

June 4, 2008

TO ALL BAND MEMBERS AND PARENTS:

In the words of Alice Cooper "SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!!!" I'm sure that we are all looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. It is also time to look ahead to the Fall and the 2008-2009 FIGHTING CARDINAL MARCHING BAND. Many exciting things are in store for the members of this year's FCMB. First, we will welcome freshmen marchers to the band for the very first time! In addition, we will be marching onto the field this year in brand new, custom designed uniforms. Finally, the band will be travelling to The Walt Disney World Resort in Florida where they will perform in a world-class venue. With the hard work and dedication of veteran and new members, this year's group will continue the tradition of excellence and create positive new experiences for all. We look forward to your involvement in what will surely be one of the best seasons that the FCMB has had.

Enclosed in this mailing, you will find important registration information that needs to be completed and returned **no later than July 1st, 2008**. In addition to the Marching Band registration form, you will also find the extra curricular pay-to participate form, marching band schedule, emergency medical form, field trip permission form, a fee schedule for miscellaneous marching band expenses, and information regarding the Disney trip for the band.

The school district charges a pay to participate fee of \$200.00 for the marching band. The fee covers transportation, uniform cleaning, staff supplemental stipends, music and equipment purchases, and other expenses incurred by the marching band during the school year. **There is a \$50.00 registration fee for the band due when these forms are returned. The remaining balance of \$150.00 needs to be paid by the first rehearsal on July 29th.** Please mail the registration forms and your deposit to Mr. Poremba at Mentor High School by July 1st. If financial circumstances prevent you from participating in marching band, please contact Mr. Poremba or Mr. Crain as soon as possible so that a solution can be worked out.

Please familiarize yourself with the enclosed FCMB Calendar of Events. Dates for summer rehearsals, performances, and other events are listed. There are performances for the marching band that do arise at later dates, so please update this calendar as needed. The band calendar can also be accessed on the Music Mentors website: www.mentorschools.org. Refer to this website for the most up to date information regarding the calendar and any other band related information. Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances for all members of the band. It is possible to work out conflicts if the band directors are notified in advance. A little communication goes a long way.

Several of the important traits that all band members are expected to display are self-discipline, a desire to excel, loyalty, and a "team" attitude. These qualities are needed in order for the band to be successful, and from that success comes a spirit of PRIDE enjoyed by all.

Continue reading the information regarding schedules, fees, and registration forms. Please communicate any issues before they become problems. Remember that the staff and members of the FCMB are all working toward the same goals. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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