

IMPORTANT Viking Band Notes

Welcome to the Parkview Viking Band of 2013-2014! In this newsletter you will find very helpful information for the upcoming marching season. This is going to be a very exciting year!

The title of the 2013-2014 Marching Season is: ANGUISH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: BAND CAMP DATES ARE NOW SET!

We are giving you these dates early enough that everyone should be able to make it to each camp. If there is a conflict, please let Mr. Tipton know ahead of time.

June 17-21 Percussion & Color Guard Camp 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

July 8-12 Percussion & Color Guard Camp 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

July 11-12 Freshmen & New Member Camp 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

July 15-19 Full Band Camp 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

July 22-26 Full Band Camp 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

July 26 Concert On The Green & Ice Cream Social 7:00 PM

Please remember that we do a lot of work during these weeks so it is very necessary for you to be in attendance.

BOOSTER NEWS:

The Parkview Band Boosters is a group made up of parents, grandparents, former band parents, and community members. There are a number of ways to support the band, a list of opportunities are enclosed, sign up sheets will be at the "Concert on the Green", and the first booster meeting and open house. Booster members will be available to answer questions at any of these events. There is no membership fee to be a part of this group, we all work together to make sure every student has a good band experience.

203-2014 BOOSTER OFFICERS:

President: Ronora Correll – 417-766-5757

Vice President: Julie Antley – 417-818-3807

Treasurer: Beth Jones – 417-207-7505

Secretary: Kim Diehls – 417-268-5411

BOOSTER MEETINGS:

Booster meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month during the marching season, then as needed the remainder of the year. The first meeting of the year will be September 5th at 6:30 in the band hall. At this meeting, you will be able to get information about the many volunteer opportunities that are available during the marching season.

COMMUNICATION:

In an effort to keep everyone informed of upcoming events, meetings and any changes in scheduling that may occur, as well as keep costs to a minimum; we are inclosing an information sheet asking for parent names, phone numbers and email addresses. Please complete the form and return it to school with your student during any of the band camps. Please make sure that you have written clearly so that we can read it.

VALHALLA MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL

The Parkview Band and Boosters will host the 13th Annual Valhalla Marching Band Festival on Saturday October 5th. This is one of the largest band festivals in the state. Each year 30-35 bands from the area come to compete for awards in their division. This is an all day event and many parent volunteers are needed to help make it a successful day. All band students are **REQUIRED** to work a 4 hour shift during the day, as well as perform in exhibition between preliminary and final competition. There will be more information as well as sign up sheets at the Concert on the Green and at the first booster meeting. By volunteering, you can enter your students name into a drawing for \$100 towards their trip fund. One entry per person for each shift worked. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to volunteer. The drawing will be held at the November booster meeting.

FREE SHOES!!!!!!

If your student does not have band shoes, there are many assorted sizes available in the band room at no cost to you! The students can ask Mr. Tipton or the uniform committee for assistance!

BAND AIDES NEEDED!!!!

We are introducing a new program to the PHS Band. We are wanting upper classmen families that would be interested in adopting a new freshman family for the marching season. You would be their come to person for information or questions. We have heard over and over again how many of the freshman parents come in and feel lost. We don't want anyone feeling lost. We want everyone to

feel welcome and a part of our great band family. So if you would be willing to do that, please email Mr. Tipton at ctipton@spsmail.org or the band boosters.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child is diabetic, has asthma, food allergies, or any other medical condition that requires daily medication or special needs, please make sure that they have their needed medication and any needed items on competition days. If we have prior knowledge of food allergies, we will do our best to accommodate a meal option for those students.

DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE?

We are hoping to find a few parents willing to bake cookies and or brownies for the competition season. We have found the homemade items to be a big hit with the kids! If you would like to help, please contact the band boosters.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Competition season is a busy time and knowing what to expect and bring can be helpful for the first time band parents and students. We have a group of parents that ride the busses as chaperones. Others drive their vehicles to the competitions. Competitions begin this year the last weekend of September and usually go through the end of October. These will be every Saturday, so please plan accordingly so that your band student can be there. It is very difficult to march "holes" when someone is not there. The weather can be very interesting. It can go from hot to cold all in the same day. It is a good idea to bring a sweatshirt, jacket, sunglasses, umbrella, stadium seats, cushions, blankets and sunscreen. Tennis shoes and socks are a must! Sometimes there is a lot of walking between the busses and competition field. Many times there are long gaps between performance times and awards ceremonies. Lawn chairs, coolers with drinks and snacks are frequently needed and appreciated by the students. During these times, the kids play Frisbee, throw a football, listen to iPods, watch other bands, or take time to relax. We need help loading and unloading equipment, setting up food area, serving kids, cleaning up and miscellaneous things that may come up during the season. In addition to loading and unloading, we also help the pit get their instruments on the field. More information will be provided about this. Just be thinking now what you can do to help make this year the best we have ever had! **Without parent involvement, it makes it very tough to do what we do.** We also need the students to be on their very best behavior and represent Parkview at its very best.

It takes all of us doing our very best to accomplish great things!

PHS BAND BOOSTER COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS:

Game Prep – Place seat covers on bleachers for band to sit on, transport water coolers, cups and ice to stadium. Fill cups of water for band after pre-game and half-time. Clean up after game.

Uniform – Responsible for checking the uniforms in and out for games and competitions. Also check to see if there are any repairs that need to be made to the uniforms.

Plumes – Responsible for getting plumes to performance site; taking to stadium or getting loaded on equipment truck. Place plumes on band members hats while band is warming up, take off following performance and place back into storage case.

Chaperones – Ride bus with students to competitions, take attendance and assist students when needed.

Food – Assist with preparation, assembling all needed supplies such as grills, coolers, supply box to be loaded on trucks, transport food if needed, set up serving area, serve/supervise meals at competitions. Clean up.

Equipment – Assist in loading and unloading of equipment trucks at school before, during and upon return from competitions. (Large instruments, pit and guard equipment, props, etc.)

Fundraising – Plan and implement fund raising activities. Very important during a trip year

Please look over these committees and start thinking now what you would like to do to help make our band the best Parkview has ever seen!

PARKVIEW VIKING BAND CONCERT ON THE GREEN FRIDAY JULY 26TH AT 7:00 PM

Come watch the band go through their marching drills and see what they have accomplished during their long days at camp. Get information on upcoming events, performances and how to volunteer to be a part of the band boosters. Ice Cream and Drinks will be provided by the Band Boosters. Please bring a dessert to share.

Each student is asked to bring a 24 pack of bottled water and the following items to be used during marching season:

Freshmen: 20 oz plastic cups, chips or crackers

Sophomores: Pre-packaged cookies or snack items, plastic utensils

Juniors: Pre-packaged cookies or chips, 20 oz plastic cups

Seniors: 20 oz plastic cups, paper plates or napkins

You can bring these at any time during band camp, Concert on the Green, or to the first booster meeting on September 5th at 6:30 PM. Please make every effort to attend this event. Invite your friends and family to see what this amazing group of young people have worked so hard on during these band camps!

MARCHING SEASON FYI

- Students are transported on school busses to and from competitions. Students are responsible for their own transportation to the school and required to report at designated time and place.
- Students are not allowed to leave the competition site. If a parent is present and wishes to transport student home, the parent will be asked to sign the student out.
- One meal will be provided for band students at each out of town competition.
- Bottled water is provided to students with meals following all performances at competitions. Water is also provided at football games after the pregame and half time.
- If travel time/distance requires a restroom stop on the way to a competition, students are responsible for their own purchases for snacks. When possible, we stop where there is more than one restaurant such as McDonald's and Subway etc.
- Many students bring snacks along on the buses; please remember to clean up any crumbs or wrappers when arriving at destination. Buses will be checked upon arrival back to school, students are not permitted to leave the buses until they are clean.
- Students are responsible for their own uniforms and instruments. Uniforms are to be hung neatly in uniform bags with shoes in shoe compartment. Gloves and BLACK socks should be kept in the bag. Instruments are transported in bins on the equipment trucks. Upon return to school, students are expected to help unload trucks and put instruments and uniforms away.
- One pair of black gloves are provided to each student, if gloves are lost, replacement gloves can be purchased from Mr. Tipton.
- Parents are encouraged to attend ALL performances, there are many volunteer opportunities to help with, or you may prefer to watch the other bands perform.
- An itinerary will be provided to students each week for the upcoming Saturday competitions which will include report time, performance time, directions to site, and any additional information necessary. This information will also be available on the band website. www.phsband.com.
- Parents may prefer to caravan behind the buses to ensure arrival at the correct location of the band. Most competitions we attend have a large attendance and each band has a reserved area where the buses park and our food serving area are set up.
- At the end of the long days of competitions, it is very important for students to be picked up in a timely manner. Please be patient with the traffic, it can be very congested on bumpy road.
- Students need to be very respectful to Mr. Tipton, Mrs. Bankhead, other staff members, and the volunteers who give of their time to help them at every event.