



WELCOME

to the 2008-09 Camp Hill Senior High School Band! Plans for the upcoming school year are going fantastic! Yeah Band!! Enclosed is important information and a calendar for summer rehearsals.

Just a reminder that the roster for the entire Marching Band was posted this week. Due to the tremendous amount of time it takes to develop the show during the summer, we request that as of Tuesday, June 3, if your son or daughter has signed up for band (including guard and managers), they honor that commitment for the entire school year.

Every year our Band Camp (July 28- August 1) is mandatory (unless cleared in advance) for ALL members. Policy for other summer rehearsals is as follows:

Students are expected to attend all rehearsals with the exception of conflicting family vacations.

When a student is absent for this reason, a signed note, voice mail, or email from the parent/guardian PRIOR to the absence is mandatory and should be submitted to Mr. Zirkle.

Attendance is essential for band to remain a positive and beneficial learning experience for all students.

A schedule for fall rehearsals and performances will be distributed during band camp (July 28-August 1). We are planning to use the following school nights for rehearsals, from September- November 9.

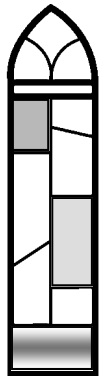


GUARD	Monday and Wednesday
WINDS and PERCUSSION	Tuesday and Wednesday
MANAGERS	Football Games & Tournament of Bands rehearsal days
FULL BAND	Saturday morning/afternoon on TOB days

Here is a list of our Tournament of Bands Fall Schedule:

Saturday, September 20	West Shore Stadium (USSBA show)
Saturday, September 27	Wilson High School
Saturday, October 4	Mechanicsburg High School
Saturday, October 18	Cumberland Valley
Saturday, October 25	Cedar Cliff HS
Saturday, November 1	Chapter Championships
Saturday or Sunday, November 8 or 9	Atlantic Coast Championships/Invitational

We certainly have a wonderful and exciting music and visual package designed for the field show production. Discussions and planning sessions on ideas, visual designs, and musical arrangements have been going well for the past 4-5 months. This year's show will take us on a journey through the color spectrum of **Stained Glass**. The program is designed to reflect both musically and visually a progression and transition of sights and sounds related to Stained Glass. In addition, the visual design will reflect a "stained glass window"....usually a complex arrangement of vibrant colors and shapes. The pieces of the "puzzle" are assembled to create an ensemble work of art. The first half of



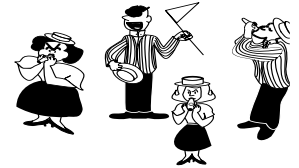
the show features music from David Gillingham's programmatic composition **Stained Glass**. Also planned throughout the entire program are themes and motifs from Aaron Copland's **Appalachian Spring** (also known as Simple Gifts)- which will be the center portion of our show. The closing selection will feature the energy and excitement of the music from David Holsinger (we performed his Havendance this past Spring in Concert Band) including themes from his **Ballet Sacra**.

Music arrangements of the show are on MIDI/WAV files again this year. Later in June, I will email all winds, percussion, and guard the sound files, so that they have a sound recording of their parts to assist in their practice sessions at home. I found Itunes is the best program for extracting and burning on a CDR.

June and July rehearsals will be held at the High School. Managers are not required to attend rehearsals in June or July. Managers should plan on attending evening rehearsals and activities during band camp. Mrs. Kautz will be in touch with all managers in the near future.

I am in need of 7-8 librarians for the school year. Time can be credited to your service hours for the trip. The "busy time" is September, December, and January. Please let me know if you are interested.

Upcoming Band Booster Activities



1. **Band Parent Get Together** - Especially helpful for all new band parents - join us to find out how the whole band experience works, sign up for chaperones, look at the spirit sales items and meet or reconnect with other band parents in general - held in the evening during band camp week - details to follow.

2. **Spirit Sales Order Due** - August 1st (don't forget to order your sweatshirt!)

If there are any questions, please contact me at zirkled@camphillsd.k12.pa.us. I will be out of the office from June 7-14. Check the band web page at camphillband.org for updates, forms, newsletters and information.

YEAH BAND!!!!



Students
should wear
sneakers to
all rehearsals.

• **REMINDER** •
Students attending band
camps at colleges should
turn their registration forms
into the band office by
Tuesday, June 3rd.