



Welcome Band Families to the 2016-2017 Marching Band and Color Guard Season!! As many of you know, band is a great opportunity for our students to come together and bond in competition, practice and team building. As in years past, the John F. Kennedy Marching Band and Color Guard has an amazing season planned, full of field show competitions in the fall, where they'll perform *The Lion King*, and later indoor drumline and color guard competitions in the winter.

Over the years, JFK's Marching Band and Color Guard has been successful because of the pride and commitment of our students and staff. However, to travel and be successful, the band must be a family organization, relying on the help of parents, family members, and volunteers that will support our students in fundraising, carpools, and attending other activities.

BAND CAMP: To prepare for high school marching band and the fall competition season, ALL band members are required to attend Band Camp each summer. This year's camp consists of Tuesday night rehearsals from 7-9 pm, which started in July and ends with a weeklong camp August 22-26, 9am – 5pm. There is no charge for Band Camp. Students will be taught the fundamentals of marching and will be introduced to *The Lion King* field show music. This is a great opportunity for students to build relationships with upper classmen and fellow band members to prepare for a successful season.

Some helpful reminders:

- *Get plenty of rest*
- *Drink LOTS of water; start 1 week prior to camp*
- *Dress for warm weather – Hats & Sunscreen HIGHLY encouraged*
- *Monday, August 22: Breakfast is provided*
- *Tuesday-Friday, August 23-26: Eat a hearty breakfast at home; pack a healthy sack lunch for camp; pack a large water jug and healthy snacks*
- *Friday, August 26 Lunch: Pizza and drinks provided, \$5/student*
- *Friday, August 26 Potluck Dinner before football game*

Parent Meeting:

To help prepare parents for high school band life, plan to attend a mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday August 23, 2016 from 7 to 9 pm. This is great opportunity to meet fellow band families and be introduced to JFK High School "band life". We will discuss, among other things...

- *Band Booster Club*
- *Fair Share Fees*
- *Field Show Competitions*
- *Rehearsathon all-day event*
- *Football games*
- *Q & A of band life*
- *Fundraising and volunteer opportunities*

Our Band Booster Club meets once a month (typically the second Tuesday) to discuss upcoming fundraisers and other events. Again, I welcome you to the JFK Band and Color Guard Family, and look forward to working with each of you in making another incredible season. See you in the stands!! Go Band!!

Emily Bacchini - JFK Band Booster President

For more information on the Band, including upcoming events and ways to help out, check out our website at www.JFKennedyBand.com or follow us on Facebook – "John F. Kennedy High School Marching Band and Color Guard".