

TO ALL BAND MEMBERS AND PARENTS:

I hope that this letter finds you looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. It is time to look ahead to the fall and the 2017 FIGHTING CARDINAL MARCHING BAND. We are determined to carry the proud tradition of the FCMB into the upcoming season. With the hard work and dedication of veteran and new members, this year's group will continue to create positive new experiences for all as we incorporate our motto of "MARCH PROUD" into all aspects of being a member of the band. Several of the important traits that all band members are expected to display are self-discipline, a desire to excel, loyalty, and a "team" attitude. These qualities are needed in order for the band to be successful, and with that success comes a spirit of PRIDE enjoyed by all. Remember that the staff and members of the FCMB are all working toward the same goal. We look forward to your involvement in what will surely be another memorable season for the FCMB.

ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR MARCHING BAND WILL BE COMPLETED ON-LINE. You will find the link for MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION, the 2017 marching band schedule, an emergency medical form and a field trip permission form, a fee schedule for miscellaneous marching band expenses and information for Music Mentors (our band booster organization) on our website – www.musicmentors.org. Registration will be open beginning May 25 and continue through June 10. Please visit the Music Mentors website and look for the link to "marching band registration". The registration process only takes a few minutes and is easy to complete. The emergency medical form and field trip permission form should be turned in on TUESDAY JULY 18 for new members and MONDAY JULY 24 for returning members.

The school district charges a pay to participate fee of \$200.00 for marching band. This fee must be paid by the first performance on August 25, 2017. NO MONIES FOR PAY TO PARTICIPATE WILL BE HANDLED BY THE BAND DIRECTORS. Beginning on or around August 1, pay to participate fees can be paid online with a credit card by using the CardCredit system on the Mentor Schools website and going to the "pay school fees" link. Fees can also be paid by check or credit card at the Board Office at 6451 Center Street. Fees paid to Music Mentors for accessories should be mailed to the Music Mentors post office box (address can be found on website) or paid the night of the new member parent meeting on July 18. If financial circumstances prevent you from participating in marching band, please contact Mr. Poremba to discuss possible solutions.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the FCMB Calendar of Events. Dates for summer rehearsals, performances, and other events are listed. There are performances for the marching band that do arise at later dates, so please update this calendar as needed. The band calendar can also be accessed on the Music Mentors website. Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances for all members of the band. It is easier to work out conflicts if the band directors are notified in advance. A little communication goes a long way.

The music reading sessions in June are for all marching band members. Our first marching rehearsal for new members only will be Tuesday July 18 from 2:00 - 9:00pm. There will be a meeting for parents of new band members beginning at 6:00 PM that evening as well. Afterwards parents will be able to pay Music Mentors fees and purchase FCMB spirit wear before our Ice Cream Social. Band members will have a break from 6-6:45 for dinner.

Marching band at Mentor High School is a very rewarding experience for our students. We encourage all students to participate and become part of our FCMB family! Feel free to contact the directors with questions. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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