

# THE DANVERS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Dear DHS Band & Color Guard Members and Parents,

Welcome to the pride, excitement, challenge and fun as a member of the nationally recognized and award winning Danvers High School Band! The Danvers High School Band has enjoyed a tradition of recognized excellence. We are proud to have earned a reputation as an innovative and exciting organization that provides its' members with quality musical and educational experiences that are fun and memorable! As you join with us this year to strive for excellence, we want you to be well informed, well prepared, confident and excited about your participation the high school band and the wonderful opportunities ahead during your high school years. Enjoy the journey!

In preparation for the 2010-2011 marching season, and in keeping with the tradition of three weeks before school starts in August, this year's band camp will be as follows:

## **"AUGUST 16-20 BAND CAMP"**

<p><b>MONDAY</b> All Winds: 8am-3pm Percussion &amp; Color Guard: 8am-12noon and 6pm-9pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> All Winds: 8am-5pm Percussion &amp; Color Guard: 8am-12noon and 6pm-9pm</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> All Winds: 8am-4pm Percussion &amp; Color Guard: 8am-12noon and 6pm-9pm</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> All Winds: 8am-5pm Percussion &amp; Color Guard: 8am-12noon and 6pm-9pm</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> Full Band: 8am-5pm</p>	

**Friday August 20 Band Camp Cookout (members and family) 5 PM**  
**Saturday August 21 Band Camp Car Wash 9 AM - 3 PM**

There will be a lunch break from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm each day. Without the camp it is extremely difficult to perform effectively just one week into September at the first football game. Immediately after band camp on Friday, at 5:00 PM there will be a cookout for all members and their parents.

By committing to the band camp week, we should learn a large portion of our show before we get real busy with the start of school. During the fall we also rehearse on Saturday morning from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM, beginning September 11 and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, beginning September 15. These rehearsals run through early November. Color guard members and percussionists also rehearse one additional evening per week from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. The evening will be decided during band camp by your section and your instructor. **Rehearsals are**

**mandatory for everyone so please plan your work, driver's education and activity schedules accordingly.**

Please sign the attached permission slip and return it with a **forty-five dollars (\$45) check made payable to Danvers Parents for Music Education** no later than **Tuesday, June 15, 2010**.

As we approach the marching season this year, I sincerely hope that our attitude will continue to progress toward excellence. Every effort must be made by all to insure the success of the band camp. No one will be excused unless it is deemed impossible, under unusual circumstances, for that individual to attend. The band director will determine the eligibility for an excused absence in each case. Those individuals with a conflict **must notify the band director in writing by Tuesday, June 15, 2010 in order for their case to be considered. This can be included on the attached permission slip.**

It is imperative that we know exactly how many members we will have next year and who they are. The show is written for an exact number of musicians. If just one player decides not to participate after they have made the commitment to do so, it requires us to do a tremendous amount of rewriting parts and it requires many students to make adjustments. Each individual's decision impacts the entire band. To avoid unnecessary rewriting, and the additional expense that rewriting incurs, we will only include in the show those members who have made a firm commitment to participate and have turned in all of the necessary forms and payment by June 15, 2010. After that date, students may be used as alternates in the show.

I am asking you to please help us make our band camp a success by helping us achieve 100% attendance. I cannot afford to jeopardize the morale of the group by permitting unexcused members to rejoin the unit in the fall.

I look forward to a great year of music!

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Parsons  
Director

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**PLEASE RETURN BY TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010**

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I have read the attached correspondence and expect my son/daughter will attend band camp August 16 through August 20.

I also agree to assume the responsibility for the maintenance and care of the uniform. I **have enclosed a forty-five dollar (\$45) check made payable to the "Parents For Music Education."**

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Student's name (please print)

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

**PLEASE STAPLE YOUR CHECK HERE**

**PLEASE ATTACH OR WRITE ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO THE DIRECTOR IN THE SPACE BELOW. YOU MAY USE THE BACK SIDE IF NEEDED.**