

John Horn High School
Jaguar Band
 A Dedication to Excellence!
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Dear Band Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family having a great Summer. Our marching show this year is called **“Magical Mystery Tour”** featuring music from The Beatles. I am looking forward to next year with high hopes. This letter will inform you of the upcoming **band camp** and expenses that you will incur for the following school year. **We will have a meeting for ALL PARENTS Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the JHHS Gym. Please turn in all forms at this time!**

I would like to announce the following changes to our band staff for the upcoming school year. **Mr. Hill** will be leaving us after 2 great years and will be taking a position as a full time percussionist on Holland American Cruise Ships. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture. **Mr. John Bingaman**, our new Percussion coordinator comes to us from Allen H.S., where he has been for 6 years. Mr. Bingaman is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and we are looking forward to him working with our kids for some years to come.

Ms. Perrin Smith will be joining our staff as Director at Berry Middle School. A trombonist, Ms. Smith is a graduate of Mary Hardin Baylor University where she was the school’s first Drum Major. She will also be assisting with our Color Guard and Winter Guard at the High School. We are excited to have her working on our staff!

Here is a schedule for Band Camp (Required): also found at www.jaguarband.com

July 31	10-3	Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Flag Officers PREP DAY
Aug 1-3	7:30a.m. –11:30a.m.	Leaders, All Guard, Drumline, Freshmen
Aug 6-10	7:30a.m.-12p.m.	Full Band
Aug 4	7:30p.m.-9:30p.m	POOL PARTY(City Lake Park) All band invited!
Aug 13-17	7:30p.m.-2:30p.m.	Full Band
Aug 17	TBA	JAG CAMP PEP RALLY, WE ALL PLAY!
Aug 20-24	4:30p.m.-9:30p.m.	Full Band
Aug 27		First Day of School!!

Read the **“to bring”** list on the back of this page so that you are prepared. I must know if you will not be at any of the summer band rehearsals so that I can make arrangements for your absence. We will have alternates for the drill. You do not want to be an alternate and the way to assure this is to be at summer band. What this means is that if you have an unexcused absence you could be replaced with an alternate. We need everyone to be in attendance of all rehearsals.

If you have planned vacations or attending church or music camps please call me immediately and tell me what days you will miss and why.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING:

- Wear light colored clothing – **NO SANDALS** – Tennis shoes and socks required
- Bring and wear sun screen
- Everyone wears a hat- **even if you have more hair than Mr. B**
- Sunglasses are great
- **You must have your own water jug on the practice field at all times- ALL WATER BREAKS ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE.** Please have water in your water jug- **NOT A CARBONATED DRINK!!!**
- **Prepare for the heat by eating a good breakfast and drinking lots of fluids the night before.**
- Lunch breaks can be taken away or eaten in the Fine Arts Hallway. **NO FOOD OR DRINK, EVEN WATER, IN THE BAND ROOM**
- Do Not Miss Rehearsal

It would be a smart thing to get out and take some morning walks to get yourself acclimated to the heat before band camp. You can't learn drill from the sidelines or sitting inside from being sick. Take the proper precautions and do not take the heat lightly.

Enclosed in this letter is a Band Supply List. If your student has certain items, you do not have to order them again. **Items that everyone must purchase are the show shirt and uniform cleaning.** If you need new shoes and gloves, we will have a size run of shoes and gloves to try on during band camp. We will be wearing our collared red shirts and **khaki shorts** to the first 2 or 3 games this year, so you may start to look for those early.

Also enclosed is a **Parent Volunteer list** for you to fill out and return to us so we can call you if we need your help. If you are available for our band camp outdoor rehearsals, we would like to have some parent volunteers help this year with water breaks. We will purchase a nice shade canopy and a couple of chairs for your comfort. Please e-mail or call me if you will be available for this honor.

If you have any questions, call me at 972-882-5237 and leave a message. Next year will be a great one for the Jaguar Band. It is important that we set the tone of excellence from the very first day of band camp.

For more dates in the Fall, check out our calendar page at our web site at <http://www.jaguarband.com>. I promise I will try to have it updated. There is also many informative pages for students and parents to peruse.

Sincerely,

Todd Burke