

Friday, July 25, 2014

Greetings Guyer Band!

We hope that everyone has had a restful and relaxing summer break. We are exactly one week out from an incredibly exciting new year with the Guyer Wildcat Band program, and want to give everyone a few reminders. Please read through this letter in its entirety.

1. **Band Camp Starts August 1!**

Be sure you have the following items ready to go on Friday:

LARGE bottle of water
Light colored athletic clothes
Comfortable athletic shoes (no flip flops, no sandals, no basketball shoes)
Instrument/music/pencil
Hat and sunglasses

2. Band Camp Schedule is outlined on the Band Webpage (www.dentonisd.org/wildcatband). Daily schedule will be as follows:

8-11 AM: Fundamentals/Outside Visual Block
11-12:30 PM: Lunch Break (students may stay at bandhall)
12:30-4 PM: Afternoon Sectional Block
4-6 PM: Dinner Break (students may stay at bandhall)
6-9 PM: Evening Full Ensemble Block

3. We insist that all families schedule accordingly for students to be present at all rehearsals during Band Camp. Our success as a full band depends very much on everyone's participation and presence at every rehearsal. Every rehearsal will be packed with good information, and we all depend on each other to be present as we work toward creating this performance together!

We also insist that families plan carefully around all our Fall/Spring events as they are outlined on the Band Calendar. **Please do not schedule anything including SAT/ACT Exams (None in October!!)**, dentist/orthodontist appointments, Driver's Ed classes on top of any band rehearsal or performance.

4. **Thursday, August 7 is DCI Big, Loud, Live Event!** We give students the evening block off from rehearsing to enjoy the evening together at a Cinemark Theatre watching Semifinals of the Drum Corps International Season. Tickets are purchased individually, but do so early so the Guyer Band will pack the house! <http://www.cinemark.com/dci-2014-big,-loud-live-11>

5. If you are paying Membership Dues in installments, the 3rd Installment of \$100 is due this coming **August 1.**

6. If you are paying Membership Dues thru Fundraising, the first opportunity for Fundraising will be happening in August with selling Discount Cards. More information will be coming soon!

7. Band Photos will be happening on **Friday, August 15!** More details to come!

8. Join us for our **Annual Wildcat Showcase** to see a sneak peak of the 2014 Production of "Prometheus" on **Friday, August 22** at Collins Stadium! Food and fun will be had!

9. In addition to the ***Financial Commitment Form, Information Form, and Band Merchandise Order Form***, all members are required to turn in signed copies of the following forms by **Friday, August 15.** All forms can be found on the Guyer Band Webpage.

UIL Acknowledgement Form
Denton ISD Medical Release Form
Handbook Acknowledgment Form (Deadline TBA)

The staff and leadership team have been working all summer long to make 2014-15 an incredibly memorable and productive year for all our members and families! We look forward to a year full of making music and memories!

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