



DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Band Students and Parents,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2010 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 29th 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 28th 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 relating 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 webpage.

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.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 - \$15 (approximately)**

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 AND TALL BLACK SOCKS (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. Black socks are also required to be worn with the uniform as well as the tuxedo.

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.** School owned instruments requiring a fee are: oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, contra clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, French horn, euphonium, tuba, percussion. 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 28 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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

Marching Band begins on Thursday, July 29 from 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM
See August calendar for daily rehearsal schedule. All rehearsals will take place at South Campus.

Fall After-school Rehearsal Schedule

Full Band – Monday through 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.dphsband.com*

Show Shirt Order Form

Band T-shirts are **required** for all students and are to be worn under band uniforms at all performances. This makes it possible to maintain a high degree of uniformity within the band when coats are removed during extremely warm weather. This year's shirt will again be designed around the theme of our contest show.

Parents may also order shirts for themselves on this same form.

Please make checks payable to: *Deer Park High School Band*

Student Name: _____

Class Period: _____ Home Phone: _____

Number of Shirts Ordered: _____ @ \$15 each

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please indicate the number of shirts you are ordering in each size:

_____ SMALL

_____ MEDIUM

_____ LARGE

_____ X-LARGE

_____ XX-LARGE

_____ XXX-LARGE

2010 Fall Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday, August 5	Shoe Fitting	4:30 PM	SC Band Hall
<i>Tuesday, August 10</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Friday, August 13	Band Picnic	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Dow Park
Friday, August 20	Fall Preview	6:00 PM	PAC
Monday, August 23	First Day of Classes		
Friday, August 27	Football - Dickinson	7:30 PM	Abshier Stadium
Saturday, September 4	Football - Aldine	6:00 PM	Thorne Stadium
Monday, September 6	Labor Day Holiday		
Friday, September 10	Football - Clear Creek (HC)	7:30 PM	Abshier Stadium
<i>Tuesday, September 14</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Thursday, September 16	Football - Westside	7:00 PM	Abshier Stadium
Friday, September 24	Football - La Porte	7:30 PM	Abshier Stadium
Monday, September 27	Teacher Inservice		
	Band Booster Barbeque	TBA	SC Cafeteria
Friday, October 1	End of 1 st Six Weeks		
Saturday, October 2	Galena Park Marching Festival	TBA	Galena Park ISD Stadium
Saturday, October 9	Football - South Houston	1:00 PM	Veterans Memorial Stadium
<i>Tuesday, October 12</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Friday, October 15	Football - Pasadena	7:00 PM	Veterans Memorial Stadium
Saturday, October 16	UIL Marching Contest	TBA	Galena Park ISD Stadium
Friday, October 22	Football - Memorial	7:00 PM	Abshier Stadium
Saturday, October 23	Area Marching Contest	TBA	Galena Park ISD Stadium
Monday, October 25	Teacher Inservice		
Saturday, October 30	Football - Rayburn	1:00	Veterans Memorial Stadium
Friday, November 5	Football - Dobie	7:00 PM	Abshier Stadium
<i>Please be reminded that the band will perform at all playoff games after the regular season has ended.</i>			
Saturday, November 6	Sulphur Marching Festival	TBA	Sulphur, LA
<i>Tuesday, November 9</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Thursday, November 11	Veterans Day Ceremony	TBA	PAC and Mason Auditorium
Friday, November 12	End of 2 nd Six Weeks		
Monday, November 22	Thanksgiving Holidays Begin		
Friday, December 3	Region Band Auditions	4:30 PM	Dobie High School
Saturday, December 4	Region/Area Band Auditions	8:30 AM	Dobie High School
Thursday, December 9	Band Winter Concert	7:00 PM	PAC
Monday, December 20	Winter Holidays Begin		

2011 Spring Calendar of Events

Monday, January 3	Teacher Inservice		
Tuesday, January 4	Band Auditions during all classes		
Friday, January 7	Marching Band Clinic	4:15 PM - 6:15 PM	SC Band Hall
Saturday, January 8	Area Band Auditions	TBA	TBA
<i>Tuesday, January 11</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Friday, January 14	3 rd Six Weeks Ends		
Friday, January 14	Region Band Clinic	TBA	Pasadena High School
Saturday, January 15	Region Band Concert	TBA	Pasadena High School
Monday, January 17	Teacher Inservice		
Friday, January 21	Region Orchestra Clinic	TBA	Kingwood Park High School
Saturday, January 22	Region Orchestra Concert	TBA	Kingwood Park High School
Friday, January 28	Marching Band Clinic	4:15 PM - 6:15 PM	SC Band Hall
Friday, February 4	Marching Band Clinic	4:15 PM - 6:15 PM	SC Band Hall
<i>Tuesday, February 8</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Friday, February 25	Band Solo Recital	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	SC Fine Arts Area
Friday, February 25	4 th Six Weeks Ends		
<i>Tuesday, March 8</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Monday, March 14	Spring Break Begins		
Tuesday, March 22	Band Pre-UIL	All Day	PAC
Thursday, March 24	Band Booster Baked Potato Dinner	5:00 PM	SC Cafeteria
<i>Tuesday, April 12</i>	<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i>	<i>SC Band Hall</i>
Thursday, April 14	UIL Band Concert and Sightreading	TBA	Dobie High School
Friday, April 15	UIL Band Concert and Sightreading	TBA	Dobie High School
Friday, April 15	5 th Six Weeks Ends		
Friday, April 22	Teacher Inservice		
Tuesday, April 26	State Testing Begins		
Thursday, May 12	Band Spring Concert	7:00 PM	PAC
Saturday, May 14	Band Banquet	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	SC Cafeteria
Friday, May 20	Band Ensemble Recital	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Fine Arts Area
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day Holiday		
Thursday, June 2	6 th Six Weeks Ends		
Friday, June 3	Teacher Inservice		
Friday, June 3	Graduation		