 marching band Tee-shirt. **Percussionists will be required to purchase their own drumsticks/mallets (with the exclusion of Bass Drums). Colorguard members will be required to purchase at least 1 pair of guard gloves and 1 pair of shoes. Forms for all of these purchases are included in this email and are located on the Band Website. Price breakdowns and Due dates are included at the top of each form.** If your student is an upperclassmen and still has pants and/or shoes and gloves in good condition, they may use these. **Every student must** order at least 1 tee-shirt as it is the new design that we just started using in 2019. 9th graders must order 1 of each item unless they already have items purchased when performing with us during their 8th grade year.

All students must also have a lyre & flip folder for music & reeds if necessary by the first day of camp – Purchase them @ Scales St. Music.

Band Camp Rehearsals – wear sunscreen and shoes that are ok to get wet, grass may be wet!! Bring sunglasses if you have them and water. DO NOT wear hot, dark, baggy clothing; you will melt!!

### **Remind.com**

In addition to emails, letters, and other forms of communication, we will also be using a website called remind.com to share information. This site is very useful for posting to, texting, and emailing each other. It also has a free app that you can download onto a smartphone and can be accessed or used this way via the app or the computer website. You can also send a text code which will allow you to receive texts from me via the app. Parents and/or students can sign up. The sign up sheet/information for this will be included at a later date.

Thank you so much for your time! I'm very excited to get this season started and I will look forward to seeing you all in the near future! Please do not hesitate to call me, email me, or use the remind app to reach me if you have any questions or concerns. I'm here for you and your students and would be happy to help you out in any way I can. Once again, Thank you!!

Sincerely,

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Travis J. Pike, BM  
Director of Bands

**KNOWN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Remember, everything is tentative and flexible at the moment)**

Thursday, July 29th - Friday, August 13th - Band Camp

9am - 5:00pm with a lunch break from 1-2pm every day

- Thursday, July 29th - Leadership and 9th Graders only
- Friday, July 30th - Drumline/Percussion/Pit/Colorguard only
- Monday, August 2nd - Friday, August 13th - Everyone

Friday, August 13th - Jamboree

Friday, August 20th - Mandatory Home Football Game vs. W. Alamance

Friday, August 27th - Mandatory Home Football Game vs. Page

Friday, September 3rd - Mandatory Away Football Game vs. Rockingham

Friday, September 10th - Away football @ Eastern Alamance

Friday, September 17th - Away football @ High Point Andrews

Friday, September 24th - Mandatory Home Football Game vs. North Forsyth (Hall of Fame night)

Friday, October 1st - Away football @ Walkertown

**\*\*Saturday, October 9th - Mandatory Marching Competition**

**McMichael Phoenix Festival of Bands @ McMichael High School - All Day\*\***

**\*\*Another Early or Mid October Marching Festival - Possibly Mount Airy\*\***

Friday, October 15th - Mandatory Home Football Game vs. West Stokes (Homecoming)

Friday, October 22nd - Mandatory Home Football Game vs. McMichael (Senior Night)

Friday, October 29th - Mandatory Away Football Game vs. Morehead

**\*\*Late October or Early November Marching Festival - Possibly Western Alamance\*\***

Playoff Football From early November through Early December.