



WARREN EAST HIGH SCHOOL RAIDER BAND

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2015 Summer Information Letter

Greetings Parents and Students!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer thus far. Band camp is just around the corner and I want to make sure everyone is ready. *Parents: There is a LOT of information in this packet. Please read everything thoroughly as there are some important items needing your attention.*

Included in this packet you will find the following items:

- This Letter
- Student Release Form / Student Field Trip Form (green paper)
- Updated Combined Calendar
- RMB Jacket Order Form (RMB Members Only)

The Student Release Form / Student Field Trip Form needs to be completed & returned to Mr. Cline **at the start of the first day of Band Camp** (or the first day of school for non-RMB members). *These forms are required for your student to be allowed to participate in activities this summer – no exceptions!! If your student does not have this on file by the first morning of camp, he/she will be sent home and will not be allowed to return until this form is completed!*

RMB Camp Information

RMB Camp dates are as follows:

- Week 1: July 13-17 - All Percussion 3:00-9:00
- Week 2: July 20-24 - Everyone 8:00-6:00 daily (dismiss at 4:00 Wednesday).
- Week 3: July 27-31 - Everyone 8:00-6:00 daily (dismiss at 4:00 Wednesday).

Students need to eat breakfast before they arrive at camp as we will begin precisely at 8:00 AM each day. Students are to provide their own lunch for camp. With permission, students may leave campus for lunch by walking to Minit Mart/Hardees, riding with another student, or driving themselves. *Please indicate what you would like your student to be able to do on the release form.*

A few guidelines for band camp preparation & success:

- Arrive AT LEAST 10 minutes early! We will start on time & tardiness will not help us reach our goals
- Show music, drill books & coordinate sheets are available online at the following web address: <http://www.warreneastbands.com/rmb-music.html>
- Drink lots of water/Gatorade (**NOT SODA OR MILK** – even during lunch!). We will have some large water jugs and cups, but recommend you bring your own.
- *Spend time outdoors this summer to get used to being outside. Marching band is an outdoor physical activity and you need to get used to being outdoors. Staying inside all summer is bad for you!*

RMB Practice Schedule

At the special-called Band Booster meeting on June 29th, I informed our parents that we may have to make adjustments to the RMB practice schedule this year. Due to the upcoming Phase II



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construction, we will lose access to our normal practice field after the completion of Band Camp. We are actively seeking alternate rehearsal facilities, and more information will be available at the start of Band Camp.

Any changes to the rehearsal schedule will be to push the rehearsals later in the evening. We will **not** be changing days – we will still have rehearsals on Mondays & Thursdays. **However, we may be adding some Friday rehearsals when the football team is away if we have access to the football stadium.** You will receive an updated rehearsal schedule at the start of Band Camp.

Band Boosters

Our band program has had much success over the last several years, and while the students have worked very hard to achieve that success, none of it would have been possible without the support of our band parents. Collectively, the band parents are known as the Band Boosters. The Band Boosters are a way that we organize our parents to make sure that our students have the support that they need to be successful in our program. As a parent in our program, you are invited to participate in our Booster organization. **Your participation in the Boosters is vital to our students being successful and our program continuing to offer all of the opportunities that we offer our students!**

Booster meetings typically occur once a month. We try to keep our meetings to around one hour in length. Our first meeting for the 2015-16 school year is scheduled **Thursday, July 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the WEHS Band Room. All parents, please make plans to attend!**

Please note: All parents who wish to chaperone this year must undergo volunteer training. We will try to have this scheduled with this Booster Meeting. If not, please watch the band website, Twitter, Facebook, etc. for information.

Band Fees

I want to thank everyone for getting their deposits and contracts in before school let out. Our band fees are necessary for us to do everything that we do with our program, and supplement the very small budget we get from the school board (we received just \$1000 in 2014-15). As noted in the handbook, all band fees are due by the first day of band camp (July 13/20).

If you have any outstanding fees, please make arrangements for these to be paid by July 13, 2015. New this year, you can make payments online. Visit the Band Website, look under "Resources" for "Online Payment" to complete an online payment.

CHARMS

Our band program uses CHARMS, along with our Band Website, as a hub for band activities. CHARMS is an online site where you can keep track of your student's financial obligations, volunteer needs, and more.

To access CHARMS, please go to the band website and click Login next to the CHARMS logo. Use the school code *warreneastband* to get to our login page. Your student's password will be the first initial of their first name and their full last name (i.e., Mr. Cline's would be jcline).



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Please update your address, phone number, and other contact information so that we have accurate records. We also ask that all students please change their password so that no one has access to their personal information. We will be using the information in CHARMS for communication purposes this year, so please update this information by August 01, 2015.

Fundraising

Compared to many other schools, our band fees are quite low. In order to keep our Band Fees this low, the Raider Band participates in many fundraisers throughout the year.

All students & families are expected to fully participate in all fundraisers. Each fundraiser has a "Fair Share" for students that they are expected to bring in. Students who do not wish to participate in a fundraiser, or do not meet their "Fair Share", may simply bring in a payment equal to their fair share. If all students do this, we will be able to do many more activities with the band! *Please note: while students are expected to participate in all fundraisers, it is not mandatory. Failure to do so will not result in any penalties for the students.*

Please attend the Band Booster meeting on July 16th for more information on fundraisers.

Raider Invitational & State Semifinals

This year, we will be hosting TWO marching band contests and will need every family to help! Our home show, the 5th Annual Raider Invitational, will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Raider Invitational is one of the biggest fundraisers that we do all year, and we need everyone's help to make it go off successfully. Raider Invitational is typically one of the larger marching band contests in the state, and I expect to have more entrants this year.

I am also pleased to announce that Warren East will be hosting the KMEA Class AAAA State Semifinals on Saturday, October 31, 2015. This will be another huge fundraiser for our program. We are also very fortunate to get our own class, so when we make Semifinals, we will be at home! We will have 16 bands from all over the state at this show, and again, we will need everyone's help with this.

Please attend the Band Booster Meeting on July 16th for more information on Raider Invitational & State Semifinals.

I know this is a large amount of information, but I wanted to get everything out to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. See everyone at Band Camp, or on the first day of school!

Musically yours,

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