

# ***FORT ZUMWALT SCHOOL DISTRICT***

## **WEST HIGH SCHOOL**

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July 12, 2010

Dear Band Parents and Students,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. I am writing today with information on the upcoming band camps. All band members should be at both weeks of band camp. I have enclosed a schedule and all the information that you need for the camp. The first week, Monday, July 26 – Thursday, July 29 will be held at West High. Monday and Thursday will be from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Tuesday and Wednesday will be from 12 Noon – 8:00 PM. During the week, we will be outside in the morning or evening, and inside during the afternoon, depending on the weather. I take the issue of heat very seriously, and I am very vigilant to treat the issue with great care. Students must be dressed appropriately at camp, with light-colored, loose fitting clothing and athletic shoes. Students should keep themselves hydrated with WATER, not soda, during these camps. We will welcome Steve Rinda, a friend and colleague of Rob Stein (last year's clinician), as our marching clinician.

The week of August 1 – 6 is being held at Cuivre River State Park, at Camp Cuivre. Students must be at the entire camp, and should be dropped off at 5:00 PM on Sunday, August 1. Students will not be allowed to leave. Do not plan anything else that week, as we will not be able to “go back” to catch someone up who missed. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather, including **heat and rain**. Students may be picked up at Cuivre River approximately 12:30 – 1:00 PM on Thursday, August 5. Please indicate whether you will be able to pick them up, or they will need to ride the bus back to school. If riding the bus, it will cost \$10.00 per student. The bus should have them at school by 2:00 PM. The students will have the rest of Thursday off.

The final day of camp, Friday, August 6, will be held at West High School. On Friday evening, we will have a parent/friend and family preview of our show. We hope to be able to do this on the stadium's new turf – hopefully it will be completed by then!

Enclosed is a list of what to bring to camp, a tentative camp schedule, permission and health forms, camp rules and a map to Cuivre River State Park. All meals and snacks will be provided, except for dinner on Thursday, August 5. Speaking of Band Camp fees, they are \$350.00 per person, and they are due on September 1.

We will go to the Drum Corps International World Championships live on the big screen at Chesterfield Mall AMC Cinema, as in years past. This year, that event is on Thursday, August 12, and will cost \$22.00 per person. Students will need to drive themselves, or car pool to the theatre. Students can order a ticket through FZW Band. Please return the order form for these tickets and the band camp return bus ***no later than Sunday, August 1, 2010.***

Finally, Mrs. Angie Pieper, our Assistant Band Director, will be staying home for Band Camp and the first portion of the school year to be with her new baby. As of right now, her and Mr. Pieper are still awaiting its arrival. Matt Stephens, our percussion instructor, will be filling in for her full time teaching role during that time. He is a professional musician, with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Production and Percussion Performance from Lindenwood University in 2004. Rachel Johnson, a FZW grad with a Bachelor of Music Education from SEMO will be filling the role of woodwind tech during Band Camp.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at school (636) 379-0300 or by email: [dsharkey@fz.k12.mo.us](mailto:dsharkey@fz.k12.mo.us). I know that I speak for all of our staff when I say that we are looking forward to a spectacular year in the Silver Jaguar Band Department!

Sincerely,

Dale Sharkey  
Director of Bands  
Fort Zumwalt West High School

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