

Band Camp 2020

Dear SCHS Band Parents and Students,

After so much time away, I am beyond excited to reunite with some of my favorite people during the best four days of the year - BAND CAMP! This packet has all of the information you need as we plan camp. Our marching theme this year is *Movin' and Groovin'* (working title), featuring music inspired by movement. The show will consist of "Jump" by Van Halen, "Shake it Off" by the Taylor Swift, and "Shut Up and Dance" by Walk the Moon.

Please mark your calendars for **July 27-30**. We will practice in town at SCHS on Monday the 27th and Tuesday the 28th then move to Camp Christy for a two-night stay beginning on Tuesday evening. Parents are responsible for transporting students to and from Camp Christy. Absolutely no student vehicles will be allowed at camp. We work hard to try to keep the cost of being a member of the SCHS Band to as much of a minimum, but there will be some fees associated with camp - food, Camp Christy, camp supplies. *As with anything, please email me if these fees will be a financial difficulty to your family. We do not want money to be a reason for students to miss out on this great opportunity. I am sure we can work something out!*

Although Scott County is considered fully open and operational after being shut down for Covid-19, I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to operate in a safe, healthy, and clean way at band camp with frequent hand washing, and keeping the majority of our activities outdoors where we can spread out (marching band lends itself very nicely to this). If you or your student is uncomfortable with them staying overnight in the cabins with other students, I am happy to allow students to come to camp during the days, participate in all our normal camp activities and games, and then go home at night. I need to work out with the school whether or not students will be able to drive themselves or if they will have to get a ride to camp and back if they're not staying overnight. Cost for students who will not be staying overnight will be slightly reduced because they will not be using the cabins for sleeping.

I cannot stress enough the importance of band camp for the success of the students in the group as well as for students' long-term investment in the band program at SCHS. This is the only time of year where we have an opportunity for such focused and dedicated practice, and team bonding. Band camp is consistently listed as a favorite memory for seniors and alumni band members - myself included! I sincerely hope you will make band camp a priority in your summer schedule - you will not regret it!

Parents, your involvement is vital to a successful, safe, stay at band camp. If you are available to chaperone overnight or during free time, please follow the link below to the form that will let me know what can work for you. Your help is SO appreciated by myself and the students - without you this would not be possible!

Do not hesitate to email me with questions or concerns,

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Janssen