

Parkway North High School

Marching Viking Camp Handbook 2010



“Apollo 13”

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Dear Marching Vikings and Parents,

Preparations are already being made for a very exciting 2010-11 school year. Mr. LaRose and myself are eager to begin a new year. We will have new members, a world premier, and new ideas.

For the first time ever the Parkway North Marching Viking band will perform the world premier of Robert Stein's "Apollo 13". This is original music he has composed for us and will be the only school in our area, if not the entire country to play this show.

Our visual writer designer, a staff member of the 13 time DCI World Champion Blue Devil Drum and Bugle Corps, will continue to write our drill. His name is Mr. Jarrod Huntley and is the Founder of Marching Network. He is backed by 16 years experience designing and teaching marching band shows across the country. Jarrod marched 4 years with the 9-time DCI champion Cadets Of Bergen County and in 2002 began working on the visual staff of The Crossmen and YEA organization! In 2004 Jarrod moved on to the visual staff of the 13-time DCI champion Blue Devils and will be starting his 7th year with the Corps in 2010.

The visual productions will be written and taught to the guard by Ms. Carly Glenn Carly and Mrs. Laura will again be our guard sponsors.

We have a great year planned and I can hardly wait to get started. We will have a parent meeting on July 7th at 7:00p.m. at North. The meeting will be at the end of our 1st summer practice that starts at 6:00 p.m. Check through this handbook for more information and the exact time you need to be here this fall. Also, please look at our website @ www.pnhmusic.com/band this will have all the up to date information. Please call, or e-mail with any questions.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the attendance policy for band camp?

*Because Band Camp now only runs 2 weeks in duration, every day contains large amounts of instruction and rehearsal – a day's absence, therefore, will have a significant impact on the individual student's contribution to the show and also significantly affects the entire band's progress. The policy, therefore, calls for 100% attendance.

2. What if a schedule conflict does arise?

*Please attempt to resolve any such conflict in favor of the published Band Camp schedule. If unable to do so, communicate the conflict to the Band Director at the earliest possible date.

3. What are "sectionals"?

*Sectionals are sessions of instruction and rehearsal that are focused on your student marcher's section of the Band (percussion, low brass, flutes, trumpets, saxophones, etc.). These are scheduled sporadically throughout the summer and, though not mandatory, provide an opportunity for head-start practice times for both music and marching.

4. Where is Band Camp held?

*Band Camp activities are typically held on the campus of Parkway North High School. Indoor music rehearsals will be held in the High School music area, and marching rehearsals will continue to be held on the practice field located next to the high school stadium. Occasional evening rehearsals will be held in the stadium. Specific location information will be announced to students as required.

5. What will student marchers need for Band Camp?

* Hat

*Personal water bottle - approx. 1 liter in size

*Large capacity water jug - at least 2 liters in size

*Sunscreen

*Light, loose-fitting clothing

*Lip protection with sunscreen

*Tennis shoes and socks

*Instrument or weapon/flags

*Pencil

*A good breakfast

6. What is provided to student marchers for Band Camp?

*Poker chips – these are used by the student marchers to mark spots on the field during rehearsals

*Compact spiral-bound notebook

*Marching drill diagrams – these are used for instruction during rehearsals. Students will place reduced size photocopies of these diagrams into their personal notebooks for future reference.

*Instrumental sheet music

7. What if the temperature gets very hot during Band Camp?

*While August temperatures can be high in our area, student safety is paramount for all of us. Every effort will be made to conduct rehearsals on the practice field whenever possible. Our Band Directors, however, refer daily to weather forecasts and will move rehearsal indoors when temperatures and/or heat indices get extreme.

8. When Band Camp is over, and school starts, when will student marchers have rehearsals?

*Once Band Camp is over for the summer and school has begun, rehearsals are typically held daily at 6:45 a.m. before school. These rehearsals generally end at 9:30 a.m. on "A" days and at 7:50 on "B" days unless announced otherwise.

9. What is the schedule for Band Camp?

* see our website for exact times and dates @: www.pnhmusic.com/band

10. What is this years band fees?

* This year the band member fee is \$250.00. Color Guard and Percussion Students will pay \$275.00. This amount will cover expenses not provided by the District. Other things covered are Uniform cleaning, transportation and entry fees, 1 pr. of marching gloves, clinicians, show writers, and equipment. **Please make the checks payable to: Parkway North Band Backers.**

11. Do I need an ER card (emergency release card)?

* **Yes!!!** you will need to have this completed by the first rehearsal and can download the form from the North web site: pnhmusic@yahoo.com

12. What else do I need to purchase if I'm a new member?

* The only other thing you will need to purchase is marching shoes. They cost 25.00 and will be used all four years you are in marching band. We will order them the first day of camp. Freshman only.

13. What should I, as a parent, expect my student to experience during Band Camp?

* Band Camp is a rigorous, stimulating, tiring, and exhilarating experience for the student marcher (and for their parents!).

HOW TO WEAR YOUR UNIFORM

1) THE UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN COMPLETELY AT ALL TIMES.

- 2) Pants are worn above the waist with suspenders adjusted properly. Pants cuffs should “break” at the top of the shoes. Do not let your pant cuff drag on the ground. Keep your suspenders on your shoulders, don’t let your pants sag or drag.
- 3) Hats are to be worn forward with long hair neatly tucked up.
- 4) When you leave the band room, car, etc., always be in full uniform.
- 5) No other hats may be worn with the uniform.
- 6) At times you will be allowed to take gloves and hats off, do not lose them. Keep your uniform zipped at all times and sash velcroed.
- 7) This year’s shirt must be worn under the uniform coat. No jeans or sweats are to be worn under the uniform.
- 8) Wear solid colored black socks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- 9) Keep your shoes polished
- 10) No jewelry that is visible may be worn. (no earrings of any kind)
- 11) Following every performance neatly hang up your uniform. The band will pay to have it cleaned at the end of the season. You are responsible to have it cleaned if it is necessary.
- 12) The night before each performance, make sure you have all of your uniform parts hung up in your bag.
- 13) Failure to wear, maintain and return your uniform properly will result in a grade reduction and/or replacement cost.

FOOTBALL GAME GUIDELINES

1. Your attendance is required for warm up, pregame and during the game.
2. Don’t forget.....we are at the game to entertain and support our team. The band stays until the end of each game.
3. Stay focused on the game and CHEER!!!!
4. When it is time to play, be ready with your music and attention.
5. Stay in your seat in sections.
6. Your friends outside the band are not invited to sit with the band or in the aisles.
7. Following half-time, you will have 3rd quarter off for a soda and bathroom break. We will start playing at the end of the 3rd quarter. Be in your seats and ready to play. Attendance will be taken.
8. Be in full uniform at all times
9. Following the game, make sure all equipment is put away, and take all of your uniform home. Make sure the band room is picked up and clean.
10. Uniforms/instruments/equipment not stored or maintained properly will result in grade reductions. Poor participation on the field or the stands will also result in grade reductions.
- 11. Make all hair/nail/etc. appointments for homecoming after 4:00. You will not be released early for this. Make your appointments today so there will be no conflicts.**

PARKWAY NORTH BAND PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS

School sponsored band field trips will take place periodically throughout the

school year. These trips may include band contests, concerts, football games, or other band related activities. By signing and returning this form you consent to your child attending these events and being transported by a certified contractor (school or charter bus). Some special event activities may require an additional permission slip which you will be required to return. You will receive an itinerary prior to every event with times locations and emergency phone numbers.

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Students must return this form to be granted permission to participate.

I give my permission **for my child, (name)** _____ to travel on the various field trips sponsored by the Parkway North band during the 2010-2011 school year. All students will be expected to comply with the supervisor's (teacher's) instructions and all school rules while en route to/from and during the time of the school sponsored activity.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date

Show Shirt Order Form

We will be ordering new band show shirts to be worn at many events. The cost of this shirt will be included with your band fees. Please fill out this form and return it on the first day of band camp.

Student's Name: _____

SMALL #____ MEDIUM #____ LARGE #____ EXTRA LARGE #____

Additional shirts (parents, siblings, friends) **Please enclose \$15.00 for each.**

SMALL #____ MEDIUM #____ LARGE #____ EXTRA LARGE #____

Make checks payable to Parkway North Band Backers.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Drill Master Shoe Order Form

**Required for all Freshman and new upperclassmen who need new shoes
ONLY**

Make check for 25.00 payable to Parkway North Band Backers

Name: _____

Please complete:

Male shoe size _____ Female shoe size _____

Additional Band Camp Information

Pool Party

Who: All marching band and color guard students
Where: Robinwood West Swim Club @ 12556 Merrick Drive (Olive to Ross, North, left on Merrick)
When: Monday, August 2nd @ 4:00 to 7:00 pm.
What to bring: Appropriate swim wear, towel
The PNH Band Backers will provide chips, cookies and soda.
Students must arrange their own transportation.
Parents wishing to help with this event please call:

Band Camp Family Ice Cream Social and Performance

Who: All marching band and color guard students, and their immediate families.
Where: Parkway North Stadium
When: Thurs., August 12th @ 7:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social to follow the performance of our Marching Vikings as we present our 2010 performance entitled "Apollo 13".

SODA & WATER

All marching band and color guard students are asked to bring 24 cans of soda or 24 bottles of water to be used as student refreshments at home football games and performances. Your contribution can be brought to the band room at anytime.

Marching Band Volunteer Opportunities

Uniforms

Scheduling handout and collection of uniforms, making sure all uniforms are returned, ordering and distribution of gloves and shoes, making uniform bag and hat labels, maintaining student database. Ensure that extra supplies are available for performances (sashes, gloves, socks, etc.). Help with hemming of pants during handout. Handout usually occurs during the second week of band camp. Uniforms are returned in December.

Flag Committee

Designing patterns, ordering fabrics, making sample and final flags. Designs and samples will be completed during the summer. Flags to be ready for first performance.

Mending

Mending of uniforms, uniform bags, tuxedos and flags. As needed throughout the school year.

T-Shirts

Organizing the order taking of T-shirt orders from band students/families, place orders and distribute.

Tuxedos

Oversee the distribution of tuxedos to students and purchasing/selling studs/cufflinks and bow ties as needed. Maintain student database. Tuxes are distributed in the fall and collected in May.

Fall Banquet

Coordinate food and decorations for fall banquet.

Setup & Cleanup

Set up tables/chairs and cleanup after event for onsite events such as fall banquet, spring reception and Parents Preview.

Spring Reception

Organize a cake and punch reception following the spring concert.

Homecoming

Organize and serve lunch for the band following the homecoming parade before football.

Pit Crew

The pit crew is responsible for moving band equipment for performances, including home football games, competitions and other performances. Home football games involve moving equipment for pre-game and halftime performances. Competitions: includes loading equipment trailer, traveling with band, loading/unloading at competition and unloading equipment upon return to school. **Need two drivers who can tow either the trailer & gator or the large equipment trailer.**

Homecoming Parade

Provide bottled waters for band at Seven Pines pool after warm-up and before parade. Help with student transportation, as needed, to beginning of parade route so cars are not left at pool.

Band Camp – Snack Shack

Purchase and sell snacks from the band building during band camp. Also help with various student needs as they arise.

Parent Preview

Coordinate food and beverages for parent's preview night during band camp. Help needed depends upon plans for the evening. May include some food preparation.

Pool Party

Coordinate food and beverages for the pool party. Help needed depends upon plans for the evening. May include some food preparation.

Chaperones

Attend band functions away from school and ensure student's good behavior and that students are accounted for on buses.

The Chair needs to schedule chaperones for each event.

Home Football Game Refreshments

Provide water/soda in the band room for the band after half-time performance and water in the stands during the game (primarily first half).

Competition Snacks

Provide snacks for the kids to have after competition performances. Snacks may include cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats, chips, snack bars or other as team decides upon. Also provide “chub” bottles of water for after pre-performance warm-ups.

Marching Band Schedule 2010

July

7	6-7:30pm	Music Camp
7	7:00 pm	Parent/ Hawaii Trip Meeting
26	8-3pm	Drumline Camp
27	8-3pm	Drumline Camp
28	8-3pm	Drumline Camp
28	9-12pm	Section Leader Camp
29	8-10am	Freshmen/New Member Camp (section leaders and all percussion)
29	10-3pm	Band Camp
30	8 a.m. - 3	Band Camp

August

2	8-3pm	Band Camp
2	6-9pm	Pool Party
3	8-3pm	Band Camp
4	8-3pm	Band Camp
5	8-3pm	Band Camp
6	8-12pm	Band Camp

6	12:30-2pm	Bowling Party
9	3-8:30pm	Band Camp
10	3-8:30pm	Band Camp
11	3-8:30pm	Band Camp
12	3-6pm	Band Camp
12	7pm	Parent Preview
17		First Day of School
18	6:45am	First Day of E-hour morning rehearsal
20	4pm....	Cardinal Game Performance
28	tba	Mozingo Drumline Competition

September

3	5pm	Home Football Game
10	5pm	Home Football Game
11	tba	Metro East Competition- O'Fallon, Il
12	tba	Perform the National Anthem for the Ram's Home Opener
24	6:30pm	Pep Rally
25	tba	PNH Homecoming-Parade and Football Game
28	7:30pm	PRISM Music Dept. Concert

October

2	tba	Washington Competition
8	5pm	Football Game
9	tba	Francis Howell Competition
23	tba	Greater St. Louis Competition

29 5pm Football Game

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT SCHEDULE

pnhmusic.com/band