

To: MMS Band Parents/Guardians and Students
From: Mr. Williams, Director of MMS Bands
Re: **Blue Devil Band Camp 2010 – 2011**

Dear Parent/Guardians and Students,

I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer! The schedule for band camp will be similar as in years past. Remember, all students must bring in the **MMS Band Field Trip Permission/Insurance form** with them to camp and turn it in to Mr. Williams. Color Guard members must also fill this form out as well. It is found within this mailing, and **MUST BE NOTARIZED!** Also, remember to make sure your student(s) are signed up for band when you are doing registration, **except for Color Guard members who are NOT participating in Band Quarters 1 – 4.**

Color Guard members **WHO ARE** doing band need to contact Mr. Williams **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to schedule a lesson time during camp. **This is to help keep your playing up while you are doing guard.** *Band students who want extra help on the Apple Festival music, or who are trying out for District VI, may also request a lesson time if they wish.*

As stated in the May mailing, there will be 11 days of rehearsal prior to the first week of school. Jul. 30th, Aug. 2nd, and Aug. 3rd will be for beginning and new students only (*6th grade in 2010 – 2011, any new student who did not participate in band 2009 – 2010*), and **ALL percussion**. Percussionist will need these first 3 extra days because they have twice the music to learn. Aug. 4th – 13th will be for **ALL 2010 – 2011 MMS Band students**.

All students need to attend these camp dates. If there is a conflict, **PLEASE** contact me **BEFORE** rehearsals begin.

n. Any serious conflicts can be resolved easily by successful communication. If your student plays **MMS BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL**, there will be **NO CONFLICTS**. Students **WILL** be able to do both. **Sports and other activities are easily accommodated with parent/coach/band director cooperation.**

The following schedule will be used:

Jul 30th, Aug 2nd, and Aug 3rd

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **6th Grade Brass and Woodwinds (Includes 7th and 8th Grade Baseball players)**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **All Percussion**

Aug 4th – Aug 13th

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Brass and Woodwinds (Includes Softball players)**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Full Band (Brass, Woodwinds, and Percussion)
Excluding Softball players, when their tryout starts**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Percussion**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Color Guard, with Mrs. Hanson**

Baseball and Softball Tryout Arrangement for MMS Band Students:

7th and 8th Grade boys trying out for baseball will not attend all of camp. They will attend Jul 30th, Aug 2nd, and Aug 3rd to make up the days of camp they will miss during the tryout, which I was told is sometime the second week of August.

Those girls trying out for softball need not to worry as they will attend the first hour, 9 AM to 10 AM, and leave for softball tryouts at 10 AM when softball tryouts start.

As stated earlier, if your student plays **MMS BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL**, there will be **NO CONFLICTS**.

Students will be fitted for a MMS Band shirt at the camp. **Any parent that can help with the shirt fittings, please call the MMS Band office (number below) and leave a message.**

Our *MMS Band Parent Welcome Picnic* will again take place at Lake Murphysboro this year. It is scheduled for **Sunday, August 15th**. We will also be doing a Car Wash fundraiser on Saturday, August 14th. Location and time TBA.

Please also fill out and turn in the student information form, which is found within this mailing. This information will be used for a Band Booster database for contact purposes.

STUDENTS MUST REMEMBER TO WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR CAMP! We will be outside part of the time and IT WILL BE HOT. Tshirts, shorts, a hat, sunglasses, **SUNSCREEN**, and **TENNIS SHOES ARE REQUIRED. NO FLIP-FLOPS!!** Water is also recommended.

If there are any conflicts or questions about the dates or times (*baseball and softball*), please call me at the MMS Band office (618) 684 – 3041, ext. 2224, or email me at nwilliams@mhs.org.

2010 – 2011 should be the best year ever for the MMS band program!