

KENT CITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

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Dear 2017 Band Members and Families,

We are in the final stages of completing the exciting plans for the **2017 Kent City Marching Eagles Band Camp** at Ferris State University at Big Rapids, MI! We hope you are looking forward to this week of work, study, and fun. The purpose of this camp is to give our Marching Eagles a head start on learning and memorizing our 2017 competitive marching show. (Band camp is a prerequisite for participation in marching band.)

MANDATORY - PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:

Monday, July 10 at Kent City High School Auditorium, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

REQUIRED LUGGAGE CHECK:

Sunday, July 16 at Kent City High School Band Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (drop-in)

"AWAY" (FERRIS STATE) DATES:

Monday, July 17- Friday, July 21, 2017

SEND-OFF MEETING:

For STUDENTS, STAFF, and CHAPERONES ONLY, there will be a continental breakfast of juice and doughnuts from 8:00-8:30 a.m. on July 17 in the high school band room. Breakfast is required and VERY necessary every day (these snacks on send-off day will be good for a treat, but please eat breakfast before you arrive). Band Camp days are long, outside, and dangerous if not eating.

DEPARTURE:

8:30 a.m. July 17 from Kent City High School Band Room. Buses will be provided for all students. Students are NOT permitted to drive to band camp.

ONLY a carry-on backpack and students' pillows will be allowed on the bus the morning of departure. All suitcases and "luggage" will have been checked, sealed, and loaded the night of July 16.

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PERFORMANCE & PICK UP:

Students will perform our accomplishments for family and friends at Top Taggart Stadium on Ferris State University's campus on Friday Night at 7:30pm **STUDENTS WILL NOT HAVE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY THE SCHOOL OR BAND**; all students **MUST BE PICKED UP** on Friday, July 21 immediately following the performance.

STAFF:

Band Camp is staffed by the Kent City Bands **AND** Ferris State. Students and their rehearsal, dining, and residence areas will be patrolled by campus security and live-in Ferris staff who are on duty 24 hours a day. Kent City is bringing several chaperones and staff to instruct and oversee our day to day operations.

HOUSING:

We will be staying in Pickell Residence Hall. Rooms are in suites with a bathroom between rooms. Students should have a roommate. Rooming assignments will be posted on the website prior to band camp.

MEALS:

All meals beginning with lunch on July 17 and ending with dinner on July 21 are included in each student's band camp payment. **ALL meals are REQUIRED.** No backpacks/water jugs in cafeteria. *Students MUST have breakfast before our departure.*

MEDICAL AND PERMISSION FORMS:

All permission forms & emergency medical forms are due **at the July 10 meeting.** (You may find the forms online at www.kentcitybands.com or you may fill them out when you arrive to the meeting.) Please provide the most complete and up-to-date information possible. Please inform us if there is anything about your child's medical history we should know. Make sure that all forms are completed and signed with both parent and student signatures. **ALL FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND BAND CAMP!**

The University provides immediate medical and emergency attention and support to our students while at camp. One of our chaperones will also be serving as "camp nurse" to make sure students are tending to their own specific needs.

PAYMENT:

Payment is due by luggage check-in. The cost for freshmen is \$335, for returning members is \$315, and for chaperones is around \$230.

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ASSISTANCE:

Should any family need financial assistance due to hardship, a guardian should email Julie Petruska at julie.petruska@kentcityschools.org to inquire about opportunities to assist your student. No student will be denied from the Kent City Band program due to financial hardship.

SCHEDULE:

Attendance to rehearsals/sectionals/performances are part of your child's grade. It is important that students attend these.

We do our best to keep the schedule updated on Charms (kentcitybands.com)

Schedule is available online at www.kentcitybands.com. (Click on the calendar tab).

Schedule will be updated throughout the spring.

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WHAT TO BRING TO BAND CAMP 2017

- Instrument, in good working order (Have your instrument inspected before band camp). Meyer Music/Marshall Music or West Michigan Band will take care of it.
- **3 Ring Binder with 8-10 sheet protectors. These are a requirement.**
- Lyre, flip folio, and music. Music lyres and folios are sometimes utilized for stands music. (Parents may purchase items at Meyer Music, Marshall Music, West Michigan Band or online at the Woodwind and Brasswind www.wwbw.com) not required at camp.
- 4 -5 marching markers (have to be flat, small enough to hide with feet, large enough to see from far away, heavy enough to not blow away, and light enough to carry them all around at once) also a lanyard/shoe string for them as well as your drill cards.
- Instrument extras: valve oil, slide oil, cork grease, extra reeds, extra drumsticks & tape, pencils, rubber bands, etc.
- Prescription Medications, including allergy medication, inhaler and epi-pens (**Note:** we cannot administer any medications without signed forms. In the band camp packet you will find a form for administration of OTC medications. There is also space for you to add specific items your student is used to using regularly.)
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, comb, toothbrush, etc.), Lip balm (Carmex is great for Brass), Gold Bond Powder
- Bedding
- Knee and/or ankle braces if needed
- Bug spray, **sun-block**, sunglasses, **sun visor/hat**
- Athletic shoes (athletic shoes with solid sides, toes and back, they should be made of leather or canvas, no vinyl or plastic, new shoes not recommended)***BRING 2 PAIRS OF SHOES**
- Plenty of extra socks (higher than ankle to avoid blisters)
- Cotton t-shirts and athletic shorts (you will get dirty, hot and sweaty, so bring plenty)
- Raincoat/gear, sweatshirt and/or light jacket.
- Water jug (Igloo Cooler style)
- Alarm clock
- Box fan/Fan have it clearly labeled with your name.
- Modest swimsuit. Bring a towel. We will be swimming on one of the days for camp.
- Compression shorts to protect legs from being chapped. They can be purchased at Target, Walmart, or sporting goods stores. They are worn under mesh or nylon type athletic shorts.

School Dress Code Remains In Effect:

- *No midriff showing (includes men and torn off sleeves)
- **No plunging neck lines
- *No apparel that promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or hate
- *Students must be dressed modestly at all times when outside of rooms.

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DO NOT BRING: drinks (other than initial water bottle), stereos, laptops, tv's or coolers

COME PREPARED FOR HOT WEATHER... ANY WEATHER! (we will rehearse - rain or shine)

All meals are provided and required to be eaten in the dining hall; bringing food is not necessary. However, many students choose to bring some snack foods for between meals. **You may also want to bring cash for booster-provided drinks or foods in the dorm at night (pizza, Powerade, etc.)**

All luggage will be hand checked by the student in front of a same-sex chaperone before loading the trailer on July 16. Please pack accordingly. Carry-on items will also be checked upon boarding the following morning. Again, pack accordingly.

You will need khaki pants/shorts/skirt for non-uniform performances. This includes the band camp Saturday performance. Students will wear their show shirts and khaki bottoms with tennis shoes.

Important Health Reminder:

To the parents of children with asthma/reactive airway conditions: Please do not forget to pack your child's inhaler, even if he/she hasn't used it in a while. The conditions may include dust, pollens, and other environmental allergens to which your child is sensitive.

RULES

All meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) are REQUIRED. Even if a student doesn't normally eat 3 meals, they are required to get nutrition in them at each mealtime as they are doing physical activity all day.

No drug, smoking materials, tobacco products, non-prescription drugs, or alcoholic beverages are permitted at band camp (or any Kent City Band function). If any student is found in violation, parents will need to come to camp to pick up student (also school administration will be notified). Student will/may be dropped from the course for this violation.

ABSOLUTELY no hazing permitted.

The chaperones and camp staff MUST be obeyed and treated with respect. They have the same authority as the director.

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No band member will leave the campus during the week for any reason.

Genders have been separated by living areas. Boys and girls are not to enter each others' areas/rooms. Once it is lights out, students are not permitted to be out of their suites. If they are found to be out of their assigned suite, student may receive disciplinary action up to parent picking them up from camp immediately.

No returning to the dorm at any time, other than free time, unless accompanied by a chaperone.

No non-band guests should be invited or welcomed into our rehearsal or living spaces while there.

No excuses for tardiness will be accepted.

Dorms will be kept clean at all times. There will be inspections by chaperones each day.

Do not enter any room, other than your own, except by invitation.

Band members are not permitted in any building on campus without an instructor.

ALL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION should have a form signed by physician for self-administration.

Lost keys will be charged at \$50.00 to re-key doors.

In addition, all rules of Kent City High School, and the Kent City Board of Education rules will be in force during the entire duration of the camp. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

Any student not in attendance of required events (meals, rehearsals, sectionals, room checks, etc.) will be sent home.

Any student violating any of the previously mentioned rules or any FSU rule will be sent home.

When you arrive to your room, scan for any damage and report it to a chaperone. If there are phones in your dorm room, do not use them.

Don't bring anything expensive to camp, if you do, you are bringing it at your own risk.

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Band Camp Typical Daily Schedule - Varies day by day

6:30am - Wake Up
7am - Breakfast
8am - Stretching with Drum Major's
 - Morning Rehearsal Block - Basics/Drill/Music
12pm - Lunch
12:45-1:15 - Mandatory Rest Time - Must be in room with feet up
1:30-3:30pm - Sectionals
3:30-4pm - Concert Rehearsal
4-5pm - Activity
5pm - Dinner
6pm - Dark - Evening Rehearsal
10:30 - In Suite/On Floor
11pm - Lights Out

Theme Days - Must be dressed in theme at morning rehearsal (stretching) or sectionals.:

Monday - Section Day

Tuesday - Red/White

Wednesday - Dress like your favorite staff member

Thursday - 'Merica Thursday

Friday - Show Day

Activities could include (activities will be announced at Camp):

Kickball

Movie Night

Hangout Night

Swimming at the Pool

Campfire Songs

Capture the Flag

Section Skit Night

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Agreement to Band Camp Rules

I agree to conform to the camp rules. I realize that any infraction of these rules will result in my dismissal from band camp and subject me to being dropped from the marching band program. My parents will be required to bring me home the same day as my dismissal. I understand the expectations of behavior and professionalism required of all band members and will do my best to uphold them.

DATE: _____

Student SIGNATURE: _____
(band member)

Grade in 2017/2018: 8 9 10 11 12

Marching instrument/section: _____

*I hereby grant permission for my child (full name) _____ to accompany and represent the Kent City High School Band to Ferris State University July 17-21, 2017. I understand the rules and regulations of the camp as stated and believe that necessary plans and precautions for the care and supervision of the students during the week will be taken. I also understand that if my child breaks any of the rules, he/she will be sent home and I will be required to pick him/her up the same day as the infraction.

*I also grant permission for my child to attend performances off the grounds of Kent City High School (schedule and times available prior to event on www.kentcitybands.com). Performances include but not limited to competitions, concerts, honors bands, rehearsal, trips, etc. throughout the 2017/18 school year.

Please initial:

_____ YES, my child has permission to participate in water activities such as swimming, waterslides, etc.

_____ NO, my child may not participate in water activities

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent's Name(s) (please print): _____

Phone Number: _____

This form is due on July 10 at the mandatory parent meeting.

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