

## Pre-Camp Newsletter

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Dear Band Students and Families,

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 whose motto is *Performing to Inspire* will expect 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**

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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**

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**9<sup>th</sup> 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 our processes for learning the music and marching band maneuvers.

### **SENIOR MEMBERS – LEADERSHIP**

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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 Tuesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Performing to Inspire*

## UNIFORMS – please read carefully – changed from last year

All students will be fitted for uniforms on August 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Glove and uniform cleaning costs are now being covered by our Performing Arts Boosters. Thank you, Boosters! This means students are only responsible for shoe and t-shirt fees. These should be paid at or before the time of fitting (see details below).

## EXPENSES

The following fees will be collected at the time of uniform fitting on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Checks made payable to Performing Arts Booster Club.

(Due to internal changes, we no longer have access to an online payment option.)

- Marching Band Shoes (specific shoes purchased at school) - \$39
- Marching Band T-Shirt - \$8

*-You may reuse t-shirt, shoes & gloves if yours are still in good shape.*

Students will be assigned a uniform once they're current on their payment. If you are unable to make payment at that time, contact Dr. Bill Watson, Activities Director, 457-6994 to make alternate payment arrangements. Students must be paid and fitted before they will be able to perform with the band.

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 Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

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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 September 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities to order formal band photos following the State Marching Band festival.

## DAIRY BARN

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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. 2019 marks Urbandale's 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Rhea Gaskins know; there are many standby shifts available.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, the Performing Arts Booster Club (PABC) and the Athletic Booster Club team up to canvass 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

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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!

## MONDAY NIGHT LIGHTS REHEARSAL

The last rehearsal of band camp will offer students an informal opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made on our fall marching show. Family and friends are encouraged to observe and participate in a rehearsal and performance under the lights of Frerichs Field! The night's schedule is listed below:

- 7:00 PM - Regular rehearsal
- 8:00 PM - Informal performance of halftime show
- 8:15 PM - Families march with students

Families should arrive no later than 8:00 PM to see our informal performance. At 8:15 PM we invite families onto the field in order to learn drill along with our students. No experience necessary! This is a fun opportunity for everyone involved. Students should wear their UJB t-shirts and khaki shorts. We hope to see you there!

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

**2. All-State:** As of July 25<sup>th</sup>, the All-State Etudes will be posted on: <http://www.ihsma.org> For those working towards the All-State auditions, please note the following required events to aid in your preparation:

### **Mock Auditions:**

- **Aug. 26** - First Mock Audition begins
- **Sept. 5** - Second mock audition. These will determine the musicians who will continue through Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> auditions.
- **September 9 - October 14** - Mock Auditions continue on Monday evenings.

### **Debriefing Sessions:**

- These sessions will be held Tuesdays after school. All-Staters will rehearse for the opening ceremonies of the Urbandale Marching Invitational & discuss general All-State audition topics.
- **Students who wish to audition for instrumental All-State are expected to attend mock auditions and Tuesday briefing sessions.**

**3. Jazz Bands:** Jazz Bands I & II will begin on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings 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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### 2019-20 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. 2	Leadership Team Workshop: 9:00 a.m. - Noon	Leadership Team	UHS Band Room
<b>Band Camp (All Members unless otherwise noted)</b>			
Aug. 5	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/Frerichs
	Senior Members Leadership: 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Seniors + Leadership	UHS Band Room
	Band Camp Rehearsal: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS Band Room/Frerichs
	Family Informational Potluck: 6:00 p.m.	Members & Families	UHS Commons
Aug. 7	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	All Members, except Pit	UHS Band Room / Music Wing
Aug. 8	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Flutes, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Tenors Saxes and Pit	UHS Band Room / Music Wing
Aug. 9	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Outdoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
Aug. 12	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Clarinets, Alto Saxes, Mellophones, Tubas, Bari Saxes, Bass Clarinets, and Battery	UHS Band Room / Music Wing
Aug. 13	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Flutes, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Tenors Saxes and Pit	UHS Band Room / Music Wing
Aug. 14	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Clarinets, Alto Saxes, Mellophones, Tubas, Bari Saxes, Bass Clarinets, and ALL Percussion	UHS Band Room / Music Wing
Aug. 15	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor/Outdoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS Band Room/ Frerichs (outside @ 6:30)
Aug. 16	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	Indoor/Outdoor Rehearsal: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS Band Room/ Frerichs (outside @ 6:30)
Aug. 19	Outdoor Rehearsal - Full Group 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
	"Monday Night Lights" 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	All Members	Frerichs Field
Aug. 20	Booster Membership Drive - 6:00 p.m.	All Members	UHS PAC
Aug. 8-18	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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)  
Monday ~ August 5, 2019

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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