

Dear Band Parent;

Your child has expressed an interest in being in the high school marching band this year. We would like to welcome them into what we think is a very worthwhile endeavor. In July they will be asked to come to some evening practices and a week of band camp. Attached is a summer band schedule that you child received in April. They are required to come to these rehearsals unless your family is out of town on vacation during one or more of these. The week of July 23rd – July 27<sup>th</sup> is band camp at Harpeth High School. Camp meets from 8:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. each day rain or shine. If the weather is inclement, we will practice inside. Students must attend all day, every day. We can not excuse them for dental check-ups etc. If your child is going to participate, please don't ask that they miss camp during this week for your vacation. We need 100% participation every day in order to get the show and music taught that week. The cost is \$150 per each student which includes special instructors, the T-shirt they will wear for the first few games, and Gatorade twice a day. This fee will also cover cleaning the uniform for the year. All camp monies must be turned in by the first day of camp (but you may pay them earlier if you wish). The students may only leave the school grounds with your written permission. They will need cool comfortable clothing and shoes with socks. Sun screen is also needed. No special equipment is needed for this week other than their instrument or flag. Please have them bring a water jug with ice each morning. Marching is hard work, but the benefits are many to the individual, and the results of working together as a team are some of the most rewarding and meaningful times of their young adult lives. During the months of August, September, October, and up through the 1st week of November, we practice on Tuesday nights from 5:30 - 8:00, and Thursday afternoons from 3-5:30. Ball games are on most Friday nights. There will be several marching festivals, most of which will be on Saturday from the end of September through the beginning of November. **Attendance is mandatory at all functions. If your child misses a function, they may be replaced with an alternate at the director's discretion.** This extremely rewarding activity is a most importantly, a **COMMITMENT**. Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions about your child being in the Harpeth High School Band.

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P.S. You will receive a full fall schedule when it can be determined.

Attachments: summer camp schedule  
fee schedule