



# DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Band Parents and Students,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2009 edition of the Deer Park High School Marching Band. We anticipate that this will be an exciting and enjoyable fall semester for our students and audiences alike.

We will begin our summer camp with all students on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM at the South Campus Band Hall. Drum majors, officers and section leaders will meet for a work day on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. In the past, summer band camp has been a very frantic and hurried educational experience. This year, with more time available, we will teach at a pace that should be more enjoyable and conducive to learning. We are also scheduling more social activities for students and are planning to present a fall preview concert for parents as well.

Please take time to read through this information letter for upcoming dates, times, and items that relate to your child. The medical release form and the t-shirt order form should be printed from the web site, completed and returned the first day of summer band camp. The medical release form may be completed online by typing in the required information and printing the form (information is not saved or transmitted via the web and the form cannot be submitted online). Both forms may be accessed by clicking on "Forms" on the DPHS Band web page or clicking on the links below:

[Medical Release Form](#)

[Show Shirt Order Form](#)

If you have any questions, please call the band office at 832-668-7227. You will also find updates, forms, announcements, calendars and other useful information on our band website at [www.dpsid.org/~dphs\\_band](http://www.dpsid.org/~dphs_band) or [www.dphsband.com](http://www.dphsband.com). Have a great summer and we will see you at summer band camp.

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# REQUIRED ITEMS FOR BAND MEMBERS

**Checks for items 1 - 6 should be made payable to "DPHS Band" and should be turned in the first day of summer band.**

1. **BAND T-SHIRT - \$15 (2 recommended)**

A Band T-shirt is **required** for all students and is to be worn under band uniforms at all performances. During extremely warm weather, band coats may be removed for comfort while still maintaining a high degree of uniformity within the band. This year's shirt will again be designed around our contest show. Parents may also purchase these shirts using the same order form.

2. **BLACK BAND SHOES - \$30**

Black band shoes will be required for each student. Students must pay for shoes at the time of the shoe fitting. Delivery of shoes will be made to the high school band hall within one week after the order has been placed. Students will also need a pair of long/plain black socks to be worn with the uniform.

3. **MARCHING UNIFORM & TUXEDO CLEANING FEE - \$50**

This fee is collected at the beginning of the fall semester and covers uniform cleaning and alteration expenses during the school year. Uniforms and tuxedos will be stored in the band hall after performances and will be reissued for each use.

4. **SCHOOL INSTRUMENT FEE - \$50**

There is a yearly district fee of \$50 for students who use school owned instruments. This fee must be paid before receiving your instrument.

5. **SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FEE - \$10**

All band students will participate in an ensemble and a solo recital during the course of the school year. The purpose of these events is to give parents the opportunity to hear students perform in smaller groups in a more formal and intimate setting. This fee is non-refundable and is used to off-set the cost of hosting the contest.

6. **WHITE TUXEDO SHIRT - \$10**

Students will wear tuxedos for all concert performances. Each student should purchase their own tuxedo shirt and black plastic studs. Shirts may be purchased at any Al's Formal Wear. White dress shirts are not acceptable (prices may vary).

7. **MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

This is a record of your current medical information and gives school district personnel parental permission to deal with an emergency situation should one arise. Please fill it out completely and bring it to the first rehearsal.

8. **BLACK SHORTS (PLAIN WITH NO MARKINGS)**

Plain black shorts with no writing, advertising, or sportswear logos will be worn under the band uniform at each performance along with the band T-shirt. This will also be considered our report dress for games as well as our unofficial parade uniform.

9. **MUSIC LYRE AND FLIP FOLDER**

These items may be purchased at any area music store. A music lyre is not required for flute, double reeds, or percussion; however, they should purchase a flip folder.

10. **BAND TECHNIQUE BOOK**

**All students** will need to purchase *Foundations for Superior Performance* by Williams and King. This book will be used for individual and ensemble warm up and technique work all through the year. It may be ordered through any local music store and retails for \$5.95. Please have this by the first day of summer rehearsal.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

Students should dress comfortably for outdoor rehearsals and should wear appropriate shoes for marching (high tops, boots and sandals are not appropriate). Hats and sunglasses are encouraged; however, **they should not be worn inside the band hall or in the school building.**

You are responsible for providing your own lunch from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. You may bring a sack lunch or eat out (several places are within walking distance). Be sure you are back on time for the afternoon band rehearsal.

A plain black 1" notebook is needed for your handouts and contest music. Please have a pencil each day as well.

Lockers for daily use are available in the band hall. You will need to furnish your own lock and it must be removed at the end of each day. **The school and staff are not responsible for valuables left in the band hall.**

Instruments may be stored in the assigned locker room storage compartments. Please keep this room neat and do not tamper with another student's instrument at any time for any reason. Please use the compartment that is assigned to you.

**No food, drinks or gum** are allowed inside the band hall at any time!

Summer band camp is a very physical activity. We encourage students to get outside during the summer months and acclimate themselves to the heat and humidity that is inescapable in this area.

Flag Corps members should bring their instruments to all rehearsals.

Please note the dismissal times each day and make transportation plans accordingly. A phone is available in the band hall; however, it is generally reserved for business and emergency use.

A school owned instrument may be checked out for the summer by calling the band office at 832-668-7227 to set an appointment with a director. The school owned instrument use fee is \$50 for the school year - checks should be made payable to *Deer Park High School Band*. **This fee is due at the time the instrument is checked out and is non-refundable.** Brass and woodwind students should purchase their own mouthpiece for use with their instrument.

If you are sending a check to pay for a fee or required item, please notate the following information in the memo section of the check - student name, fee being paid, band (example: Memo - J. Smith, t-shirt, band). Checks should be made payable to "DPHS Band".

If you are considering purchasing a step-up horn, please feel free to call the high school band office for information and advice concerning brands, model numbers, mouthpiece, accessories, etc. prior to your purchase.

## **Drum Majors, Officers and Section Leaders**

Work Day: Wednesday, July 29 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## **Summer Schedule for All Band Students (including Color Guard and Percussion)**

Marching Band begins on Thursday, July 30 from 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

See August calendar on the web site for daily rehearsal schedule.

All rehearsals will take place at South Campus.

## **Fall After-school Rehearsal Schedule**

Full Band – Monday thru Thursday - 4:15 PM – 6:15 PM at the SC Band Hall

*(Rehearsals will begin on the first day of school. The schedule is subject to change.)*

*Check the DPHS Band Website for Summer Updates*

[www.dpsid.org/~dphs\\_band](http://www.dpsid.org/~dphs_band) or [www.dphsband.com](http://www.dphsband.com)

## 2009 Fall Calendar of Events

**Thursday, July 30: Summer Band Camp begins – 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

Thursday, August 6: Shoe Fitting 1:00 PM at the South Campus Band Hall

Tuesday, August 11: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Friday, August 14: Band Picnic at Dow Park; 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Tuesday, August 18: DPISD Teacher Convocation – 8:00 AM; Student Report Time To Be Announced

Friday, August 21: Fall Preview – 6:00 PM in the PAC

Monday, August 24: First Day of Classes; After School Rehearsals Begin

Friday, August 28: Football – Jersey Village (Here) 7:30 PM

Saturday, September: Band Booster Barbecue – Date To Be Announced

Friday, September 4: Football – Aldine (There) 7:30 PM

Monday, September 7: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Friday, September 11: Football – Cy-Fair (Here) 7:30 PM (*Salute to 9/11*)

Friday, September 18: Open Week

Saturday, September 19: Pasadena Rodeo Parade 10:00 AM

Friday, September 25: Football – South Houston – (Here) 7:00 PM (*Homecoming*)

Monday, September 28: Teacher Inservice

Friday, October 2: End of 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks

Friday, October 2: Football – La Porte (There) 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 3: Galena Park Marching Festival – Time To Be Announced

Saturday, October 10: Football – Dobie (There) 1:00 PM

Saturday, October 10: Tentative Date for Marching Festival

Tuesday, October 13: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Friday, October 16: Football – Pasadena (Here) 7:00 PM (*TIFI Night*)

Saturday, October 17: UIL Regional Marching Contest – GPISD Stadium – Time To Be Announced

Friday, October 23: Football – Rayburn (There) 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 24: Sam Houston State Marching Festival Stadium – Time To Be Announced

Monday, October 26: Teacher Inservice

Friday, October 30: Football – Pearland (Here) 7:00 PM

Friday, November 6: Football – Pasadena-Memorial (There) 7:00 PM

***Please be reminded that the band will perform at all playoff games after the regular season has ended.***

Tuesday, November 10: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day Programs during school day at North and South Campus

Friday, November 13: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks

Monday – Friday, November 23-27: Thanksgiving Holidays

Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5: Region Band Auditions at Dobie High School

Thursday, December 10: Winter Concert – PAC 7:00 PM

Friday, December 18: Half Day Dismissal

Monday – Friday, December 21 – January 1: Winter Holidays

## 2010 Spring Calendar of Events

Monday, January 4: Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, January 5: Band Auditions, during all classes

Saturday, January 9: Area Band Auditions

Tuesday, January 12: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Wednesday – Friday, January 13-15 – Final Exams

Friday – Saturday, January 15-16: Region Band Clinic and Concert at Pasadena High School

Friday, January 15: End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks/End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Monday, January 18: Teacher Inservice

Friday – Saturday, January 22-23: Region Orchestra Clinic - PAC

Friday, January 29: Marching Band Clinic for all Returning Members 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at SC Band Hall

Tuesday, February 2: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Thursday, February 4: – Ensemble Recital 6:00 PM in the PAC and Fine Arts Area

Friday, February 5: Marching Band Clinic for all Returning Members 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at SC Band Hall

Wednesday – Friday, February 10-13: TMEA Convention in San Antonio

Friday, February 19: Marching Band Clinic for all Returning Members 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at SC Band Hall

Friday, February 26: Marching Band Clinic for all Returning Members 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at SC Band Hall

Friday, February 26: End of 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

Saturday, February 27: UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at Pasadena Memorial High School

Wednesday, March 3: ELA TAKS Test

Tuesday, March 9: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Monday – Friday, March 15-19: Spring Break

Tuesday, March 23: Junior High and High School Pre-UIL Concert

Friday, March 26: Band Booster Baked Potato Dinner 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM (*tentative date*)

Friday, April 2: Teacher Inservice

Tuesday, April 6: Band Booster Meeting 7:00 PM at South Campus Band Hall

Tuesday – Wednesday, April 13-14: UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contests at Dobie High School

Friday, April 16: End of 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

Monday – Friday, April 26-30: TAKS Testing

Thursday, May 13: Spring Concert – 7:00 PM, PAC

Monday, May 17: Band Auditions, during all classes

Thursday, May 20: Solo Recital 6:00 in the PAC and SC Fine Arts Area

Friday, May 21: Band Banquet 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM, South Campus Cafeteria

Friday 28: Final Exams

Monday, May 31: School Holiday

Tuesday – Wednesday, June 1-2: Final Exams

Wednesday, June 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Period Band Rehearsal, Time To Be Announced (For newly selected 1<sup>st</sup> Period Band members)

Thursday, June 3: ½ Day Dismissal

Thursday, June 3: End of 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks

Friday, June 4: Graduation 7:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Period Band will perform)