

Hello Pride of 25-26 Lindale Eagle Band Students and Families!!!

I hope this email finds you having a fantastic and restful Summer Break! We have already been hard at work with our HS Twirlers and Leadership getting ready for what we are sure will be another incredible year for the Pride of Lindale Eagle Band.

Just a reminder, Freshmen Days to acclimate our Freshmen to HS Band are July 21st and 22nd from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. We will be getting to know our leadership, the facilities, and the basics of marching.

FULL HS Summer Band is July 28 - 31, August 4-7, and August 11 from 1:30-5:30 PM. This will be the bulk of Summer Band Rehearsals and attendance is imperative to a successful start for the Pride of Lindale Eagle Marching Band! We will be learning nearly all of our music for the Fall in addition to fundamental marching maneuvers we will be utilizing in our halftime/contest performances.

Please check the supplies listed in the attached letter and have all supplies at the first Full Band Rehearsal on July 28th. Items listed under band fees will be sized in the band hall on the assigned uniform checkout days and will be ordered during uniform checkout. Please refer to the uniform check out schedule to see when your child will be fitted. You will find the uniform check out times listed below as well on the band calendar:

- **July 28 - Senior/Junior Uniform Checkout** - Forms and Fees, bring Shoes, Shorts, Flip Folder/Lyre, Water Jug
- **July 29 - Sophomore Uniform Checkout** - Forms and Fees, bring Shoes, Shorts, Flip Folder/Lyre, Water Jug
- **July 30 - Freshmen A-M Uniform Checkout** - Forms and Fees, bring Flip Folder/Lyre
- **July 31 - Freshmen N-Z Uniform Checkout** - Forms and Fees, bring Flip Folder/Lyre

Please note that upperclassmen will need to order new shoes depending on the condition of their old ones.

Attached to this email you will find an ***UPDATED** copy of our band letter and calendar that I mailed out to you at the beginning of July. If you did not get the paper copy and would like one, please send me your updated mailing address and I will get that to you. **Please make yourself familiar with this schedule since all performances and rehearsals are mandatory.**

- **ALL ABSENCES MUST BE EXCUSED BY MR. FISHER BEFORE THE REHEARSAL IS MISSED AND MUST BE EXCUSABLE.**
- **Please call or email and let me know why you must miss so an excused absence can be considered.**

For students who work, please plan carefully as missing rehearsals and performances for work is not excused. We currently have 250 plus signed up for high school band next year, and each individual is important to the success of the band. **Attendance at every rehearsal and performance is imperative and expected.** It takes a lot of organizational work to get 250 plus students to do the same thing at the same time the same way.

In the attached letter you will also find information regarding supplies, band fees, communication, and band calendar for next year. On the page after that you will see our band calendar for rehearsal and performance dates in list format. If you would rather have the calendar format I have attached that as well.

The updated portions are highlighted in yellow on the attached documents and listed below -

- Band Pictures are August 4 not August 5
- Meet the Eagles is August 11 not August 16
- September Wednesday Sectionals are September 3, 10, 17, 24

We typically have Monday night rehearsals in the Fall for Marching Band and in the Spring for Concert Band. The specific dates are listed in the letter. However to allow our students and families to have an uninterrupted four day weekend in October and to accommodate STAAR testing in April we moved Monday night rehearsals to Tuesday nights on the following two dates -

- October 7 - Tuesday Night Rehearsal
- April 7 - Tuesday Afternoon Rehearsal

This is also a **FLORIDA DISNEY/UNIVERSAL TRIP YEAR!** I will be sending more information on that very soon. There will be a lot of information regarding this at our Band Preview/Band Orientation/Trip Meeting on August 7th at 6 PM in the PAC. This will also be an orientation for HS Band Families and Students where you will be able to fill out forms, pay fees, update demographic information and volunteer to help our band booster organization. We will also discuss our online store where you can pay fees and order supplies and pay with credit card. Please make plans to attend that event.

Also, if your child is participating in any athletics, drill team, cheer, or other school sponsored activities, I am currently and always in communication with those sponsors about sharing your student during practices and performances, and I will communicate that with you. We pride ourselves in being able to share with other organizations so that your child can do everything they want to do! I will be in touch with you as to how we will share students.

Great news! I have been told that big fans to help cool the MAC down during the heat of the Summer have been purchased. That will greatly help in keeping the

overall temperature down and safe. In addition to that I would recommend that your child make sure they have a water bottle with them at all times to help keep themselves hydrated. The MAC, where we will be having marching practices, has water fountains built to fill up water bottles. Also, I would recommend a camelback if your child has one or a neck fan. These are NOT mandatory, but both can go a long way in preventing any heat related incidences.

Finally, please make sure if your student is going into their 9th or 11th grade year they have their medical history and doctor's physical form turned in (attached). If they are going into their 10th or 12th grade year they just need to make sure they turn in their medical history form (attached). I will be contacting those who still owe forms and physicals as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out! We can't wait to get started!

Thank you for all of your support!

The Lindale Band Directors