

Pride of Sunnyside Marching Band

Band Camp Welcome Letter 2018

Welcome to another great year with the Pride of Sunnyside Marching Band. I know it is still early in the summer, and camp seems far away, but it will be here before we know it. This year we will be growing in size and quality both, pushing off of last years successes to an incredibly stellar upcoming season with our show, "**Macabre.**" In this letter, you'll find all of the information you and your student will need for band camp, taking place **July 23-27 from 8 AM - 9 PM at Sunnyside High School.** In addition, more information can be found at our website, sshbandandchoir.weebly.com

Purpose and Goals

Goal 1: Create a sense of community throughout the band

Goal 2: Establish the atmosphere of respect and dignity for all

Goal 3: Set the standards for music, marching, and success for the rest of the year

Goal 4: Meet new friends and have fun!

Drum and Guard Camps

Due to the extra intensity needed for percussion and color guard, all returning or incoming percussionist or guard members are required to attend Percussion or Guard Camp. During these camps, students will get a head start on their portion of the marching show, as well as develop more cohesion between the groups.

Guard Camp will be July 16-19 from 8 AM - 5 PM

Percussion Camp will be July 16-20 from 8 AM - 5 PM.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters are a group of parents and community members who work to help the band during the school year. This organization is parent run and organized, and they participate by selling items at all the home football games to raise funds for the program. This group is a phenomenal help to all of the students, providing food on away trips, making sure water is taken care of during games, as well as the expenses for the program in general. The boosters help in all ways possible, from fixing equipment, building things for the program, or looking for better systems to make the program run more smoothly. Please do not hesitate to offer your skills!

Pre-Camp Information Meeting

There will be an information meeting for parents and students before band camp on **Saturday, July 21 at 6 PM**. This information session before band camp is for all parents, guardians, students, boosters, and anybody who is interested in helping out. During that time, students will be sized for shoes and gloves, potentially fit for uniforms, and fees/payments collected for shoes/gloves (please see the enclosed order form). If you have any pressing questions, you are encouraged to email me at rustyo@susd12.org. Please plan accordingly for payment, but we can be flexible on case-by-case situations. Once the school year starts, handbooks will be available for all students, outlining the classroom policies, rules, expectations, and everything relating to the program.

What to Bring to Camp

Students will be coming to school each day, but not in a normal school setting. Students will need different items to be successful at camp. This camp is meant to be functional, not a vacation. Because of that, students should take note of the following:

DO NOT BRING:

Gum	Tank tops (dress code)	Electronics
Anything valuable	Cell Phones	Sandals

DO BRING:

Water (at least a gallon)	Sunscreen	Sunglasses
Close-toed shoes	Hat	Appropriate attire
Lunch/dinner each day	Instrument	Music/Pencil

Prior to Band Camp

Before band camp takes place, please encourage your student to practice the music for this year. There are stand tunes, as well as our full marching show. The stand tunes are played at a number of events throughout the year (including football games, pep rallies, community events), and the marching show is what we perform at halftime at football games and at our marching festivals. ***Please take note that if a student is not at band camp, and there is not reasonable communication beforehand, the student will be placed in the front ensemble for the marching season. If your student has not received the music, please e-mail Mr. Carle-Ogren at RustyO@susd12.org and he will send the music to you.***

Band Camp Schedule

Every day we will follow a similar schedule beginning at 8 AM and ending at 9 PM, beginning with a morning block outside, then music rehearsal inside before lunch. We will remain inside during the hottest parts of the day, and not return outside until 6-7 PM each day. On Monday morning, we will have a “Rookie Camp” for all of the new members to the band. This will be to introduce them to leadership, the policies of the program, and give them a chance to be introduced to basics without the returners. Returning members will report to the band room at 1 PM on Monday for the rest of the camp.

Each day of camp has a theme, and students should gear themselves up in their favorite attire for those days. While not required of the students, it brings a new level of fun and entertainment for each day. The themes for each day:

Monday - Superhero Day

Tuesday - Nerd Day

Wednesday - Twin Day

Thursday - Beach Day

Friday - Section Color

Flutes and Clarinets - Blue

Alto Saxophones - Red

High Brass (trumpets and horns) - Green

Low Brass and Woodwinds - Purple

Percussion - Black

Color Guard - White

With the exception of Monday, the band room will be closed at 7:50 AM each morning as we transition out to the field to begin promptly at 8 AM.

At the end of camp on Friday, we host a banquet for the students and parents. At this banquet we recognize outstanding individuals from the week, section skits are performed, and the students perform the music that we have worked on and learned in this week. This year we are going to have it catered by Texas Roadhouse. The students will have the cost of food covered by our wonderful Band Boosters, but we ask that families help to offset the cost at \$8 per extra person. The banquet itself is free to enter and enjoy the performances, and all are welcome to come.

Contact Information

The band utilizes many different means of communication. Please take note of the following methods and subscribe as you can.

Remind 101- A texting service for teachers to share information with their classes.

Normal texting fees apply.

Parent: Text “@sshsbb” to 81010 to enroll

Student: Text “@sshspride” to 81010 to enroll

Percussion Student: Text “@bddl” to enroll

Facebook: We have a Facebook group for parents and students of the program where extra information is shared with students during the season as it arises. The link to it is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/909998272390423/>

Twitter: The Band has a Twitter account where short updates are occasionally posted. Please follow [@PrideSunnyside](https://twitter.com/PrideSunnyside) to get these updates.

Website: <http://sshsbandandchoir.weebly.com/> This website will contain the most up-to-date information regarding the program at all times. This letter with more detailed information about camps will be uploaded to the website. I encourage everybody to frequently check for updates.

Director Contact

In order to reach Mr. Carle-Ogren, e-mail is best, especially over the summer.

Email: RustyO@susd12.org

Band Office: (520) 545-5471

Conclusion

A lot of information was presented in this letter, but there is never a chance to cover every question. If you have any lingering thoughts, questions, or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Carle-Ogren and he will respond as quickly as possible. I am truly looking forward to meeting and working with your student through the coming year!

Sincerely,

Rusty Carle-Ogren

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Student Order Form for Marching Band

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ Parent E-mail: _____

Costs:

- Band Fee \$60 – Includes T-shirt and uniform cleaning
- Shoes \$35 – Black Drill Masters
- Gloves \$5
- Flip Folder* \$5 – Not required, but strongly recommended

Shoes and Gloves are ordered in bulk through the booster organization to ensure accuracy and timely delivery.

Note – Guard fees will be different based on different shoes and gloves. That information will be available at the Parent Meeting prior to camp.

Students who have shoes and gloves from previous years do not need to purchase new items provided they are in good quality. The shoes and gloves are specific parts of the uniform that are required. The students get to keep these year to year and when they graduate. Percussion does not need gloves

	<i>Shoe Size</i>	<i>Glove Size (circle one)</i>	<i>Flip Folder</i>
_____ Men's		Small	Yes
		Medium	
_____ Women's		Large	No
		Extra Large	
Cost of Each:	\$35	\$5	\$5
Total Cost:			

Band Fee: _____ \$60

Total Due (Band Fee + Total cost of above): _____

Amount Paid: _____

Remaining Balance: _____

All fees must be paid by the first game on August 17. The student will not be able to dress out and perform without having their equipment paid for.



Band Parent T-Shirts



Show your Blue Devil pride AND Support your band student by wearing a SHS Band Booster T-Shirt! Fill out the form below and submit your payment to the Band Boosters or Mr. Carle-Ogren no later than **August 3rd**. CASH only, receipts will be given upon purchase. All shirts will be ordered in Men's sizes.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Size	Short Sleeve T-Shirt Specify Qty:	Price: \$XX ea
Small		
Medium		
Large		
X-Large		
2X		
3X		
		Total Cost:



Band Camp Banquet



At the end of camp, the boosters will be hosting a banquet for the students and parents. At this banquet, students will perform section skits, and perform the music, showcasing the work they have done over the course of the week. The banquet is open to all free of charge, but we ask that parents and family members pay \$8 per person to cover their cost of food. The students who attend band camp will not have to pay, as the boosters will cover their cost. Please bring this portion of the form to Mr. Carle-Ogren by Wednesday, July 25 so adequate food can be ordered.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of Guests: _____ x \$8 = _____

Total Paid: _____

Balance Due: _____