



Dear Drum Line Parents:

It's an exciting time of year starting out with new members and fresh faces. Although it's always hard to see our Seniors leave us, the prospect of the future is bright here in the Band Program. With our recent purchase of new drums... there especially is an air of excitement for our Drum Line. Next year, we will be able to field more people on Friday nights than ever before!

Our Drum Line is made up of two main sections – the Battery (the marching drums) and the Front Ensemble (or “Pit”) who play the melodic percussion & auxiliary instruments during the halftime show. With our recent purchase, we plan on using our new drums to provide some of the students from the Front Ensemble the opportunity to play a marching instrument during pre-game, in the stands and possibly during parades. This opens up new leadership positions in our Drum Line – Sergeants. These individuals of the Battery will aid those in the Front Ensemble who want to play their same instrument. I look forward to working with these new leaders to improve our Drum Line for years to come.

We will have “auditions” on Wednesday May 17th. I say “auditions” because everyone has made it... it's just a matter of which instrument they will play for the marching halftime show. We will not meet on May 24th, as activity busses do not run on that date. I have attached a full schedule to this letter so you know all of the dates that your child will be involved as a Viking Drum Line Member. **Please note** the Parent Meetings on either May 8th or 9th that one parent must attend. Also...

The SCHEDULE FOR DRUM CAMP: May 30th - June 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Our daily rehearsals will be from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm
and then from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm.

Yes, this seems like a long time, but remember this replaces weekly rehearsals throughout the summer like other high school drum lines do. We will learn so much during this week – numerous cadences, how to march with fun events in-between. Time will go by very quickly. Also, this provides us the opportunity to bring in additional staff to help teach THE LARGEST DRUM LINE we've had at SHS in 15 years! ☺ Woo Hoo! I'm excited.

Between 12:30 and 2:00 we will all LEAVE CAMPUS for lunch. In the past 10+ years we have had some Upperclassmen and some Parents with larger vehicles provide transportation for the younger students who do not drive or whose parents are unable to pick them up. I've said this many times, I would trust my own two sons with every one of the people driving, or I would not do this. If there is a student who has not earned my trust, I would never allow another student ride with them.



For those who are new to our organization, this may seem distressing. I assure you, I express the vital importance of safety during these lunch times; *this is also why we take 1 ½ hours for lunch, so no one feels they have to hurry to return.* We typically have as many students eat at the same restaurant as possible so everyone can carpool. Students normally go to Zaxby's on the first day, Chick-fil-a another... etc. Again these are all very close restaurants, so we minimize road-time. Remember, these lunch times are supposed to be social events so that everyone can get to know one another and make new friends! We will announce where we will go to lunch the night before so that everyone is aware how much money to bring, typically \$7 should be sufficient.

Parents, I welcome you to volunteer to take kids to and from lunch as you've done in past years. We again have a very young group this year and few members drive as of yet. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Reminder that members of the marching Battery (Snares, Tenors & Bass Drums), **MUST** bring an **INSULATED WATER BOTTLE**, a **HAT**, **SUNSCREEN** and **a pair of Innovative Percussion Mike McIntosh MARCHING STICKS** (Roper Music has some in stock, I was just there earlier this week).

EVERYONE should have a 1/2" **THREE RING BINDER** and sheet protectors for your music. Please have that the first day, as we will be passing out music the first rehearsal. We'll supply everything else.

Parents, if you have any questions about the schedule or about lunch, please email me at mbmcdaniel@spart7.org or call me (864) 621-3661.

- Mr. McDaniel

2017-2018 Marching Band Master Calendar

May

May 8 — Spring Training — 3:45-5:30 — Hornline/Guard
May 8 or May 9 — Parent Meeting — Parent must attend one of the meetings 6:15pm
May 11 — Spring Training — 3:45-5:30pm — Hornline/Guard
May 16 — Spring Training — 3:45-5:30pm — Hornline/Guard

Note:

Hornline = All Brass and Woodwind
Players
Guard = Colorguard
Percussion = Drumline, Front Ensemble

June

May 30-June 3 — Drum Camp — 9:00am-6:00pm — (Percussion Only)
May 31-June 2 — Rookie Camp — 1:00pm-5:00pm (mandatory for leadership and all new marchers)
May 31-June 2 — Leadership Training — 9:00am-12:00pm — (Leadership Only)

June 20 — Check-Up Rehearsal — 5:00pm-8:00pm — Hornline/Guard
***Note: for the “check-up” rehearsals, attendance is mandatory if you are in town.
If you’re not in town, please communicate in order to keep your spot***

July

July 11 — Check Up Rehearsal — 5:00pm-8:00pm — Hornline/Guard
July 18 — Check Up Rehearsal — 5:00pm-8:00pm — Hornline/Guard
***Just a reminder that you that these “check-up” rehearsals are mandatory if you are in town!
Please communicate if you are not in town.***
July 24 — Pre-Band Camp Rehearsal — 5:00-8:00pm — EVERYONE
July 25 — Pre-Band Camp Rehearsal — 5:00-8:00pm — EVERYONE
July 27 — Pre-Band Camp Rehearsal — 5:00-8:00pm — EVERYONE
July 31 — See below*

August

July 31-Aug 4 — Band Camp Week 1 — 9:00am-8:30pm — **Percussion**
July 31-Aug 4 — Band Camp Week 1 — 12:30pm-8:30pm — **Hornline/Guard**
Aug 7-Aug 10 — Band Camp Week 2 — 12:30pm-8:30pm — EVERYONE
Aug 11 — Rehearsal — 4:00-6:30pm — EVERYONE
Aug 11 — **Community Performance** — 7:00pm
Aug 14 — Rehearsal — 5:00pm-8:30pm — EVERYONE
Aug 15 — Rehearsal — 5:00pm-8:30pm — EVERYONE
Aug 18 — Away Game, Summerville — Details TBD
Aug 22 through Oct 26 — after-school rehearsal schedule
• Mon 4:00pm-6:30pm
• Tues 4:00pm-6:30pm
• Thurs 4:00pm-6:30pm
Performance of week’s work every Thursday **at 6:30pm**
Aug 25 — Away Game, TL Hanna — Pep Band Only

Students are expected to report directly to the band room for quiet time/study time at 3:15pm each rehearsal day. We will head to the field together at 3:50pm and begin rehearsal at 4:00pm.

September

Sept 1 — Home Game, Etowah — EVERYONE
Sept 8 — Away Game, Union — Pep Band Only
Sept 15 — Home Game, Northwestern — EVERYONE
Sept 20 — Homecoming Parade — Times TBD — EVERYONE
Sept 22 — Home Game, Westside, Homecoming — EVERYONE
Sept 29 — Away Game, Byrnes — Pep Band Only
Sept 30 — Competition — Entire Day of Activities — EVERYONE

Home Football Games

For home football games, students report directly to SHS after school. We will feed the band, then load and travel to Wofford Stadium. After the game, students will take the bus back to SHS, unload equipment, and be dismissed at approx. 10:30pm. The time varies depending on the length of the game.

October

Oct 6 — Make-up Rehearsal if needed — 4:00pm-8:00pm — EVERYONE
Oct 13 — Home Game, Dorman — EVERYONE
Oct 14 — Competition — Entire Day of Activities — EVERYONE
Oct 20 — Away Game, Boiling Springs — Pep Band Only
Oct 21 — Competition — Entire day of activities — EVERYONE
Oct 27 — Home Game, Gaffney, Senior Night — EVERYONE
Oct 28 — Competition — Entire day of activities — EVERYONE

November

*** We will continue to have football games on Fridays as long as the football team is in the playoffs ***
Nov 4 — Wofford Game — Times TBD, but will be most of the day — EVERYONE
Nov 11 — Veteran’s Day Parade — Times TBD — EVERYONE

December

Dec 12 — Christmas Parade — 5pm to 8:30pm — EVERYONE