

March 12, 2014 {updated 5/14/15}

Potential Members and Parents of the 2014 – 2015 RRHS Bands:

Thou we are only 2/3 of the way through the 2013-2014 school year, now is a great time to get yourselves prepared so that you personally, and we collectively, can have a successful 2014-2015.

One objective of the high school band is to teach commitment. In fact, one could argue that it is as much the concept of commitment as the development of the affective domain that makes band participation stand out on college and work applications.

For your planning purposes, this letter contains many specific autumn events for you to place on your family calendars. These dates should be set as highlighted events. Block them off and look where you have openings for dentist appointments, driving tests, etc.

The complete (known) calendar of events for the entire year will be available in July. As always, items are posted on the calendar tab of the band website. It is imperative that you check the site often for the latest information. All items listed below are currently on the website calendar.

Percussion Camp: 6/16 – 6/19 (M,T,W,R) from 2PM – 4:30 PM
Sousaphone Mini Camp: 6/16 - 6/19 {M,T,W,R} from 2:30PM – 4:00 PM

Pom/Flag camp: 8/6 – 8/8 (W,R,F) 8:30AM – 4:30PM (within band camp schedule)
Band Camp weeks : 8/4– 8/18 M –F
8/11– 8/15 M –F

Band Camp is generally 10:00AM-12:30PM and 1:30PM – 4:30PM Daily
(band camp schedule based upon field usage as known at this time. Adjustments often need to be made such as taking lunch from 12:00 -1:00 or going until 1:00 / starting at 1:00 when afternoon / morning is scheduled off)

Convocation Practice – Monday 8/18 either morning OR afternoon depending on Auditorium availability
Parent information picnic / student fun picnic Sunday 8/10 – afternoon @ 1:00 – 3:00
Performance for District Staff: T 8/19 (approx. 7:00AM – 9:00 AM)
Performance at the Westwood Country Club: Sunday 8/24 (evening)

Band Photo ?? Not yet scheduled

Tuesday Night Practices Begin: 8/26 (6:30 – 8:45 every Tuesday thru 10/28)

First Football Performance: 8/29 (then every Friday until 10/31 + possible playoffs)

Avon Lake Band Festival : 9/13/14

Parma Band Festival: S 9/27 late afternoon/evening

Marching Band Concert: M 11/10

Further off, but important – This is a Band Trip year. The trip is currently being scheduled between 1/16/15 & 1/22/15.

I hope this helps with your planning for next year.

Sincerely,
Kirk Taylor