Dear 9th grade Band Parents, May 28, 2019

The Petoskey Band Boosters would like to welcome you to the high school band program! To ensure a great start to the marching band season, here is some key information we thought would be helpful. As the season progresses, there may be additional information and changes. The Petoskey Bands provide different resources for you to stay current with the latest band happenings.

1. WEBSITE: The Petoskey Band website will serve as your “GO TO” for all things band. Please visit [www.petoskeybands.org](http://www.petoskeybands.org) to keep up to date and informed as the year progresses. You will find a calendar of events, forms, and updated information. The calendar provides dates and times for rehearsals, competitions, concerts, and all band events. If your answer cannot be found on the website please reach out to any board member. Contact information is found on the website under “Petoskey Band Boosters”.
2. REMIND: This is a way to get reminders of any rehearsal dates, times, changes, and other important information through text messages on your mobile device. To sign up for Remind text the number 81010 and message @pethsband. Instructions can also be found on the website [www.petoskeybands.org](http://www.petoskeybands.org).
3. EMAIL: Please sign up to receive band emails using the link on the Petoskey Bands website. This will deliver the latest information to you.
4. TRIFOLD: This is a printed brochure of band events and information given at several events.

**Marching Band**

1. Season begins the week of June 10th
2. Your child’s first introduction to marching band will be through “sectionals.” Here, your child will learn this season’s music, practice marching, and cultivate new friendships.
3. It is critical for your student’s success to attend weekly sectional practices.
4. Practice dates and times are as follows:
	1. Summer Woodwind Sectionals
		1. Flutes-Tuesday 8-9 am
		2. Altos-Tuesday 9-10 am
		3. Clarinets-Wednesday 8-9 am
		4. Tenors-Wednesday 9-10 am
		5. Full Woodwind Sectional-Thursday 8-10 am
	2. Summer Brass Sectionals
		1. Trumpets-Tuesday 10-11 am
		2. Low Brass- Tuesday 11am-Noon
		3. Mellos-Thursday 9-10 am
		4. Tubas-Thursday 9-10 am
		5. Full Brass-Thursday 10am-Noon
	3. Summer Percussion Sectionals:
		1. Snares-Monday 8-10 am
		2. Tenors-Tuesday 8-10 am
		3. Basses-Wednesday 8-10 am
		4. Full Drumline-Thursday 8-10 am
		5. Front Ensemble-Thursday 10 am-12 noon

2. Petoskey Fourth of July Parade

1. Students wear khaki shorts/belt/marching band t-shirt (shirts will be issued)
2. Students meet at PHS at 5:15 pm

**Band Camp**

1. All students must register online by clicking on “Band Camp Registration” from the drop down menu high school button (this also includes health information for our nurses to use at band camp).
2. Parent meeting JULY 22nd (mandatory for all parents, while students are at rehearsal) 6:00-8:00pm Here you will:
3. Meet the camp chaperones
4. Find out what a typical day at band camp looks like
5. Make final band camp payment if needed
6. Complete any missing camp forms needed (medication form and permission slip if your child will ride home with you on the Friday of band camp)
7. Stop by the nurses station if your student requires medication while at band camp (medications brought to nurses station on JULY 28th, camp drop off day)
8. Purchase any band merchandise that will be available (stadium jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats, stadium seats)
9. VOLUNTEER to volunteer! We need your help! Please sign up to help with at least one event. This is a great way to stay involved with your child and meet other band parents.

i. Band camp cookies: sign up to bake cookies for the students at band camp

ii. Competition bus chaperones

iii. Uniforms: concert and marching (fitting and organizing)

iv. Festivals: We host festivals in February and need many volunteers to run this event.

v. Fundraisers: DALMAC- On Labor Day Weekend, we host bikers for this event.

Band Aid- At this May event, we need concession and ticket takers.

 2. First Night Rehearsal: JULY 22nd (mandatory for all students) 6:00-9:00

 3. Packing for Camp: full supply list is on the website in the Band Camp Letter

1. Camelbak H2O backpack (not mandatory, but useful)
2. Be prepared for inclement weather and protection from sun
3. khaki shorts, belt, band t-shirt for Friday night performance at Ferris Stadium

 4. Parents are welcome to attend the performance at Ferris Stadium. It is not mandatory but many parents do attend. A permission slip is required before July 28th if your child will be riding home with you. Performance time is 6:30 pm.

**After Camp**

1. Rehearsals: There are several evening rehearsals in August. Once school begins there will be one evening rehearsal per week. See calendar on band website for exact dates.
2. Missing practice is a huge disadvantage to both your child and the rest of the band. Please communicate with the directors if extenuating circumstance arise and your student cannot make a rehearsal.

**Uniforms**

1. Fittings will be during summer/evening rehearsals.
2. There is a $40 fee for marching shoes and gloves. Shoes and gloves will be ordered for your student. They will be available for your student to pick up the week before our first football game. Please send $40 in with your student at the time of pick up. Checks can be made payable to Petoskey Band Boosters.
3. Uniforms will be kept at the school and distributed before each performance.
4. Students are required to bring hat/hat box, marching shoes, TALL black socks, gloves, and instrument to all games and competitions.

Your student is beginning a new and exciting chapter in their academic and musical career. It can be initially intimidating. If your student has questions, a great source of information and support is their student section leader. Encourage your student to communicate with them. They are there to help. Countless graduated students return each year telling us how rewarding their time in band was. Students develop a love and appreciation for music that will remain with them for a lifetime.

As a parent, you will have questions as well. Please consult our website for information. You can find the directors and band boosters contact information on the website as well. We will be happy to help you. The band boosters meet on the second Thursday of the month (starting in September) at 6:00 pm in the PHS band room. Attending meetings is a great way to stay informed and to get involved. It takes many hands to support this wonderful program! Have a great summer and we will see you in the stands!

Best,

Petoskey Band Boosters