

SHS Marching Black Knights

August 17th, 2018
Summer Newsletter #3

Stoughton Public Schools
Fine Arts Department

It's Almost Time for BAND CAMP 2018!!!

Only a few days remain before the *best two weeks of the entire year begin!*

Band camp runs **2:00pm – 9:00pm**, Monday – Thursday for two weeks (8/20 - 8/23, 8/27 - 8/30); and on Saturday, 8/25, **9:00am – 8:00pm**. We will take a dinner break each evening **5:30pm-6:10pm**, and an additional lunch break during our Saturday rehearsal at noon, **12:00pm-1:00pm**.

Registration Info

You'll want to bring the following things with you to registration:

- ALL concussion paperwork, including your physical exam
- The Marching Band Medical Form
- The music user fee: \$100 (payable by cash, bank/cashier's check or money order payable to Stoughton Public Schools; **no personal checks accepted!**)

Students who need order forms for marching shoes, gloves and Color Guard accessories will be able to get them during the first week. Anyone who is borrowing an instrument from the school will be able to get it during the registration time.

What to Bring

Bring these items with you in order to have the best Band Camp experience possible:

- Water bottle
- Sunblock and sunglasses (especially on Saturday)
- Bug spray
- A sweatshirt or other warm layer to put on in case it gets cold
- Your instrument, mouthpiece, and any other accessories you need (valve oil, reeds, etc.)
- Copies of all the music you got online (password for the Students Only section is **shsmb2018**)
- Your lyre (if you don't have one yet, that's okay)
- Comfortable closed-toe shoes, not sandals and **ESPECIALLY NOT FLIP FLOPS**
- Energy, Excitement, and Enthusiasm!

It is important to three healthy meals each day of Band Camp, *especially breakfast*. Make sure you get plenty of sleep each night as well! Take care of yourself every single day so that you are always putting your **best foot forward!**

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Special Request: Cases of Bottled Water

We are requesting that students bring in a case of bottled water when they arrive on Monday, if possible! We take frequent water breaks throughout Band Camp, and it is important for us to be able to provide water to students who forgot to bring their own water bottles. Thank you in advance for your donation of water!

Leadership Meeting: Sunday, August 19th, 5:00pm-7:00pm

If you are a Section Leader, don't forget to come to this important session! We'll be reviewing all basic marching fundamentals/commands and discussing important teamwork concepts. Band Officers are welcome, but not required to attend.

"Learn To March" – Friday, August 17th, 5:30pm-7:30

All students who will be marching for the first time are asked to attend this year's *LTM* day on Friday, August 17th, to learn some of the basic marching commands and steps. Most Section Leaders and Drum Majors will also be present to help out and spend some time getting to know the new members of their section!!

Medical Paperwork Reminder

Don't forget to submit your concussion forms, physical exam and medical form! This is **extremely important** for your participation in Marching Band this year. You will not be able to participate without submitting all required concussion paperwork.

If you are unsure about what needs to be submitted, review the concussion information from the previous summer e-mail (it was sent out in late July). You can also get all of this information on the SHS Bands website (<http://www.stoughtonbands.org>).