

June 5, 2009

Dear Allen Band and Color Guard Member,

We hope you are having a relaxing summer and are anticipating lots of fun and hard work in the Allen Escadrille! We're excited about the up-coming year and know you are as well. The many years of excellence our program has enjoyed has not come about by accident. It was developed through the attitudes and efforts of each student, parent and director associated with our group. You will personally play an important role in determining the degree of success that the Allen Escadrille will experience this year. The following information should provide you with everything you need to know to get a great start to the new year.

**SUMMER REHEARSALS – Monday, August 3<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 22<sup>rd</sup>**

Attendance at summer rehearsals is required of all members. The first step to success in ANY group is TO BE THERE! The schedule is basically 8:00-3:00 each day with lunch between 11:00-12:00. Please follow the enclosed calendar for your specific report days and times. Lunch will be provided to all freshmen on the first day, otherwise you will be on your own for lunch. Students are always welcome to bring a lunch and eat on site. During our rehearsal time we will learn and review marching fundamentals, prepare stand tunes and assign marching positions. We will complete our first halftime show which will also be performed during the "Watermelon Bust" at the close of summer rehearsals. We are particularly health conscious during this time; therefore, students must adhere to the following guidelines. Wear lightweight comfortable clothing, tennis shoes w/socks, sunscreen, caps/visors and above all bring plenty of WATER every day. If you see an **UNAVOIDABLE** situation that will cause you to miss a session, you **MUST LET US KNOW!!** Communication is vital to our success. For band absences please send an email to: [matt\\_boening@allenisd.org](mailto:matt_boening@allenisd.org). For color guard send to: [maria\\_rohr@allenisd.org](mailto:maria_rohr@allenisd.org).

**ESCADRILLE REGISTRATION DAY – Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Registration Day is intended for all members of the Band, Color Guard and Drill Team. It is designed as a "One-Stop-Shop" for students and parents participating in any part of the Escadrille. Uniforms, music, instruments, and equipment will be issued at this time. Permission slips and contact information will be completed and all required fees will be collected. Garment bags, yard signs and other optional spirit items will also be available. Parents will also have opportunities for booster memberships and volunteer activities. Parent support plays a vital role in the success of our students so please come out and join us.

**REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:**

Seniors	9:00 a.m.
Juniors	10:00 a.m.
Sophomores	11:30 a.m.
Freshmen (last name A - M)	1:30 p.m.
Freshmen (last name N - Z)	3:30 p.m.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Polo Shirt	\$23.00
Band Shoes	white - \$31.00 Black - \$31.00
Refreshment Fee	\$50.00
Uniform Cleaning Fee	\$10.00
Rental Fee for a School Instrument	\$100.00
*Garment Bag	\$30.00
*Yard Sign	\$30.00
*Booster Membership	\$25.00

(\* indicates optional)

Please bring your completed student information sheet and Allen ISD Performing Arts permission and Emergency Release/Authorization (enclosed with this letter) with you to registration. Please take time to review the Band Handbook before signing the acknowledgement form. The handbook can be found on the website, [www.allenband.com](http://www.allenband.com).

## **STUDENT LEADERS ONLY – Mon.-Fri. July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>**

All student leaders of band and color guard will meet during this week from 8:00-4:00 for training and preparation. Please wear appropriate marching attire and bring pencil and paper. Student leaders are also expected to attend ALL portions of summer band including freshman week. This will be a great opportunity for them to meet you and for you to get to know our new people.

## **MARCH-A-THON – Saturday, August 22<sup>st</sup>**

The annual Escadrille event has become a celebrated community event signaling the beginning of another school year and rallying support for another great season of Allen Eagle Football. It is also our biggest fundraiser of the year enabling each student to raise funds toward the spring trip. Many students find it possible to pay for their entire trip on this ten-mile march through the streets of Allen. Detailed information will be made available during summer band.

## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL GENERAL INFO**

When school starts Aug. 24th all daily marching rehearsals will be at **7:00 a.m. each morning at the AHS Escadrille/Track Stadium**. Freshmen will be bused to Lowery at the conclusion of each rehearsal. Monday night rehearsals will also begin on that first day. **We will meet each Monday from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Eagle Stadium**. Work schedules, Monday evening activities, and other school activities, etc, need to happen around these rehearsals. This is a MUST, as it is the only time we all meet together! Parents and family are always invited to come out and watch.

Athletes, we have had great success working and scheduling with coaches to give you the opportunity to participate in both marching band and athletics. We will continue tweaking this project by the sport you are participating in, as well as, on an individual basis. In closing, your student leaders are planning fun, social activities scattered throughout summer band. Take some time to get acclimated to heat and exercise by getting off the couch and into the great outdoors once in a while. It's going to be another GREAT YEAR!

## **Summer Band Camp Opportunities**

For those students that are attending the Texas Tech Band Camp there will be a help session to assist you in preparing your audition material on **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00** in the H.S. band hall. If you have not applied for camp it's not too late. The deadline for Tech Band Camp is Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pennington	Director of Bands, AHS
Mr. Peace	Assoc. Director, AHS
Mr. Boening	Assoc. Director, AHS
Mrs. Rohr	Asst. Director, AHS/Color Guard Dir.
Mr. Fortenberry	Director, LFC.
Mr. Villarreal	Asst. Director, LFC
Mr. Ferguson	Asst. Director/AISD
Mr. Noyes	Asst. Director, Percussion