

Dewey Big Red Pride 2019

Band Camp Information Letter

Hello Dewey Band students and family! Below is every bit of pertinent information relating to our fast approaching band camp. As usual, band camp is MANDATORY for all enrolled 1st period band students this school year. As the time quickly approaches, remember that your contribution as an individual will help or hurt your team. Begin healthy habits now if you have not already. Drink lots of water, and make a priority of walking/jogging/sports or any kind of aerobic activity at least 30-60 minutes a day. Your physical health plays a large role in your success at a physical activity that is marching band. I'm so excited for the product we'll begin to build at camp, our 2019 competition show entitled CARPE DIEM, featuring *Any Way You Want It*, *Viva La Vida*, and *Don't Stop Believin'*. So seize the day, and begin your preparations for a memorable season, whether it's your senior year or year 1. I can't wait to see all of you soon. In the meantime, **be sure to follow Dewey Bands on facebook, Dewey Bands on instagram, and @DeweyBands on twitter, and visit DeweyBands.com for updates and resources. You can also subscribe to our remind101 text alerts by texting @mtilu to 81010.**

-Mr. Tilus

BAND CAMP INFORMATION:

- All Band members will meet in the band room for band camp at the start of each day. We will be using various facilities on campus including Bulldogger Stadium, the choir room, auditorium, and possibly the HS or MS gym.
- **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES FOR YOUR REQUIRED ATTENDANCE:**
- **SECTION LEADERS/DRUM MAJOR: July 29-30. 1:00p-5:00p.**
- **COLOR GUARD & DRUMLINE: July 31-August 2. 1:00p-5:00p.**
- **8th GRADE MARCHERS: (FIRST YEAR) August 1-2. 6:00-8:00p.**
- **ALL BAND MEMBERS: August 5-9. 12:30p-8:30p.**
- Due to the nature of our activity, and the duration of time we will spend outside in the warm humid weather, please dress accordingly. It is **REQUIRED** that you wear closed-toed athletic shoes, no sandals will be permitted. Dress for the heat and lots of movement. Jeans or formal wear are not recommended.
- Have sunscreen if you feel you need it, even though our outdoor time will largely be spent in the evening hours.
- Water will be available to you wherever we are, but it is recommended that you bring some kind of water bottle.

- **Dinner Break** will take place from **4:30p-6:00p each day** of camp. Students may either bring a meal or cash for off-campus meals. Students are permitted to leave campus as long as they arrive back on time. Failure to do so will result in a loss of off-campus food privileges. Students may only have food in the band room for camp, once school begins it will be off-limits. There is a microwave available in the band room. **Students are NOT PERMITTED to have SODA of any kind during the week/weeks of camp. We will confiscate soda, and send it home at the end of the day.** Soda dehydrates and will be degrading to your health during a hot, strenuous week.
- Each student must bring the following materials to camp: ***Instrument (clean and functional); FLIP FOLDER; Show music; Pencil.*** We will provide additional music for warm-ups, national anthem, fight song, and stand tunes. We will be utilizing coordinate sheets and poker chips to learn our movement on the field. Each student is responsible for their coordinate sheet and set of colored chips.
- **Marching Uniforms:** We will not be wearing our uniforms until September, but will begin fittings during camp. If you are a returning band student, you will need to be re-fitted to ensure the fit is still correct. Please note the following dates and times for your fitting: **12th Grade: August 6-11:30am. 11th Grade: August 6-8:30p. 10th Grade: August 7-11:30am. 9th Grade: August 8: 11:30am. 8th Grade: August 9-11:00am.** All Students will be required to try on their assigned uniform, and be assessed for any necessary minor hemmings/repairs for the jacket and pants. Shakos (hats) will be fitted as well. If you do not already own a few pairs, **LONG BLACKS SOCKS** will be required for the uniform. As for shoes, if you **do not** have a black pair of marching shoes, see the uniform staff or Mr. Tilus during camp and we will assign you a pair from inventory, or you will be required to purchase a pair, typically no more than about \$30. **ADDITIONALLY:** We will begin the season by wearing **KHAKI SHORTS**, and our new band shirt beginning with our first home football game on Friday, August 30th. **You must have a pair of TAN Khaki shorts before then.** Don't hesitate to ask for clarification or help if you need it! We will typically wear this outfit for home games prior to September 20th, and away games, unless cold weather warrants the use of our full uniform. We will further notify you when our new shirts arrive, they will be **\$10 each** (required purchase).

PARENT HELP:

- In addition to our wonderful booster committees we will be looking for assistance in the following areas. Please contact myself (Mr. Tilus- mktilus@deweyk12.org) or Mr. Green (kagreen@deweyk12.org) if you are interested in helping during camp in any of these areas:

- Evening water/gatorade/snacks: As you'll note in the schedule, we will be outside rehearsing at Bulldogger Stadium from 6:00-8:30p each day. Typically in August here in Dewey, America, it's a bit warm. We would appreciate donations and assistance with the following items: Water, Gatorade/Gatorade mix, Fruit (Oranges, Peaches, Nectarines, Plums, or Apples), Popsicle Sticks.
- Uniform Fittings: (Jamie Wilson, Liaison). For each day, one grade will need to try on assigned uniforms (returning students' assigned uniforms will be first priority). This includes the jacket, pants, hat, and a pair of shoes if needed. We will need assistance in assessing the fit, and any minor alterations such as hemming a pant leg or jacket sleeve. The more that are willing to assist with this process the faster it will go.
- Parent Preview Performance: We will culminate camp with a brief performance in Bulldogger Stadium on **Friday, August 9th at 6:00pm**. Following that performance we would like to provide **pizzas for students and families, and we will be inviting the Dewey Volunteer Fire Department to bring out a truck and provide a fun and very wet cool-off!!** If you would like to assist in donating drinks/cups/plates/ice for this event, and/or assist in coordinating a local pizza delivery that would be a tremendous help! Please don't hesitate to contact me if this sounds like something you would be interested in helping with.

One final reminder that Band Camp is **MANDATORY**. As stated in the contract provided in May, students who miss camp unexcused will be written out of the show, ***and not permitted to march all season***. Communicate ASAP any potential absences or conflicts, and we'll be happy to work with you. I will be placing phone calls to parents of students whom I did not receive a signed contract at the end of last school year. Our full season band calendar can be viewed on our google calendar online, and a hard copy will be handed out at camp, as well as in the handbook at the beginning of school. Please understand also that grades in EVERY class affects your eligibility to perform in contest. Arrive at each camp and rehearsal on time, ready to work with a positive attitude. Your contribution to this team will determine the kind of season we can have. There is much potential in our band, with 45 members strong in 2019! Poor work ethic, attendance, practice, and effort will not be tolerated, and will result in new consequences this season. Determine to make the most of your time with the Big Red Pride, and you'll make incredible memories. We are after all, ***ONE TEAM. ONE SOUND. ONE RED.***

Mr. Tilus

On the next page, you'll see our daily band camp schedule.

Camp Schedule: August 5-9

- 12:30-1:00p: Announcements/Daily Re-cap, Warm-up and Tuning, Full Ensemble Rehearsal.
- 1:00-2:00p: Family Sectionals: Percussion, Woodwinds, Brass, Color Guard.
- 2:00-2:15p: Break
- 2:15-3:00p: Sub Sectionals: (ie flutes, trumpets, trombones, etc.)
- 3:00-3:15p: Break
- 3:15-4:30p: Full Ensemble Rehearsal
- 4:30-6:00p: Dinner Break
- 6:00-6:30p: (Bulldogger Stadium-ALL-Water breaks every 15 minutes) Stretch Block, Physical Warm-up
- 6:30-7:15p: Marching Fundamentals
- 7:15-8:15p: Setting/Rehearsing Drill
- 8:15-8:30p: Game/Announcements/Dismiss

Please ensure you HYDRATE with lots of water, and get well rested each night. We will do all we can to ensure you are well hydrated and nourished for marching activities. Your health and well-being is priority #1. Do all you can now to prepare for camp, this is a very fun and exciting season of the year!

