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From the directors...

We hope that this letter finds you having a fun and relaxing summer. This promises to be a great year with much enthusiasm and interest. We look forward to sharing memories and forming friendships that go beyond the marching field! We hope parents will become active members of the “MT ZION BAND BOOSTERS CLUB.” We look forward to creating a production that is educational and fun for the students and listeners. This letter will outline the information students need for a successful band camp experience.

Patrick Ward
Director of Instrumental Music

Jen Himanga
Assistant Director

Chris Weirman
Drumline Instructor

Mr. Kaream Williams
Pit Percussion Instructor

Colton Middleton
Pit Percussion Assistant

Ms. Tori Clyburn
Color Guard Instructor

Camp Schedule:

1. Drumline and Pit Camp (ALL PERCUSSIONISTS) - July 24 through July 28 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
2. **Full Band** Drill Camp - July 31 through August 4 - 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (break from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, lunch provided)
3. Parent Meeting and Demo Performance - August 4 - Parent meeting at 5:30 pm and Demo Performance and parent meeting immediately following

***It is imperative that all students are at every rehearsal during band camp.**

We learn music, drill, performance techniques, pre-game, and teamwork skills.*

When the rehearsal time is posted, please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to be ready to begin at the given time. We also ask that all doctor appointments, unless cleared in writing, work schedules, and vacations are not scheduled during these weeks. Attendance and promptness will be documented at each rehearsal. Leadership members will notify the directors of tardiness/ and or absence. *Tardies will also result in a lower grade throughout the season.*

If your student is ill on any given morning, it is imperative that one of the instructors is contacted by phone or email. **Please do not have other students tell the instructors for you.**

Marching Band Fee:

Every student needs to bring the marching band fee of **\$200** on the first day of band camp. Please write a check to “Mt. Zion Band Boosters” in a sealed envelope with the ***student's name on the front of the envelope.***

The marching band fee can be taken out of your student’s account. However, you must have a balance of \$200 or higher to use the student account for this fee. If you would like to use your student account, please indicate your intention to use your student account on the Marching Band Information google form that was sent via email by Mr. Ward and can also be found on

<https://mtzinstrumentalboosters.weebly.com/>

Marching Band fees cover the cost of our season expenditures, including but not limited to:

1) Camp Staff Instructors	\$5000
2) Drill Design	\$2500
4) Music Arrangements	\$2000
5) Music Copyright	\$1000
6) Marching Show T-Shirts	\$15/shirt
7) Band Camp Meals	\$2500
8) Marching Competition Entry Fees	\$1500
9) Props	\$1500
10) Football Friday Dinners	\$1000

If there is a monetary hardship, please contact Mr. Ward. We never want a financial burden to prohibit a student from participating in Band!

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

- 1) **A well-maintained instrument! INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN FOR AN OVERALL CLEANING AND ADJUSTMENT *ONCE A YEAR!*** Please have your instrument in good playing condition for camp. It is highly recommended that you take your instrument to the Music Shoppe for a maintenance check-up before camp. Please have valve oil and extra reeds.
- 2) Music Lyre and Flip Folder (except percussion)
- 3) Sunscreen
- 4) **Water bottle full of ice water at the beginning of each rehearsal.** Your name should be clearly marked on this bottle so you will not confuse it with ones that look similar. Students will have the opportunity to refill their bottles during breaks at outdoor rehearsals. Please do not bring soda or any dairy products in the bottle. Water and sports drinks are recommended. Community water systems will not be able to be used so it is imperative that you bring your own water.

What you should wear to band camp:

T-shirts, shorts, and tennis shoes are the suggested attire for camp. Your feet are crucial to your success as a marching member; therefore, please wear athletic shoes that will be comfortable and allow you the flexibility to move easily. *Flip flops, sandals, crocks, and slip-on shoes without shoe laces are not permitted for band camp.*

Lunch will be provided every day of camp. It is strongly encouraged that students eat breakfast before coming to camp. Students will be using a lot of physical energy during the morning block, as it mainly centers on marching and movement. Many students who do not eat breakfast find this a difficult 4 hours and can become ill due to the lack of nutrition. And, help your student take care of themselves during these weeks by drinking a lot of water (*less Mt. Dew/energy drinks!*) and getting a lot of rest!

Please like “Mt. Zion High School Band, Orchestra, and Color Guard” on Facebook and follow Mt. Zion High School Band on Instagram! Also, bookmark our Boosters website

<https://mtzinstrumentalboosters.weebly.com/>

Please also include the following items the first day of band camp:

- *Medical Release Form
- * \$200 Marching Band fee

Also make sure you have completed the 2023 MTZ Marching Braves Information Form that was emailed out and is posted on the Band Booster Website.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. More information will be distributed at the parent meeting during the potluck on August 4th.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SEPTEMBER 30 ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR MARCHING MUSIC GAMES! WE WILL NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THIS MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PROGRAM!

WHO ARE WE? MTZ!

I look forward to a wonderful beginning to a fantastic year.

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Mt. Zion High School Marching Braves 2023 Schedule and Important Information

Important Dates:

1. Drumline/Pit Percussion Camp - July 24 - 28
 - a. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (lunch break)
2. Full Band Camp - July 31 - August 4
 - a. 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (lunch included), dinner break from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, rehearsal from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - b. Parent Meeting and Demo Performance - August 4
 - i. Parent meeting at 5:30 pm and Demo Performance at 6:15 pm.

Attendance at Band Camps is MANDATORY as we begin learning our fieldshow for the year. Our first home football game and competitions happen quickly after the beginning of the school year. There is a tradition of excellence with the Mt. Zion High School Marching Braves and that is due to the drive and dedication of its members and staff.

Rehearsal:

We will continue our weekly Tuesday rehearsals from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Football Games:

On home football game days, we will rehearse after school from 2:45 to 4:45 pm and then have dinner before we get into uniform for the football game. The football schedule is:

1. 8/25/23 - Senior Night vs. Limestone	2. 9/1/23 - JFL Night vs. Triad
3. 9/8/23 - Band Night vs. Salem	4. 9/22/23 - Mattoon
5. 5.10/6/23 - Homecoming/Pink Night vs. Charleston	6. 10/20/23 - Breese Mater Dei

There is a possibility of a home football playoff game depending on the success of the football team. This will be communicated as soon as possible. Those dates are: 10/27 or 10/28, 11/3 or 11/4.

The Homecoming Parade will be Wednesday, October 4. Band call time will be 4:15 pm.

Competitions:

We will be competing at three competitions and hosting Marching Music Games this year. Call times will be established once schedules for each competition are created. Competitions take place on Saturdays. The competition schedule is:

1. 9/23/23 - Robinson High School	2. 9/30/23 - MMG
3. 10/14/23 - Dunlap High School	4. 10/21/23 - Effingham High School

Concerts:

1. 12/13/23 - Christmas	2. 3/4/24 - 4-12 Band	3. 5/3/24 - Spring
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BAND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Please fill out the following information in case of a medical emergency while at camp:

Student Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) - _____

Health Insurance Company and Policy Number: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Dr. Phone: _____

Medical Conditions / Allergies:

Yes / No: If Yes, explain:

Please list any medications that would need to be taken during camp hours:

Date of last tetanus shot: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

In case of emergency, I authorize Mt Zion High School to secure medical treatment for my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date