



# Blackshirt Bands Summer Newsletter 2010

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## Uniforms

**ALL** Concert Band and Marching Band students must come in for uniform fittings. Fittings will be from 9 am - 1 pm on **Aug 2**, for grade 12 - **Aug 3**, for grade 11- **Aug 4** for grade 10 and **Aug 5** for freshmen. If you have not already signed up, someone will be calling you to set-up a time.

Volunteers are needed to help with fittings. If you can help during the times listed above, please contact Mr.Kammerer or Mrs. White.

Your marching band uniform will be kept at school and your concert uniform will be kept at home. Cleaning fees for BOTH uniforms are included in the course fees. This inclusion reduces your cleaning cost, and eliminates your trip to the dry-cleaners at the end of the year.

## Marching Band Camp

**Mon, Aug 2 thru Thursday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1-9pm**

Camp is for all Marching Band & SWAP students. Due to the compressed- intensive nature of what we need to learn, camp attendance is **NOT OPTIONAL.**

What to bring:

- instrument
- 3-ring binder w/plastic protector sheets
- a water bottle
- sunblock
- wear sneakers - No Flip-flops
- wear comfortable clothes - No Jeans

On Monday and Tuesday Night, we will provide a group dinner in the cafeteria. Wednesday night is the cookout and pool party. Please contact Mrs. Pugh to sign-up for a dish to pass and/or to volunteer to grill or serve food.

Families are invited to a special Performance at 4:45 at South on Thursday.

We may even see the return of our famous "March Off"!

## Summer Fundraising Opportunities

During summer we continue to offer opportunities for students to earn money for their ISAs!

- A new Entertainment Book fundraiser will be "kicked off" during camp.

- Scrip – all summer – [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)  
Scrip continues to be the easiest way to earn money for your account. The stores, restaurants, etc. that you already shop at pay you to shop at their stores! Some families earn several hundred dollars a year through this program. Check out the band web-site for more information.

Remember, ISA money can be used to pay band fees or towards your Australia trip.

Contact Mrs. Barb Cleveland for fundraising information. 262-542-3229.

For all of your Australia financial questions Contact Claudia Barron, 262-544-6349.

## Annual Family Cookout and Pool Party

Who: Members of the Marching Blackshirts and their families

When: Wednesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm

Where: Buchner Park

Join us for an evening of fun as we relax and have fun celebrating the accomplishments of the band.

We rent Buchner pool for the night, so after we finish dinner, the pool is all ours!

Please contact Mrs. Pugh to sign-up for a dish to pass and/or to volunteer to grill or serve food.  
262-542-4667



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262.970.3780

Email is the best way to contact us over summer.

### Band Fees

Fees are an unfortunate reality in Waukesha Schools. Please understand that we do everything we can to hold down student cost while providing the most value possible for your hard earned money. All fees are combined into one fee that can be paid with a single check as part of registration. If families need a payment plan, it can be set-up through the school office. As always, ISA money can be used to pay some or all of your course fees.

- Concert Band Fee - \$50 (now includes both end of year cleaning fees, see p. 1)
- Marching Band Fee - \$150

In previous years, marching fees have averaged \$190. This year, we are being a bit more selective in the number of trips we are taking in order to hold down cost. After much discussion we have decided to keep the Northwestern Band Day/ Great America overnight trip on the schedule. It is a great educational and economic value. We will however, have to create some budgeting magic in order to cover the rest of the season. 2010-11 Marching Band fees include:

- Weekend Trip to Chicago Northwestern Band day.
- Overnight retreat at Key Lime Cove.
- Performance and admission to Great America.
- Camp Meals and food at other events
- SWAP - \$200.00 (combines the two previous fees) Up \$15.00 from last year but lower than previous year's average of \$230, which did not include cleaning fees. Thanks to everyone that volunteers at events like the Homecoming Chili Feed and March Fest. If it wasn't for these events, band fees would be significantly higher.

### **Marching Show Details Released!**

Plans for an exciting, challenging marching program are nearly complete. Music and drill are on order and will focus on our musical strengths while maintaining our marching reputation.

**Program:** A Musical Journey. Based on the music from the Rock Band "Journey", this show will be in 3 parts and will be as much fun to watch as it will be to perform. It has Energy, great music and crowd pleasing entertainment value!

### Staffing Reduction

As most of you already know, we have lost Ms Wehmeier's assignment at South. The loss of her tireless efforts on behalf of South Music will not easily be overcome. Please wish her the best in her new assignment at Horning Middle School.

### PIT CREW

We're looking for some parent volunteers to serve on the pit crew for marching band. You could help get the percussion equipment on and off the field at our half time shows, March Fest, and other performances. Contact Gary Metzger at 522-9685 if you are willing to help.

### Marching Band

In response to feedback we received from students and parents, we intend to continue our non-competitive marching band format but upgrade the demands of our field show program. This will still allow us to minimize weekend/evening rehearsals and reduce costs yet offer a program that "keeps us in touch" with competitive marching as we transition through this temporary enrollment phase.

During half-times, March Fest and Band Fest we will be performing our field show and we will also be certain to feature our outstanding colorguard. We will be performing in various venues such as The Gemuetlichkeit Parade in Jefferson, Hometown Halloween at Cutler, the Homecoming Pep Rally and at our now famous Halloween Concert for Waukesha Elementary Students. (Be thinking about your costume.) We are also planning other performances and activities (Hayride/cookout tentatively) to fill out the schedule.

### Save the Date

We have a comprehensive year-long schedule that is published on the web site, [www.blackshirtbands.org](http://www.blackshirtbands.org) which covers the entire year. Though there will be a few dates yet to fill in, we have given our best effort to provide students with the means to plan accordingly.

**Summer Marching Percussion:** Monday, July 5 and Monday, July 26 - 6:00-9:00. Sunday Aug 1, 1:00-5:00. These mandatory rehearsals include all pit and battery and are essential to prepare for camp and the fall season.

**Colorguard:** Monday nights starting June 28, 5:00-7:00pm.

**Marching Band Camp:** Monday-Thursday-Aug. 2-5, 1:00 - 9:00pm

**March Fest:** September 25, 2010

**Chili Feed:** October 1, 2010

**Mandatory Parent Meetings for ALL Band Parents**  
Monday, September 13 at 7:00pm in the South Aud.