

June 23, 2008

Dear Students and Parents:

As summer gets going I hope that everyone is finding their summer restful and enjoyable! Enjoy the first part of the summer as the second part of the summer is very busy and exciting with band activities. This letter contains much information needed concerning the summer and upcoming camps. Also in this packet you will find many important forms and documents that must be completed in order for your student to attend band camp.

Sunday July 20 is the mandatory meeting for all marching band students and parents. This meeting will be held in the school theater beginning at 2 p.m. and will give much detailed information regarding camp. The notarized health form, Gwinnett County overnight permission forms, final registration, emergency contacts and other vital information will be collected at this meeting. We will have a notary on site should you require this service.

The first week of camp is July 21-25 here at Peachtree Ridge High School. Each morning we will start at 8:30 a.m.. Home band camp is required for all new members of the marching band. Monday and Tuesday, new members and leadership will come each morning from 8:30 to 4:30 along with all drumline and guard members. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of home camp all members must be present all day and we will add evening sessions. Meals are on your own for home camp. Many people bring a lunch from home or go to lunch with friends. The school will remain open during this time and students are welcome to stay. All students must leave campus for the dinner hour on Wednesday and Thursday. The cookout on Friday evening is mandatory for students and families are encouraged to join them.

For those people who earned a letter this past spring, jacket fittings will take place Friday at 1:00. Payment for the jacket is due upon ordering.

The second week of camp will take place at LaGrange College. We will all leave together by bus on Monday July 28 at 7:30 a.m. All students must ride the bus to LaGrange together. Camp ends Saturday morning August 2nd. There will be a great performance at 11:00 am for all parents to come and see. At that time all students need to be taken home by their parents. **There will be no transportation provided home on Saturday after camp is over.**

I'm sure you are aware of how hard the students will work at these camps. It is absolutely crucial that students are prepared for the 90+ degree heat they will experience. Please encourage your student to drink water each morning before camp and all day long as we rehearse. Also, prolonged exposure to the sun will happen and sunscreen is very important and should be applied throughout the day. It is important, too, to consider attire for the weeks of camp. Avoiding dark shirts and shorts helps and all marching band members need a good pair of tennis shoes. Please no spaghetti straps during any marching band practices.

Everyone is very excited about the upcoming marching band season. We are all looking forward to seeing you soon. Please call or email if you have any questions.

Musically yours,

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