



## Graduation 2013 (Performance!) & Marching Band 2013-2014

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Color Guard students and parents,

**Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is Graduation Day. This performance has been on our music calendars since last year, and an important event in which we make the tradition of honoring our Redwood 8<sup>th</sup> graders through music as we will do for you in the upcoming years!**

Our performers' presence is important to the group and to the success of this event. We know that those first few hours of summer are quite valuable, and we appreciate that they keep their commitment to spending them in celebration of our graduates, just as we will do for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade musicians when they in turn graduate in the upcoming years.

**Students should report to the music room in full concert dress with his or her respective instrument/music or equipment by 3:00 PM.**

*Performance Attire for Band:*

- *white dress shirt or blouse (sleeves may be rolled up)*
- *black slacks or long skirt*
- *black belt*
- *black socks*
- *black dress shoes*
- *(standard sunglasses are okay)*

*Color Guard – we will discuss attire with Ms. Conway*

The graduation ceremony starts at 4:00 PM. Students may be picked up between 5:30 and 6:00 PM after the final recessional is played and our equipment is put away (they may call home once they are excused from the music room).

Thank you all for a wonderful year. Have a safe and relaxing summer. Keep practicing, and see you in the Fall!

Mr. Jow

→ → → → → → **Graduation Confirmation Page & Marching Band** ← ← ← ← ← ←  
Return ASAP. Thank you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Form 2: Marching Band 2013-2014**

In addition to returning this confirmation page, please also fill out and return the marching band registration attached. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Symphonic Band students perform as the Redwood Marching Band as a part of Symphonic Band Fall performance curriculum. This unique activity is a huge driving force in our group bonding, team-building and sets a positive tone to our year!

Since we kick off our marching season before the school year begins, it is helpful to have your most updated contact information so that we may keep in touch during the summer.

Students who have alternative plans and will not be returning to band next year should confirm with Mr. Jow at school before/after class, during break, or at lunch.

*Marching band and color guard cannot happen without the help of you, our band parents! We are looking for some essential season-long parent volunteers to help us next year. Please refer to the back of this page for more information!*

Thank you! We're looking forward to a great year come next semester!

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## Marching Band Season Volunteers

Marching band and color guard is the epitome of a community effort, and one that many parents love getting involved in as your help translates directly into your student's successful performance experiences! Aside from chaperoning our various performances and competitions (sign-ups for these will come later), we need help throughout the Fall season in coordinating chaperones, transporting equipment, fitting/organizing uniforms, fixing hair, and more. If you are interested in helping us out, please let us know. We cannot do what we do without great parent support through many outlets. Thank you for your consideration!

***If you are interested in helping with one or more of the following jobs next Fall, please check one or more of the corresponding boxes:***

Chaperone/Chaperone Coordinator

Main task descriptions (expertise in all of these not required!):

Work with our lead 8<sup>th</sup> grade coordinators in organizing chaperones for events

Help send out emails to assist in organization of chaperones and hair parents

Purchase items for students following performances (i.e. bottled water, reimbursed by SMB)

Help act as a lead chaperone organizer and task manager during duration of events

Truck Driver

Main task descriptions:

Oversee and lead loading/unloading of instruments and equipment onto truck

Transport equipment to and from events

Organize pick-up and return of rental truck before two competitions in October (reimbursed by SMB)

Uniform Parent    AND/OR     Color Guard Uniform Parent/Liason

Main task descriptions (expertise in all of these not required!):

Measure and check performers for fitting

Basic hemming

Organizing parts and pieces

Shoe inventory

Assist with uniform cleaning at the end of the year

Hair Parent

Main task descriptions:

Help set student hair before performances and competitions

Braid color guard hair before performances and competitions

Basic knowledge of the following styles: buns and (double) French braids

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Redwood Band Camp 2013

August 5 - 9

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Redwood Middle School

Dear 2013-2014 Symphonic Band musicians, color guard members and parents,

We have had a memorable time both teaching as well as learning from your students during the past year, and I hope to use these experiences to continue improving into next year. Before all of us at Redwood wish you well until next school year, it is already time to start planning for another year of music at Redwood.

Each and every student is an important member of our ensemble and to keeping up the great traditions of our music program alive! It is our expectation that you keep up with your practice over the vacation.

**Keeping up your skills and practice over the summer is vital for us to get next year's season off to a great start, and to start next school year with a high level of success and achievement.**

Starting on **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM** we will begin our work for our 2013 competitive marching season! By the first downbeat of band camp, all musicians should have *King Cotton* proficient by this time. All color guard members should have all the basics ready to go.

Some reminders:

- Be sure to dress appropriately for camp with good sports shoes and socks, keeping in mind the warm weather.
- Bring a good, healthy snack and water for break time.
- Don't forget your instrument and music!

We will hit the ground running during this week so that after school starts our hardest work is already completed. I am very excited for what next year has in store, including the tough competition, high standards, and working with all of you to meet and surpass expectations!

**We are always looking for new members. Please pass this word onto any and all friends who might be interested in joining us so that we can have a powerhouse group next year! Have them contact me for more information!**

Please fill out and return the second (marching registration) page of this letter so that Mr. Jow may contact you and your families this summer with more information as marching season comes closer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a great 2013-2014 season!

See you on the 5<sup>th</sup>!!!

Mr. Jow & Staff

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# Redwood Middle School Marching Band & Color Guard Registration 2013-2014

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Fee contributions cover instruction, supplies, uniform care, competition fees, transportation, and more. No student should be prevented from participating in any of our music programs due to economic difficulty. If fee contributions cause a financial problem, please let us know on the back of this form so we can work things out for your situation. Each and every student is very important to our success and welcomed to participate!

Registration for other programs including ensembles, jazz band, percussion, etc. will be handed out next Fall!

Thank you for writing clearly and legibly –

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phones: Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Student's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Father's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mother's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: Redwood Middle School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
(for 2013-2014 school year)

Instruments (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Band **for all band and color guard** members: \$325 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (acct 4221)  
(Transportation, overall instruction & supplies)

Color Guard & Dance: \$275 (**added to Marching Band amount**) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (acct 4226)  
(Color guard-specific instruction & supplies)

Saratoga Music Boosters Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (acct 4340)  
**Family Membership starts at \$50**

Check here if you plan on paying at the beginning of next school year.  
**Please turn in this form before summer regardless of payment option!**

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Saratoga Music Boosters (SMB)

\* Thank you for using regularly-checked email addresses. All email addresses in mass group emails will be BCC'ed in respect of your privacy, and all information you provide will be kept private to the music program.

## Reduced Fee Contribution Application or Alternate Payment Schedule

If you feel that your financial situation warrants a reduced program fee contribution or alternate payment plan, Saratoga Music Boosters invites you to fill out this form. Please note that this form will remain confidential.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child qualify for a reduced fee lunch?      Yes: \_\_\_\_\_      No: \_\_\_\_\_

You are interested in:      Reduced Fee Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_      Alternate Payment Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Reduction Amount Request: \_\_\_\_\_ or Payment Schedule: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly explain your request:

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Music Director's Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_