



Bolton High School Band

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Memorandum

TO: All Returning and New Bolton Band Members

FROM: David Chipman

DATE: 2/11/2010

RE: Information for 2010-11

BAND CAMP for 2010 will be **July 19-22(M-Th), 8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.** We will rehearse music and work marching fundamentals during this time; **July 23(Fri), 26 - 29(M-Th), 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.** We will continue music, fundamentals, and will learn the show drill during these days. PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW. **BAND CAMP IS MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS. WHEN PEOPLE ARE MISSING, MAJOR PROBLEMS OCCUR. TO ENSURE SUCCESS, EVERYONE MUST BE PRESENT AND READY TO WORK EVERY DAY.**

BAND FEES for the upcoming year are \$ **425.00**. The band fee includes all fees associated with band camp, 2 band T-Shirts that are required for all members. A *****\$125.00** deposit is due by June 18. The balance of band fees are due the first week of camp. The \$125.00 deposit and/or enrolling in brass, woodwinds, percussion and color guard class will serve as a statement of commitment for the 2010-11 school year(both semesters), and it is understood that students enrolled in band are responsible for the fees. **After a commitment is made, class schedules will not be changed.** If anyone needs to make payments on the balance, just let us know (especially if you have more than one student in the band). Contact the director or one of the booster board members. We do not want financial difficulties to keep anyone from participating in the Band Program. A suitable payment schedule can be set up. New students will need to purchase band shoes. ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT CAMP IN JULY. Shoes will be paid for when they are shipped in mid- August.

MEMBERSHIP and AUDITION INFORMATION:

For membership in our band program, students must have completed the following: **a)** recommendation from current band director (academic & behavior); **b)** successful completion of at least two years (including current) enrollment in a middle school band program; **c)** students have acceptable grades and conduct in other academic courses.

Audition for high school band is NOT required, if the student is currently a member of their school's honor concert band (group that attended concert festival), along with current successful participation in solo and ensemble and/OR the student earned membership in an All-West TN Honor Band during this school year. Otherwise, an audition **IS** required.

Audition Requirements:

Students will need to play their solo from solo and ensemble, or excerpts from Band music. You will also be asked to play 6 of the 12 major scales from memory and show rhythm counting and note recognition skills. **Bring a copy of your latest report card.**

Audition Dates: May 12 (Shadowlawn Middle), May 17 & 18 (Bolton HS). Auditions begin promptly at 2:30pm. Please call or email to schedule an audition.

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Color Guard information will be sent to the middle schools as soon as audition dates are set.

****Make band fee checks payable to: Bolton Band Boosters. Mail your deposit to our booster treasurer, Mike Sutton 4525 N. Greystone Oaks Cv. Arlington, TN 38002. Deposits are due June 12. Fees are non-refundable. When mailing in your deposit, please include the students T-Shirt size.**

Specific Band Camp Information and music will be included in a packet to be mailed in late June. If you have any questions, please contact me at 873-8150, ext. 225. Leave a message and I will return your call ASAP. You can also email me at: director@boltonband.org I can respond faster by email.

I look forward to seeing all of you. Have a great rest of the school year and summer!