

## **Band Update – 8/11/22**

Good afternoon! First of all, thank you all for a FANTASTIC start to our 2022 school year. This year's band camp was one of the best I have been a part of. The energy of the students was infectious and we are seeing the results on the field. We truly appreciate all the volunteers that put in extra time to make the week a success.

A few notes/updates for you as we prepare for the official start of the school year can be found below.

### **Upcoming Rehearsals and Performances**

Minicamp Rehearsals – 8/15 and 8/17, 6 pm–8 pm @ DHS Football Field

- All marching band members

Freshman Day Performance – 8/17, 7:30 am–8:30 am @ DHS Main Gym

- 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade marching band members (optional for Color Guard and Front Ensemble)

Tuesday Night Rehearsals – Tuesdays 8/23–10/25, 7 pm–9 pm @ DHS Football Field

- All marching band members

DHS Fall Festival – 8/26, time TBA

- All marching band members that are not a part of another featured activity (optional for Color Guard and Front Ensemble)

De Soto Days Parade – 9/3, 9:30 am–12:00 pm (meet at DHS Band Room)

- Marching Band Winds, Battery, and Color Guard (optional for Front Ensemble)

### **Early Morning Rehearsals**

During the marching season, we begin our school day rehearsals at **7:30 am** on the football field every Green day, meaning students should plan to arrive at DHS **no later than 7:15 am**. Our first early rehearsal will be on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> (no need to arrive early on 8/18, the first day of school).

Transportation to rehearsals can sometimes be an issue for students, especially those that live far away and/or are not yet of driving age. If getting to school early enough will be an issue for your student, **please let us know**. We can help coordinate carpools with other families and/or with upperclassmen.

If we are unable to find a ride, we will excuse tardies for students who have communicated appropriately with us on a case-by-case basis.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers**

We have several fundraisers coming up in the next couple months. Look for an email with detailed information on these in the coming days.