

Dear Incoming Freshman, New Members, and Family,

Welcome to Munster High School and our Band Family. Our band consists of around 115 students in the year 2008-2009 and we look forward to working together every day toward musical excellence.

Enclosed is information pertaining to our summer and fall schedule. This is our busiest time!!!! Yet, it is the best time of the year, as you will soon find out. Band Camp is a mandatory part of our class that is vital to our success as a band. We will learn our music and field formations for our fall show at this point. If you do need to miss anything there is a form (Request to be absent) that will need to be turned in at least one week prior to the event that is to be missed. Hopefully there will not be too many conflicts as we work around schedules as much as possible.

Some things you'll need for the upcoming year:

1. Drillmasters- (Marching Shoes- Black- for woodwinds, brass, and percussion) 24.95- you can order these from Bandshoppe.com or call 1-800-457-3501
2. Black Gloves- (you will buy those from me) 1.50 per pair
3. Tan Khaki shorts for our summer uniform (order form attached)
4. Flip Folder- (to hold stand music)
5. Lyre- to hold the flip folder (it attaches to the instrument)
6. Berps (Brass players need these) 15.00
7. Concert Uniforms- (Gentlemen- tuxes, Ladies-dresses)

Some things you'll need for practices:

1. Instrument accessories- (reeds, valve oil, etc.)
We don't sell these at school so please make sure you have them.
2. Water Bottle- Handy if you don't have time to go to a water fountain.
3. Comfortable athletic shoes- (with socks, please) NO SANDALS!!!
Marching Band is very strenuous on feet
4. Sunscreen- especially if you are fair skinned.
5. Sunglasses
6. Baseball cap or visor- to help keep your lips from being sunburned.
7. Comfortable clothes (that conform to school rules)- shorts, t-shirt, etc.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at school (Best time is between 10:45am and 12:00pm) at 836-3200 ext345. If you can't reach me you may also e-mail me at woods623@yahoo.com. I look forward to the upcoming school year.

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