



Thomas Jefferson High School

Department of Music



Dear Marching Band Students, Parents, & Guardians

I know it's hard to imagine but it's time to start thinking about Band Camp. This marching season is shaping up to be a great one. Our color guard has grown to 19 members and with 27 incoming freshman we will be marching over 70 students.

Band Camp is the basis for the whole year. We will begin with one week of music rehearsals July 28th through August 1st. Report time is 7:45am and will last until 12:00pm. The second week is August 4th through August 8th. The morning report time is 7:45am and the morning session ends at 12:00pm. The evening report time is 4:45pm and lasts until 9:00pm. The second week starts with marching basics then moves quickly to working on the show. We hope to have 3/4 of the show set down by the time Band Camp is over. It is **mandatory** that everyone attends Band Camp and be in the best physical condition possible. This especially means getting lots of rest. If you're on that summer cycle of staying up until 4:00 in the morning and getting up at 3:00 in the afternoon, you had better try to change that, or that first day of camp will not be pleasant.

For those of you who are freshmen or new to Band Camp, don't be afraid. We work hard but the days go by quickly. And the rewards are worth it. We try our best to make everything as fun as possible including some surprise summer activities the first week of camp. Just do your best and you'll be fine. The last day of camp, Friday, Aug 8th we will be presenting our annual end of camp finale where we will demonstrate everything we have learned during band camp and make our first public performance of this year's show, "A Salute to Santana."

The first week of camp will be mostly inside. The second week of camp will be predominantly outside and students must bring the following items the second week:

- Tennis Shoes **AND** Socks (No sandals or flip flops)
- Water Bottle (Not an empty 20oz bottle filled with water but a good 1 quart jug)
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- All items distributed the first week of camp. Flip folders, lyres, dot books, music etc
- \$10.00 for the show shirts. Shirts will be passed out on the last day of band camp to be worn at the finale.
- \$5.00 for shoe rental or \$20.00 to purchase your own shoes

Color Guard: The color guard fee this year is \$70 for returning members and \$100 for new members. This fee includes the show shirt, the uniform, dance shoes, and equipment. Each guard member will be issued for 4 - 5 poles and silks this year, one silk for each song and a practice silk.

A quick reminder. Due to the construction at TJ, band camp will be held at Wilson Middle School and the finale will take place in CB Stadium.



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A Note to ALL Parents/Guardians: It is strongly recommended that in addition to the grand finale you attend the first Band Orchestra Parent (BOP) meeting of the year on Tuesday August 12th at 7:00pm. During this meeting we will discuss expectations for the school year, fundraising, and many other important topics. This meeting will ensure that everyone is well informed of current information and it is a great opportunity for our veteran parents to meet our new parents and help them feel welcome.

New Website: Monticello's Regiment has a new home on the Internet at www.tjhsbands.com. I would also ask all of you to regularly review the calendar section of the web site. The calendar contains all of our practice and performance dates for the coming season. Please review the report times and event times prior to making doctor, dentist or other type of appointments. It is CRITICAL that everyone be at all practices and performances.

What else is new? I'm glad you asked. In addition to the new website we are getting a state of the art renovated practice facility with in-room recording and playback capability, an LCD video and internet projector, new offices, a small ensemble rehearsal room, and individual locked instrument lockers. No more open cubbies with rusty nails.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. As always, if you have questions please ask. I can be reached at 402-706-3771 or via email at smoore1@cblcsd.org

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