



St. Clairsville Instrumental Music Department

Greg Miller, Director

Middle School, and High School Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band

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May 25, 2010

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

As announced via a letter home on April 13, 2010 band camp will be held here in town. This letter will serve you with additional information concerning costs, uniform requirements, attendance requirements, and deadlines for completing these tasks.

First, let me say I have been working with Steve Bohach in developing many parts of band camp and other summer activities. At the May meeting, it was motioned and approved that the cost to the student's for band camp will be \$75.00. It was my hope that some of the additional costs be picked up via the general fund and pass those savings along to the families in band but with the continued uncertainty of the concession stand repairs and other potential costs, the consensus was to pass the total cost along to the students.

The above fee will cover rental of Memorial Park, additional band camp staff and housing, music, lunch every day, the end of the week family celebration, medical supervision, and other miscellaneous costs associated with the week. I will continue to work on ways to bring down this cost and if this ends up being the case, the extra money collected will be saved in your family account and may be applied to the spring trip to Orlando Florida, or other band related costs.

Within this packet you will find a uniform order form. This must be completed along with payment by June 30, 2010 and returned to PO Box 484, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950. Students must have a summer uniform (shorts and shirt), band shoes, 2 pair of gloves, and a storage bag. The prices are listed on this sheet.

In addition to our uniforms, all students must have a physical performed with a completed signed copy being provided to the above PO Box address. This must be done before the student will be allowed to participate in any activities. We need an emergency medical form to be completed in addition to the physical. This has been provided within this packet.

Uniform fitting for returning members will be Monday May 31 following our Memorial Day Performance.

Uniform fitting for new members will be Tuesday June 8 from 10:00AM – 1:00PM.

Percussion Audition Date will be Wednesday June 9. Sign-up for a time outside of the band room door. If you cannot make this date, you MUST contact Mr. Miller BEFORE the date of the audition to schedule another time. Failure to do so will result in being placed on the last available instrument.

The schedule for the summer will be as follows:

May 31 – Uniform Fitting for Returning Members
June 8 – Uniform Fitting for New Members (10:00 – 1:00)
June 9 – Percussion Audition Date (sign up for a time)
July 19 – Senior Pictures/Announcement Due to the Red Devil Mom's for Program
July 23 – Group Picture 10:00AM (Full Uniform/Instruments)
August 3, 2010 – Returning Members Meeting/Rehearsal – High School
August 4, 2010 – New Members Meeting/Rehearsal – High School
August 5, 2010 – All Members Rehearsal – High School
August 9 – August 13 – All Members Camp – Memorial Park/High School
August 16 – August 20 – All Member Activities/Performances/Rehearsals TBA

The week of band camp (August 9 – 13) is completely mandatory. Please do not schedule any event during this week which would prevent your child from participating in the all of the week's activities.

If conflicts arise (outside the week of band camp) please contact Mr. Miller and compromises will be worked out on an individual basis. Only school activities will be allowed to develop this compromise. After school jobs will not be accepted as an excuse for missing **any** rehearsals or performances in full or in part.

Once school begins, the weekly practice schedule will be Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 through 4:00. Students who miss more than 50% of the week's practice time, excused or unexcused, will not march during that week's performances.

Please review the included band handbook, sign, and return that you have read, understand, and agree to follow the rules and policies listed there within.

I am looking forward to another successful year of marching band. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at greg.miller1@omeres.net or Steve Bohach at JLBohach@aol.com We will do everything we can to work together to make 2010-2011 the best year possible!

Sincerely,

Greg Miller
Director of Bands – St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools



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Band Camp and Summer Uniform Payment Sheet 2010

Student Name: _____

Phone Number (in case of questions): _____

_____ Total Due for Band Camp Fees \$75 (includes daily lunch, instruction, facility usage, and emergency medical supervision)

_____ Storage Bag at \$8

_____ Summer Uniform Shirt at \$8 (adult sizes) Circle one - S M L XL XXL

_____ Summer Uniform Shorts at \$12 (adult sizes) Circle one - S M L XL XXL

_____ Band Shoes at \$32 each

Circle Gender & Write in Size Female Male Size: _____

_____ Gloves at \$2 a pair (at least 2 pair)

_____ **Total Due**

_____ Please deduct this amount from my fundraising account

_____ Payment Included Check/Money Order # _____

Make checks out to St. Clairsville Band Parents for total due and mail to:
The St. Clairsville Band Parents, P.O. Box 484, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
The Deadline is June 30th

ST CLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVIL MARCHING BAND

Rationale:

This course is designed to provide a performance opportunity and learning experience for all students to understand music representing a variety of styles and periods. The contents of this course are designed to provide students:

- A. Opportunity to develop the fundamentals required for instrumental performance
- B. Opportunity to learn performance practices of music representing jazz, classical, pop, and contemporary styles.

Course Objectives:

As a result of the instruction and performance opportunities, students are expected to:

- A. Demonstrate the ability to memorize music which will be tested
- B. Demonstrate behavior that is considered appropriate to the band and the school district
- C. Demonstrate an acceptable performance level on their instrument.

Course Requirements:

Students are expected to participate in rehearsals and performances that are scheduled both inside and outside of the regular class meeting time. This includes:

- A. Performances at St. C Athletic Events (note schedule)
- B. Performances at selected community events, i.e. parades etc. (note schedule)
- C. Performances at band shows and competitions.

Method of Evaluating Students:

- A. Attendance at before and after school rehearsals
- B. Attendance at all performances
- C. Written and Playing Assessments

Please keep and mark your calendar at the beginning of the season and fill out the yellow excuse card in advance of being absent. Students are expected to be at all events unless they have been previously excused.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Music: Every student will be required to have a flip folder at each and every marching band event. PLEASE KEEP ALL MUSIC within this flip folder at all times. If at any point in the season your music is lost or destroyed, it will be your responsibility to do one of two things: 1) make your own copy of another member's music or 2) fill out a "music copy request" form. Forms will be available inside the band room and replacement cost is 10 cents per page –NO EXCEPTIONS! **PROTECT YOUR MUSIC! Music must be memorized to perform. Students who do not have their music memorized may be withheld from performing until music is memorized.**

Instruments: Your instrument should be in good working order (slides greased, valve oiled, good reeds, clean and shined, etc.). When leaving instruments on the ground, please line the instruments by section to reduce the risk of accidental damage. Please make sure your instrument case is clearly labeled with your name. You also must provide your own music lyre!

The school owns a variety of instruments (percussion, sousaphones, mellophones, and euphoniums among others) that can be issued to students for use. The band director will issue these instruments after an agreement listing the student's responsibility and financial liability is signed by the student and his/her parent/guardian. All school owned instruments should be maintained and treated as if they were your own personal property. Some school instruments (cymbals and brass instruments) may not be laid on "hard" surfaces including but not limited to concrete and asphalt. Towels are a great way of protecting you instrument when laying them on the ground. If any instrument is returned with any new damage, a charge will be assessed based upon the repair estimate. **In the event of any damage during the season (no matter how small or large), you should notify the band director immediately!** This will insure that all repairs are handled quickly before larger, and more expensive damage occurs.

Uniforms: Uniforms will be issued to all marching band members. All uniform parts checked out will be recorded and an accountability agreement must be signed by each student and his/her parent/guardian. All members are required to bring their own clean marching shoes to all performances, tall white socks, the red band shirt, and grey shorts to wear under the uniform. During hot games when we remove our jackets, this will allow us to still look uniform while performing in the stands.

Estimated replacement costs are:

Hat: \$50

Hat Box: \$20

Pants: \$150

Coat: \$300

Raincoat: \$15

Garment Bag: \$15

We will wear the summer uniforms under the uniforms for all games where the temperature is above 60 degrees. Warmer clothing may be worn once the temperature outside begins to fall. Sweatshirts, long underwear, and other cotton type products may be worn under the uniforms. Jeans, khakis, and other items with rivets, buttons, and zippers may not be worn as they tend to wear out the uniforms faster.

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GENERAL RULES

1. You are responsible for bringing all music to rehearsal every day. All music and a pencil must be with you on the practice field at all times-even when we have the music memorized. If you lose or damage your music you are responsible for replacing it.
2. All members are required to have a music lyre to hold your music, tuba, and some percussion.
3. All members are required to acquire and maintain a complete "DOT BOOK" throughout the season. The DOT BOOK and a pencil must be on the practice field at all times-even when we have the drill memorized. If you lose or damage your DOT BOOK you are responsible for replacing it before the next rehearsal.
4. Rehearsal may be canceled due to inclement weather, but that will be a day of decision and announcements will be made at the end of the day before students are dismissed from school. Please come prepared for the weather.
5. You are financially responsible for lost uniform parts and for damage to or loss of your school instrument regardless of the circumstances. Please care for these items as if they were your own property.
6. Bring a pencil to every rehearsal.
7. Hats worn in the stands must have a St. Clairsville logo on them. Other hats will be confiscated and returned at the end of the season. During cold weather, winter hats may be worn but they must be red or grey to match our uniform colors.
8. You must be on time to each and every rehearsal and performance. This means, on the field, instrument out, music in hand, and paying attention to instructions when the director calls you to attention. Any students who are late or absent from after school rehearsals or performances must fill out a yellow card, and have a note signed and dated from a parent/guardian to be excused.
9. Students involved in after school sports or other school related activities must fill out a yellow card at least 1 week **BEFORE** any absences to be excused from the rehearsals. Competition band is your number **one** extracurricular activity with its rehearsals trumping all other organization's practices. Games/matches will be excused. The best way is to line up both schedules at the beginning of the season and identify the conflicts. This should be done before the school year starts to avoid conflicts and unnecessary confusion and difficulties.
10. During rehearsals and games, all students will be attentive, quiet, and follow instructions given to them by the director, or any another adult.
11. 3rd quarter break is a privilege and not a right.
12. Not having the proper equipment during a rehearsal will count as being absent for that day
13. You are responsible for all information contained in this handbook.
14. Additionally, all school rules held within the student handbook apply at all times.

Consequences: I do not anticipate any problems throughout the season but for those individuals who may find it difficult to follow the above rules and regulations the primary consequence will be push-ups. Additional consequences may include but not limited to before or after school detentions, loss of 3rd quarter privileges, "benched" for the pre-game or halftime performances, and referral to administration.

During the game: Only uniformed band members, band aids, chaperones, and directors will be allowed to sit in our stands. Sit in your assigned area with you section. No one is to leave the stands during the game as we will play frequently during the game. You may purchase food and drink during the 3rd quarter only. This must be consumed quickly and everyone must be ready to play by the end of the 3rd quarter. Additionally, only clear liquids may be consumed while in uniform. Exceptions to this rule may be made, but only with the director's approval and keep in mind that anything spilled onto the uniform may incur a cleaning fee, or a replacement fee charged to the individual student's account. There is no individual playing allowed during the game as this may incur a penalty on our team – we will play and cheer collectively.

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UNIFORM CARE AND CODE

1. Keep your uniform pants on and zipped up at all time.
2. Hair must not touch your collar or pooch out the sides. If your hair violates these rules, you must put your hair up so that it will stay up. Ponytails must stay UP AND INSIDE your hat.
3. Heavy make-up is NOT to be worn while in uniform. This includes colored nail polish.
4. Jewelry is NOT to be worn while in uniform. Do not wear earrings or other facial piercing, and do not wear a watch while in uniform.
5. Sunglasses are NOT to be worn while in uniform during performance. Sunglasses will be allowed in the stands but there are to be NO mirrored sunglasses or brightly colored frames.
6. You must wear the St Clairsville Band T-shirt while in uniform. As we may remove our coats during a game, it is imperative that the shirts under our coats are uniform. Not wearing the proper t-shirt may require our entire band to wear the jackets.
7. The uniform is to be worn in its entirety whenever you are in public. The only exception will be inside the high school, or buses. When you step outside, the uniform is to be complete, which includes having the coat on and buttoned and hat under the left arm.
8. During warm weather games, summer uniforms (red t-shirt and grey shorts) are to be worn under the uniform. For colder games, sweatshirts, sweat pants, long underwear, or under armor are appropriate for under the uniform. Jeans, khaki, and other pants and shirts with rivets, buttons, and zippers will unnecessarily wear the uniforms reducing their life dramatically. **Do not wear jeans under your uniform.**
9. Raincoats are part of the uniform and are to be worn only at performances or rehearsals with poor weather. Please mark your raincoat clearly with your name (on tape on the inside of the coat). If you lose your raincoat you will be REQUIRED to purchase a new one.
10. Do not allow anyone else to wear your uniform – ever.
11. Always keep your uniform on a hanger, stored inside the provided garment bag, hung on the correct racks inside the drum room. If the uniform becomes wet, you will be directed to take it home and allow it to dry. Never take home a uniform unless you are directed to do so.
12. No items other than your uniform jacket and pants are to be kept inside the garment bag. Wet muddy shoes will cause mold to grow ruining your uniform.
13. Clean your shoes between every performance. Windex works well to remove most all mud and dirt; the shoes may then be polished with white shoe polish.
14. Uniform inspections will take place prior to all performances. At the discretion of the director, you may be withheld from performing for improper uniform parts.



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I have read, understand, and agree to the rules, regulations, and procedures listed within this band handbook. Additionally, I understand that the director has the power to change, edit, remove, or add to this handbook as he/she deems necessary. Students and parents/guardians will be notified of any changes verbally and/or in writing.

Student's Name Printed: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed: _____

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