

# Timberlane Regional High School Marching Band

June 4, 2019



Dear Band Member:

The most important factor in having a successful 2019-2020 year in band is YOU. The extent with which you practice the music and marching fundamentals to prepare for the upcoming season will determine the bands success. The five days of band camp will not be enough time to learn and prepare the music . Please come to camp with the music prepared. Only with daily practice prior to camp will you be highly successful.

- **START MEMORIZING THE MUSIC;** All of the show music and the Star-Spangled Banner
- **PREPARE ALL MAJOR SCALES:** Learning them in 2 octaves
- **LEARN OTHER MUSIC:** All other stand music in your folder should be reviewed. Also, if auditioning for All State, please learn the All-State music and scales, chromatic scale, 2 octaves when possible, percussion learn the standard rudiments,

KEEP trying and you will eventually make it happen. Do not expect it to be perfect the first day of camp but, ***START WORKING NOW!!!***

We are having Band Camp at the PAC Monday – Friday, **August 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY !!** When you report to Band Camp on the first day. Health Forms will be printed directly from Power School. You will not need to bring a Health Form to Band camp. The complete Band Camp itinerary is enclosed; review it and make sure you have what you need.

You will be fitted for your uniforms when uniforms are distributed at 4:00 p.m. on Monday for Seniors, Tuesday for Juniors; Wednesday for Sophomores; and Thursday for Freshman. Friday only if needed. If you need new marching band shoes, please see Mrs. Giacobbe by August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Freshman Night to place your order. T-shirts, garment bags, fleece jackets, tux shirts (for concerts) and gloves may be ordered using the order form in this packet.

## **Concerns About Athletic Conflicts**

Over the years, a very large number of our marching band students have successfully participated in both marching band and a fall sport or two. It can be challenging, but it is successfully accomplished every year.

The two most common conflicts are:

1. Band Camp: Our Band Camp rehearsals might conflict with some of the fall sports practices. Band Camp practices are very important as the marching fundamentals and show drill will be taught at that time. Some compromises will need to be made. The music and athletic departments have a very long and wonderful tradition of cooperation here at Timberlane.

2. Football Games: Needless to say, varsity football players will not be expected to play with the band in the stands at the football games. With their coach's permission, they are invited to perform with the band at halftime. There are also other sporting events commonly held the same night as football games. In these cases the students would be expected to join the band after their game is over. Parents often carpool with the kids from away games.

- The general rule to follow is this: Performance/Game vs. Rehearsal/Practice = Attend the Performance/Game.
- Performance vs. Game = Compromises will need to be made.
- Rehearsal vs. Practice = Compromises will need to be made.

**Have a GREAT SUMMER**, work hard and GOOD LUCK!! We will have a very impressive band in the fall. How impressive we become is up to YOU!!! It is good to have you with us. Come back to school in the fall as a **positive contributor** to the band.

***If you have any questions over the summer, I can be reached at school at 603-382-6541 ext. 3810 or even better, by e-mail at [Kenneth.clark@Timberlane.net](mailto:Kenneth.clark@Timberlane.net). Feel free to contact me or any of the band officers with your questions.***

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth J. Clark". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Yours truly," text.

Mr. Clark

