



Redwood Band Camp 2012

August 6 - 10

9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Redwood Middle School

Dear 2012-2013 Symphonic Band musicians, color guard members and parents,

We hope that you're having a fantastic summer break! With just a few weeks left before our band camp week, here are some reminders leading up to August. If you haven't been practicing over the past month, dust off that instrument! **Keeping up your skills and practice over the summer is essential 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.**

Musicians: Starting on **Monday, August 6th at 9:00 AM** we will begin our work for our 2012 competitive marching season! By the first downbeat of band camp, all musicians should have *Prestissimo* memorized by this time.

Color Guard: Starting on **Thursday, August 9th at 9:00 AM**, we will begin integrating you into our routine as well!

CAMP OBJECTIVES:

- **TO REVIEW AND ESTABLISH ENSEMBLE MARCHING COMMANDS AND UNIFORMITY OF TECHNIQUE**
- **TO REHEARSE AND DEVELOP ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE OF THE MARCH, PERCUSSION CADENCE, AND COLOR GUARD ROUTINE**

CAMP PURPOSE:

- **TO CREATE GROUP COHESION**
- **TO ESTABLISH AN ATMOSPHERE OF RESPECT AMONG BAND AND GUARD MEMBERS**
- **TO ESTABLISH A SET OF ETHICS THAT WILL SUCCESSFULLY CARRY US FORWARD**

Some important reminders:

- Be sure to dress appropriately for camp with good sports shoes and socks (*no flip-flops!*), 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!

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

See you on the 6th!!!

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