

PARENT PERMISSION FORM

BAND CAMP 2019

Dear Parent(s):

The purpose of this letter is twofold:

1. To insure that the parents of the band student are aware of important Band Camp information, dates, and fees.
2. To inform the band instructors that you have given permission for your child to attend Band Camp.

BAND CAMP DATES: MONDAY, August 5- FRIDAY, August 9, 2019.

CAMPERS' FEE: \$125.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Joseph High School Bands
2521 Stadium Drive
St. Joseph, MI 49085

***DEADLINE FOR PARENT PERMISSION FORM AND \$50 DOWN PAYMENT:**

Friday, May 31, 2019

***DEADLINE FOR \$75 BALANCE and Online form with emergency information: Friday, JULY 26 –**
*If you have circumstances which will not allow you to pay the fee by the dates above, please email Mr. Engleman **before** the May deadline at aengleman@sjschools.org to make other arrangements.*

BAND CAMP CONFLICTS WITH OTHER CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

There should be NO conflicts with any other school-approved activities during the week of Band Camp. Coaches, cheerleading advisors and all other advisors will not be scheduling any practices or out-of-town camps during this time. The Band Director will deal with any conflicts, which do develop prior to Band Camp.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Since most of our initial work is accomplished during band camp, students are expected to arrange **well ahead of time** with their employer to attend the FULL 5-day camp. **Please make every effort to give your employer the dates of band camp so that you will not be scheduled!**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARCHING BAND

SECTIONALS

ALL sections of the band will have sectionals prior to Band Camp to practice the music and some basic marching techniques. Sectionals will take place at Saint Joseph High School. Mr. Engleman will provide a schedule of sectionals to all band members prior to the last exam day. Percussion and Color Guard will have several sectionals prior to Band Camp as per schedules set by the instructors.

BAND CAMP ATTENDANCE

A STUDENT NOT ATTENDING BAND CAMP will not be able to march with the band during the marching season and will not be able to receive a grade for the first marking period. The drill will only be written for band members who attend BAND CAMP.

All band members will be required to remain on campus from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided as part of the camp fee. Appointments for such things as doctor, dentist, or other activities, should not be scheduled during band camp week. Students need to be at camp all day, every day, so that we can be ready for our early season performances.

MARCHING BAND INSTRUMENT (What will I play?)

Present 8th graders will play their regular concert instrument...with the following exceptions:

If you play bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon, or baritone sax then you should switch to the instrument you started on in 6th grade. You may also consider trying out for the color guard, or you may be placed in the sideline percussion section. If you have any questions, please ask Mr. Engleman.

MUSIC

All students will receive the marching music by mail shortly after the end of the school year. The music is to be **LEARNED** prior to Band Camp. This will help with the students learning the visual portion of the show along with the obvious musical benefits. Consult your section leader if you have any questions, or need extra help with your music.

MARCHING SHOES

Orders for “Dinkle Glide” marching shoes (required) will be taken during Band Camp to assure delivery in time for the first performance. The cost for these shoes is approximately \$25.00. We will take orders for both men’s and women’s sizes during the week of band camp. Money for the shoes will be collected at that time (does not apply to Color Guard). Students who have shoes that are too small may trade their shoes in for a bigger size.

BAND CAMP T-SHIRT / BAND CAMP ACCESSORIES

ALL students will have the opportunity to purchase a band t- shirt that is representative of this year’s show theme(s). The t-shirts are designed and printed by Lazer Graphics and are of the highest quality. We will record your current size at Band Camp. ALL students will have the opportunity to purchase instrument lyres and other accessories during band camp.

WATER / POP DONATION

ALL students are expected to provide a case of water or pop (depending on their grade level) during band camp. This will be used by the band members at the Friday Night Potluck, during the Varsity Football Games, and other performances. You may pay \$5 in lieu of this donation and we will purchase water or pop for you.

FEE FOR NON-ATTENDERS

As stated earlier, Band Camp is probably the most important time during the entire Marching Band season and is required. This is where we learn how to march (or review), learn our music and learn drill as a group. On very rare occasions, a student **may** be excused by the band director from attending Band Camp due to extenuating circumstances. The student will be placed in the marching band as an “Alternate,” in the pit percussion, or on the equipment crew. The fee for such a student will be \$ 70.00. The total fee for band camp includes many different normal expenses of a band of our caliber. This fee covers the following administrative costs associated with the normal operation of the marching band:

Music, Supplies, Drill writing

Music arranging, Color guard arranging

The \$70.00 fee will also be due June 8, 2018. Please make your checks payable to: “**St. Joseph High School Bands.**”

SOME OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT RULES

Whether we are at Band Camp, in the football stadium, on a practice field or just attending a school activity in or out of uniform, we are reflecting upon our fine arts department, our band, our parents, our school, and our community. People know who you are! You receive more public exposure, credit, applause, than any other students not as active in school and community programs; you also receive more attention than those other students, sometimes when you don't want it! You represent MUSIC in this community in much the same manner as an athlete represents athletics in this community. In or out of uniform, you enhance the reputation and image of our bands, our school and community. This is a heavy responsibility. The rewards are great, but so are the pressures at times! The following rules are some of our most important rules and exist for the good of the organization and are good for you. They help us to function as a group in order to achieve our goals and help you become a better musician and person. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

1. The use of illicit drugs, alcohol (or look-alikes) and premeditated use of any form is prohibited.
2. Smoking of any kind is prohibited.
3. The use of inappropriate language (such as profanity) is prohibited.
4. The failure of the student to obey instructions from the qualified, certified instructors and/or their representative is prohibited.
5. The concealment, possession and/or distribution of any items listed in Rules #1-2 are prohibited.
6. Band Camp is a school sponsored activity and all school rules are in effect.

The infraction for the first time of any of the above rules while we are in session at Band Camp will result in the student being dismissed from camp for the remainder of the camping session. Students are expected to be on time in the morning and to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. These rules are not intended to make the lives of the students miserable, but to build spirit, pride and good self-concept. These rules allow a large group to function and achieve desirable goals. Good rules (rules which are sensible and necessary) are part of discipline, and discipline is the BACKBONE of any quality organization.

We look forward to another enjoyable, productive and educational Band Camp with your son/daughter as a member of our team!!

THE SJHS MARCHING BAND HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANYTHING BUT FIRST DIVISION RATINGS AND IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THIS AREA AS A QUALITY ORGANIZATION. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CARRY ON THAT TRADITION THROUGH OUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE! LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

Now, Go back to the Google Form to print, sign and return your acknowledgment of this contract.