

Pre-Camp Newsletter



Dear Band Students and Parents,

We hope summer has treated you well and helped you rejuvenate your energy for another great year in the Urbandale J-Hawk Bands (UJB).

A marching band that *performs to inspire* an audience will require a great deal of its members:

- Energy and concentration
- Musical skill
- Complex maneuvering
- Esprit de Corps (a feeling of pride in belonging to the group)

Our Marching Camp is one key step to the success of the J-Hawk Marching Band. It's important that students are mentally and physically ready to hit the ground running (and with all the right gear) in August.

NOTE: This year's camp schedule is a little different than years past. (See page 5)

PREPARE FOR SUCCESS

Plan on hot weather during rehearsals. Bring comfortable clothes, **tennis shoes** (no sandals), sunscreen, a hat, and most importantly **drink lots of water**. *Bring your own water bottle*; we'll have water to refill your containers at all camp rehearsals.

It's important to take care of yourself when working this hard outside in the heat! Get plenty of sleep each night. Eat and drink healthy meals.

ORIENTATION

9th graders, new members, and section leaders – The first morning rehearsal will be just for you! We'll use this time to further acquaint you with more of our processes for learning the music and marching band maneuvers.

SENIOR MEMBERS – LEADERSHIP

ALL senior band members are expected to attend. Your excellent leadership is vital to the success, climate and culture of the band. This will be on Monday, Aug. 7 from 11:10 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Performing to Inspire

UNIFORMS – please read carefully

All students will be fitted for uniforms on August 4th according to the included schedule on page 6.

We will have volunteers to help fit uniforms. The uniforms have on-the-spot adjustable sleeve and pant lengths. Volunteers will make these adjustments for each student. As outlined below, the students will be fitted for shoes and gloves at the same time. Veteran members will have access to last season's shoes to try on and make sure they still fit.

Payment for annual cleaning fees, shoes, t-shirt, and gloves should be paid at or before the time of fitting. Students will only be fitted for uniforms once their uniform fees are paid. If you need financial assistance, please communicate directly with Dr. Bill Watson, Activities Director, 457-6994.

If your uniform gets dirty during the season, it will be your responsibility to have it dry cleaned. We will take care of sending the uniforms for dry cleaning at the end of the season.

EXPENSES

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- Uniform Cleaning Fee \$12
- Marching Band Shoes (specific shoes purchased at school) \$39
- Marching Band T-Shirt (“UJB” Shirt – reusable in future years) \$8
- Marching Gloves (purchased at school) \$2

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Each student will provide his/her own Music Flip Folder and Lyre (from Rieman's or other music source).

Flute: DEG A16-HC225 Flute/Piccolo Lyre

Clarinet: B-flat Clarinet Lyre **&** DEG Universal Flip Folder

Saxophones/Bass Clarinets: Saxophone Lyre **&** DEG Universal Flip Folder

Trumpet/Mellophone/Euphonium: DEG HC260, **or** Brass Lyre w/ Bent Stem **&**
DEG Universal Flip Folder

Trombone: DEG HC250 Trombone Bell Lyre

Tubas: DEG Universal Flip Folder

Percussion: 3-ring binder and clear plastic sleeves

POTLUCK

On Monday, August 6th, we'll host a band family potluck in the UHS Commons. At this potluck we'll be presenting important information about the instrumental music program. This will be a great opportunity for new band parents and students to meet the staff, various event chairs, and to ask us questions about the band program.

What to bring

*****Please bring your own table service.*****

If your child is a woodwind musician, please bring a main dish to share.

If your child is a brass musician, please bring a side dish to share

If your child is a percussionist, please bring a dessert to share.

We will provide water, iced tea, and lemonade.

PHOTO

Before our first home game performance, we will set aside some time for parents to take their child's picture in uniform. This will take place before the game on August 24th. There will be opportunities to order formal band photos following the State Marching Band festival.

DAIRY BARN

Our contract with the Dairy Barn provides 55% of our annual revenue. You might say 'It's our **financial** healthy diet.' Without it, imagine the band program with 55% less of everything: instruments/equipment, performances, events, clinicians, guest artists. 2018 marks Urbandale's 21st year staffing the Dairy Barn. We appreciate everyone's help in filling the remaining shifts by [visiting this site](#) and signing up for 3 student shifts and 2 adult shifts. *Many hands make light work.* (John Heywood)

If you're available for any last-minute shifts, let Beth Day know; there's a spot to sign up online on standby.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

On Tuesday, August 20th, the Performing Arts Booster Club (PABC) and the Athletic Booster Club team up to canvas Urbandale asking citizens to join the booster club. The proceeds are split between the PABC and the Athletic Boosters. All students who participate in any activity, including band, are asked to participate. The Booster Club needs adult drivers to transport students from UHS to various neighborhoods in the district.

VOLUNTEERING

Many of the band events throughout the year depend on parent involvement for their success. Please visit the J-Hawk Bands website and follow the “[Volunteer](#)” tab to find information about volunteering and links to our sign ups. Our first priorities are to fill [Dairy Barn](#) slots and [uniform fitting](#) slots. Thank you in advance for helping give our kids a great high school band experience!

MISC

1. **During camp, students are often scheduled to have school photos and pick up their schedules for school.** Please do so at the earliest possible time, then hustle to rehearsal.

2. **All-State:** As of July 25th the All-State Etudes are posted on: <http://www.ihsma.org>
For those working towards the All-State auditions, mock auditions will take place:

- **Aug. 27** - First Mock Audition begins
- **Sept. 6** - Second mock audition. These will determine the musicians who will continue through Oct. 20th auditions.
- **September 10 – October 15** - Mock Auditions continue on Monday evenings; Tuesdays after school, All-Staters rehearse for opening ceremonies of Urb. Marching Invitational & discuss general All-State audition topics.
- **Student who wish to audition for instrumental all-state are expected to attend mock auditions and Tuesday “briefings.”**

3. **Jazz Bands:** Jazz Band I & II will begin on Tuesday, August 28th with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings starting Sept. 5th - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please let us know. See you soon!



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CAMP SCHEDULE:

All rehearsals will start at the UHS band room unless announced otherwise.

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2018-19 Urbandale High School - Instrumental Music Events

Attendance Expectations: Students who elect to be in band are expected to attend all events according to the following calendar.

Date	Event	Participants	Location
Aug. 3	Leadership Team Workshop: 9:00 a.m. - Noon	Leadership Team	UHS Band Room
Band Camp (All Members unless otherwise noted)			
Aug. 4	Uniform Fitting: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS Band Room
Aug. 6	Band Camp Orientation: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	New Members & Leaders	UHS Band Room
	Senior Members Leadership: 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	Seniors + Leadership	UHS Band Room
	Band Camp Rehearsal: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS Band Room/Stadium
	Family Informational Potluck: 6:00 p.m.	Members & Families	UHS Commons
Aug. 7 - 10	Band Camp Rehearsal: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	All Members	Stadium
Aug. 13	Camp Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Stadium
	Music Rehearsal: Noon - 2:00 p.m.	All Members, except Pit	UHS Band Room
Aug. 14	Camp Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Stadium
	Music Rehearsal: Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Flutes, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Tenors Saxes and Pit	UHS Band Room
Aug. 15	Camp Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Stadium
	Music Rehearsal: Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Clarinets, Alto Saxes, Mellophones, Tubas, Bari Saxes, Bass Clarinets, and Battery	UHS Band Room
Aug. 16	Camp Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Stadium
	Music Rehearsal: Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Flutes, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Tenors Saxes and Pit	UHS Band Room
Aug. 17	Camp Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Stadium
	Music Rehearsal: Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Clarinets, Alto Saxes, Mellophones, Tubas, Bari Saxes, Bass Clarinets, and ALL Percussion	UHS Band Room
Aug. 20	Booster Membership Drive - 6:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS PAC
Aug. 9-19	Dairy Barn Fund-Raiser	All Members & Families	State Fairgrounds

During the fall marching season, the band rehearses each morning from 7:00 AM through the end of 1st period. On Wednesdays, rehearsal will be from 7:00 - 7:50 AM. We will start this on the 1st day of school.

If you will be missing any of the above rehearsals, please e-mail in advance and let us know. (Exception: no notice is necessary for Dairy Barn absences.)

Uniform Fitting Day

Student Arrival Schedule – Preferred (If you need to come at a different time, please do)
Saturday – August 4, 2018

9:00 - 9:30	Seniors A-K
9:30 - 10:00	Seniors M-Y
10:00 - 10:30	Juniors A-D
10:30 - 11:00	Juniors G-J
11:00 - 11:30	Juniors K-N
11:30 - 12:00	Juniors P-S
12:00 - 12:30	Juniors V-Z
12:30 - 1:00	Sophomores A-B
1:00 - 1:30	Sophomores C-H
1:30 - 2:00	Sophomores K-P
2:00 - 2:30	Sophomores R-S
2:30 - 3:00	Sophomores V-Y
3:00 - 3:30	BREAK
3:30 - 4:00	Freshmen A-B
4:00 - 4:30	Freshmen C-E
4:30 - 5:00	Freshmen F-H
5:00 - 5:30	Freshmen I-K
5:30 - 6:00	Freshmen M-N
6:00 - 6:30	Freshmen P-S
6:30-7:00	Freshmen T-Z

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