

2008-2009 MARCHING BAND INFORMATION SHEET

Band Camp Info...

- Students should bring hat, sneakers, sunscreen, lunch and LOTS of water and Gatorade each day. Students must remain at school for lunch.
- Week 1 – students will go home for dinner/relaxation break.
- Week 2 – students will be dismissed prior to dinner
- Family and Friends Preview Show: traditionally held on the last day of band camp. This year it is on Thursday, 8/28 @6:30pm, Evergreen field

Typical weekend

Football games...

- Schedule lists the time of the football games. There will be a morning practice prior to every Saturday game (usually 8 or 9am). Students will then break for lunch (they provide) prior to the game. They will be finished between 4 and 5pm depending on location of the game.
- During 3rd quarter of football games, students will be allowed to go to the snack bar (need a few dollars). During home games they will also be provided with a drink and a snack donated and served by the Music Booster Parent volunteers.

Competitions...

- Typically Saturday night or Sunday afternoon.
- We do not know our performance times until a couple of weeks prior to our performance dates.
- If there is a game and a competition on the same day, a complimentary dinner is provided for the students through parent/guardian donations and served by parent/guardian volunteers at SPFHS after the game. All parents/guardians will be asked to donate for these meals.
- While at the competitions, there are often opportunities for food to be purchased after our performance – that is of course, if we perform early enough. If we go on later and the snack bar is closed, students should have a snack for after the competition.

SPFHS Marching Band Competition...

- The Raiders host an annual home competition - this year, it will be held on September 13, 2008 on our home football field. This is a United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) sanctioned event. The USSBA is the main circuit in which we compete. (website below)
- The Music Boosters organize this event and MANY volunteers are needed - please donate whatever time you can.

Uniform Info...

- All instrumental students will be fitted (or refitted) during band camp.
- No jewelry of any kind
- Hair should be groomed, neatly pulled back and hair sprayed if needed
- BLACK SOCKS must be worn
- Students change in/out of uniforms on bus and in band room and therefore need gym shorts or similar under uniform – NO JEANS.
- Also need black tee shirt under uniform. Will get one early in season for show, but will need one of own until then.
- Shoes... CLEAN black marching band shoes only. If you have not yet ordered your shoes please let Mr. Thomas know (\$30, which includes one pair of gloves). New shoes already ordered will be handed out during practice when available.
- Gloves... all non-percussion musicians must wear CLEAN white gloves at every performance. New members will receive a new pair prior to first performance. Students are responsible to wash between performances. Lost gloves may be replaced for \$4.00.

BLUE BOX...

- Students will hear this term and see it in writing many times. It is a big blue wooden box located in the Music Office and is the central location to turn in various forms and payments related to music activities.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters Association (SPFMBA)...

- The parent organization that helps organize and chaperone various music department activities, including Marching Band performances, and the Annual Spring Music trip (this year was Boston). A **membership form** is enclosed and all are strongly encouraged to join.

Parent/guardian donations...

- Parents/guardians are asked to donate cases of water or soda during band camp, to be given to our students during home games and away competitions.
- Parents/guardians will also be asked to donate snacks for home football games.
- Also, as mentioned under weekend competitions – food and beverages will be needed for complimentary dinner when football game and Marching Band competition fall on same day.

Additional helpful info...

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- Lisa McNally- Music Boosters Parent Liaison (908) 654-5506, SPFRaidersMB@yahoo.com
- Kate Reilly,- Music Boosters Parent Liaison (908) 889-6224, SPFRaidersMB@yahoo.com
- SPFMBA (Music Boosters Association) website – www.spfk12.org/musicboosters
- USSBA website – www.yea.org / Read your Music Booster Newsletter
- Provide your email address on parent permission form to receive info via email