



Howard W. Blake Band Department

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Greetings Blake HS Band Students,

I hope your summer has been relaxing and you are getting much needed rest before the 2011-2012 school year begins. We are very excited about the year ahead. Please take the time to read through all of this information to make sure you are well informed.

Marching Band

All band students are required to march in the Yellow Jacket Marching Band. We feel that marching band is a very important part of your music education and it is the most scene organization at the school. There are a few exemptions we will consider if you are unable to march in the band. Please take the time to read the attached exemption letter. If you feel you meet the requirements not to march please submit the form to one of the band directors.

Band Camp

Attendance at band camp is required by all marching band students. The dates are set for August 8-12 and August 15-19 from 8AM-5PM.

Please bring the following items:

- Bag Lunch (lunch is not provided)
- Must wear a white shirt, black shorts, hat, and tennis shoes
- Water in a water jug
- Sun Tan Lotion

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STING

Auditions for the STING Dance Team will take place on August 10 and 11 from 8AM-5PM. If you make the team plan on attending band camp August 15-19 from 8AM-5PM. Please wear a white shirt and black shorts for try outs.

Rehearsals

Marching Band rehearsal nights are Monday and Thursday after school until 6PM. They will need practice attire and water for these evenings.

Expenses

Please expect the following expenses and due dates. There have been some small changes from last year.
Due on August 12

\$30 for band shoes (Only for students that need them. This must be paid before shoes will be issued. If you already own shoes, please try them on and make sure they still fit.)

Due On September 2

\$37.45 to rent Marching Band Uniform

\$42.80 to rent a school owned instrument

Due on September 30

\$200 marching band fee (This includes: Band Camp, adjuncts, T Shirt, transportation, meals for football game nights, and equipment.)

\$50 Concert Band Fee (Only students who are EXEMPTED from marching band. Marching band students DO NOT pay this fee)

Due on October 15

\$30 to Rent Concert attire or

\$75 to purchase Girl's Dress or

\$125 to purchase guy's tuxedo

We will have a more detailed Expense sheet for STING once the team is selected.

Medical Release Form

Must be signed and notarized before attending band camp and STING Try Outs. The form is provided in this letter.

All State Requirements

All State music and requirements will be posted on the website. You can also find the requirements on the Florida Bandmaster Association Website.

Blake Band Website

The band website is www.blakebands.org. Please use this site to stay informed on upcoming activities.

Band Boosters

We have a very active Band Booster organization at Blake HS. Please take the time to join our booster organization and attend our monthly meetings. The dates for the meetings will be posted on the band website. We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers, chaperones, and uniform help. PLEASE be involved with your child's music education. WE NEED YOU!

FINALLY

Welcome to our new band students. You are about to embark on an incredible journey. We look forward to your contribution to our program and the great music that lies ahead.