

FORT ZUMWALT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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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 25 – Thursday, July 28 will be held at West High. During the week, we will be outside in the morning session, and inside during the afternoon session, 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.

The week of July 31 – August 5 is being held at Cuivre River State Park, at Camp Sherwood. This is a different camp than the past few years, so please pay attention to the map/directions to get there! Students must be at the entire camp, and should be dropped off on Sunday, July 31. Students will not be allowed to leave. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather, including **heat and rain**. All students must have neutral colored shorts (khaki, grey or black) and plain white t-shirts for all out door marching sessions beginning with Away Band Camp. Athletic shoes are also required. This is extremely important, due to the physical nature of marching band. Regular “street” shoes (skateboarding shoes, Converse All-Star “Chucks”, etc. are NOT GOOD SHOES for marching band.) The ideal shoe is a cross-trainer.

Students will be brought back to FZW on Friday, August 5, where we will have a swimming party and some closing activities. School orientation and schedule pickup occurs during the week we are away at camp, so band students will have to pick their schedule up on Monday, August 8 between 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

Thursday, August 11, we will go to the Drum Corps International World Championships live on the big screen at Chesterfield Mall AMC Cinema. Tickets will cost \$18.00 per person. This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend. You will need to drive yourselves, 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, July 31, 2011.**

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 Friday, August 5.

Speaking of Band Camp fees, they are \$375.00 per person, and they are due on August 1. At the very least, you should bring payment when you bring your son or daughter to Cuivre River. Student “account” fundraising continues with Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. The Scrip program (gift certificates) is continuing through the school year, and is an excellent, “no-brainer” fundraiser that earns FREE MONEY for your student’s band tracking account. Check out the details at fzwband.net.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at school (636) 379-0300 or by email: 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,

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