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2018 SHS MARCHING BAND

Marching Black Knights COMMITMENT FORM

Hello Marching Band & Color Guard Members!

It's time to begin assembling the **2018 SHS Marching Black Knights!** The marching band is a competitive ensemble that meets after school during September and October. Membership is open to students in grades eight through twelve. This year the band will be performing a show based on travel, *by land and by sea*, including music by Duke Ellington, Earth Wind and Fire, Styx, and Disney's *Moana!* The band will compete in three circuits: The New England Scholastic Band Association, The Massachusetts Instrumental Choral Conductors Association, and the United States Band Association.

Joining the Band or Color Guard

You are eligible to be a member of the SHS Marching Band or Color Guard if you are a high school musician **and** academically eligible. Eighth grade students are also invited to participate through special invitation from the OMS music faculty. **NO AUDITION IS REQUIRED!** Students who wish to participate in this **competitive marching band** must complete this membership commitment form and return it to Mr. Mange or Ms. Dorgan.

The 2018 Fall Marching Band Schedule

The Marching Band general schedule is outlined below. A complete and detailed calendar of dates & times will be provided well in advance so students/parents may schedule accordingly. **The competitive season ends on October 28th, 2018. Complete information will be posted on <http://www.stoughtonfinearts.org> and <http://www.stoughtonbands.org> during the season.**

- **Spring Meet-and-Greet: TBA** – 1 “meet-and-greet” rehearsal for old and new band members
- **Summer sectional rehearsals:** Organized independently by band staff or student section leaders
- **Learn To March (LTM) Day:** Friday, August 17th, 5:30pm-8:30pm, **mandatory for all new marchers**
- **Summer Band Camp:** Aug. 20 - 23 (2-9pm), Aug. 25 (9am-8pm), and Aug. 27-30 (2-9pm)
- **Fall Rehearsals:** Tuesdays (5:30-8:30pm), Thursdays (5:30-8:30pm), some Saturdays (9-1pm)
- Home football games & Thanksgiving game & town parades.
- 6 Competitions beginning September 22nd. (approximately 1 per week)

Activity Fee

There is a **user fee** of \$100 for participation in the SHS Marching Band program. More information regarding the fee will be included in the summer information packet. The fee will be due the first day of Band Camp on Monday, August 20th.

Tear off and return to Mr. Mange or Ms. Dorgan. Keep the above information for your calendar.

** You will be given a detailed information packet before the end of the school year.*

*** PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!**

I, _____, wish to participate in the competitive marching program during the fall of 2018. I understand the responsibilities of the organization as outlined above and realize that the show will be customized to include a spot specifically for me.

Media Release: By submitting this form **you are giving permission** to Stoughton Public Schools to use still photos of your child in press releases and other public relations, unless you check the following box:

I deny permission for SPS to include my child in any identifiable still photos released to the public.

Grade in school starting September, 2018 (circle one): 8 9 10 11 12

Address _____

Instrument _____ Home Phone _____

Parent Email _____ Student Email _____

(Please... print neatly! Your e-mail address is needed for information email lists)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____