

John Horn High School
Jaguar Band
A Dedication to Excellence!
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Dear Band Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family having a great summer. Our marching show this year is called **"Illusions"** featuring the music of **Dukas, Delibes, and Elfman**. Most of your kids already have their music and I hope they are getting some practice time in. I am looking forward to next year with high hopes. This letter will inform you of the upcoming **band camp** and expenses that you will incur for the following school year. **We will have a meeting for ALL PARENTS on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the JHHS Auditorium. Please turn in all forms at this time! It is important that ALL band parents attend this meeting. This will also be a great time to meet our new staff members.**

We are blessed to have some great new staff members for the Jaguar Band this year. **Zackary Travis** hails from Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of West Chester University. He has marched with the Cadets and was their Drum Major in 2013. He will be our low brass instructor as well as teaching the Intermediate band at Berry MS. **Samantha Saffle** comes to us from Forrest Park Middle School in Longview to take over at Terry Middle School. **Samantha is a 2010 graduate and former Drum Major for the Jaguar Band.**

Here is a schedule for Band Camp (Required): also found at www.jaguarband.com

July 27-29	1-5 PM	Leadership Work Day
Aug 1-5	7:30-11AM, 1-4PM Lunch break will be 11-1	FULL BAND
Aug 7	7:30-9:30pm	POOL PARTY- Town East Pool!
Aug 8-12	7:30AM-4PM Lunch break will be 11-1	FULL BAND
Aug 9	6:30 PM	PARENT MEETING IN THE AUDITORIUM
Aug 13	6PM	DCI Finals stream in the Band Hall
Aug 15-18	5-6:30PM, 7-9PM	FULL BAND
Aug 19	7:30-11AM	FULL BAND
Aug 22	First Day of School!!	

Read the **"to bring"** list on the back of this page so that you are prepared. Summer Band Camp is mandatory and I must know if you will not be at any of the summer band rehearsals so that I can make arrangements for your absence. We will have alternates for the drill. You do not want to be an alternate and the way to assure this is to be at all of summer band. What this means is that if you have an absence you could be replaced with an alternate. **We need everyone to be in attendance of all rehearsals.** If you have planned vacations or attending church or music camps please e-mail me immediately and tell me what days you will miss and why.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING:

- Your instrument with **ALL** Music and a pencil
- Wear light colored clothing – **NO SANDALS – Tennis shoes and socks required!**
- Baggy pants covering the ankles are not acceptable.
- Bring and wear sun screen
- Everyone wears a hat- **even if you have more hair than Mr. B**
- Sunglasses are great!
- **You must have your own water jug by the practice field at all times- ALL WATER BREAKS ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE. Please have water in your water jug- NOT A CARBONATED DRINK!!! Camelbaks are a good thing! WE DO NOT SHARE WATER JUGS!!!**
- **Prepare for the heat by eating a good breakfast and drinking lots of fluids the night before.**
- Lunch breaks can be taken away or eaten in the Fine Arts Hallway. **NO FOOD OR DRINK, EVEN WATER, IN THE BAND ROOM. You may bring your lunch or go out and eat.**
- **YOUR BEST ATTITUDE!**

It would be a smart thing to get out and take some morning walks to get yourself acclimated to the heat before band camp. You can't learn drill from the sidelines or sitting inside from being sick. Take the proper precautions and do not take the heat lightly.

Enclosed in this letter is a Band Supply List. If your student has certain items, you do not have to order them again. **Items that everyone must purchase are the show shirt and uniform cleaning.** If you need new shoes and gloves, we will have a size run of shoes and gloves to try on during band camp. We will be wearing our collared black shirts and **khaki shorts** to the first 2 or 3 games this year, so you may start to look for those shorts early.

Also enclosed is a **Parent Volunteer list** for you to fill out and return to us so we can call you if we need your help.

If you have any questions, the best way to contact me is via e-mail over the summer at. Next year will be a great one for the Jaguar Band. It is important that we set the tone of excellence from the very first day of band camp.

For more dates in the fall, check out our calendar page at our web site at <http://www.jaguarband.com>. I promise I will try to have it updated. There are also many informative pages for students and parents to peruse.

Sincerely,

Todd Burke, Director