

May 20, 2009

Dear Chapin Band Family,

We should feel proud of our accomplishments in 2008-09, highlighted by the marching band winning the SCBDA Lower State 3A Championship and fourth place at the 3A State Competition, both CMS 7th and 8th Grade Bands earning Superior Ratings at SCBDA Concert Festival AND Carrowinds, Chapin Flight earning 2nd place SCBDA State Color Guard Championship, CHS Symphonic Band earning an Excellent Rating at the State Concert Festival, and both CMS and CHS Bands earning the SC Band Director's Association Outstanding Performance Award, again!

As another successful year quickly winds down, the next has already begun to wind up. Enclosed in this packet you will find a great deal of information that you will need to refer to when making plans, so please put this in a safe place.

The Chapin Band Family has made a very strong statement by devoting a large portion of our resources to hiring a nationally renowned design team. For that reason, we must honor that decision with a stronger-than-ever commitment to the band and to the community. ***PLEASE TAKE THE COMPLETION OF THESE FORMS VERY SERIOUSLY.*** Because of time constraints and a demanding schedule, our drill writer, Mr. Leon May will begin writing drill before our school year is complete. We must have an accurate count of the band as soon as possible.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT BY FRIDAY, MAY 28.

The 2009-10 band fee is \$350. Every effort is made to keep the cost of band as low as possible. Even with this increase (\$100 over last year) we still have the lowest fee of schools in our district and most other competitive bands in South Carolina. For your convenience we are allowing payments to be made in one lump sum on May 28 or in installments according to the following schedule:

May 28 - \$100
August 3 - \$150
September 8 - \$100

ALL BAND FEE Payments should be mailed to our booster club treasurer or dropped off in the lock box in the band room.

Chapin Band Booster Club Treasurer:
Scott Rhodes
613 Webster Point Dr.
Chapin, SC 29036

Make checks payable to Chapin Band Booster Club.

Payments can be made early. Arrangements for late payments should be made in advance with the band director or booster club treasurer (Scott Rhodes – cbtreasurer@gmail.com). **In order to be eligible to compete in marching band shows, all band fees must be paid on time. This is a new policy that will be adhered to strongly.** Scholarships for hardship cases are available. Contact Mr. Layton to request consideration for this.

BAND CAMP INFORMATION

Band camp is a required event for all marching band participants!!!!!!

DATES

Student Leaders, Flight, and Percussion – July 27 – July 30

Full Band – August 3 – August 18 (specific day to day schedule is on a subsequent page)

PERSONAL NEEDS

Adequate clothing must be worn at all times during camp and MUST consist of the following:

- Sun block
- MOSTLY WHITE T-SHIRT
- Comfortable gym shoes with cotton athletic socks
- Sunglasses or hat
- Pencils with erasers that work
- A water jug / cooler

Also, each and every student must have all of the information in this packet on file with Mr. Layton prior to band camp. Should the need arise, a doctor will be authorized to use this health information to assist with any student medical problems.

BAND CAMP MEALS

The Band Booster Club will provide all lunch meals at this year's camp, but not percussion and guard camp. The students will not be allowed to leave campus during lunchtime without written authorization from a parent or guardian. Students will need to leave campus for dinner except on August 13 and 14. The Booster Club will provide a pizza buffet dinner on Aug 13 and a hamburger dinner on August 14 prior to the exhibition. All other dinners are to be provided by the student off campus. If transportation is not available for any reason, a bag lunch can be brought and stored in the school refrigerator.

If for any reason an emergency arises and you must reach the directors or a student, we may be contacted at the band room (575.5516) or at the Chapin High School office (575.5400).

EXHIBITION

On Friday, August 14, 7:30 pm., the band will perform its first exhibition performance of the 2009 season. Parents, friends, band supporters and alumni are all invited to attend. Traditionally, this is one of the most exciting performances for the students because it marks the end of a long, tough band camp. Parents, please plan on attending. More information will be available as the event draws near.

COMMITMENT AND FORMS DUE DATE: MAY 28

It is crucial to the success of the Chapin Marching Band that we have an accurate count of the band's membership. Since we would like to have a slot for every student without any holes, we must have an accurate count of our marchers. It is not possible to add or delete slots once the drill has been written. To indicate your intent to march in the 2009 Chapin Marching Band, please return the enclosed forms and the NON-REFUNDABLE band fee prior to May 28. Returning the camp forms and fees will indicate your child's desire to be included in the drill and will be considered by our directors and members an unbreakable commitment to participate. If you cannot for any reason raise the necessary

funds for participation before May 28, please contact me at school (575.5516) and we can make alternate arrangements. Please turn in your forms by May 28 regardless!!!

IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE BAND AS A GROUP TO HAVE ALL OF ITS MEMBERS

PRESENT AT EACH AND EVERY CAMP SESSION. Attendance is mandatory. Please plan on arriving early for all rehearsals. Should a problem arise and a conflict or tardiness cannot be avoided, contact Mr. Layton for approval. Thank you for your cooperation. With your help and support, the Chapin Band will experience a tremendously successful season. Parents and students should enter the band room number

AFTER BAND CAMP

All members enrolled in band class must participate in marching band, unless excused by the director. Students who are physically unable to march will be excused from activities as deemed appropriate by a written DOCTOR'S EXCUSE. Students who elect to participate in fall school related activities are required to participate in marching band unless the group's performance schedule conflicts with the band's performances. Students who are involved in after school activities besides marching band will be required to sign a contract with the group sponsor and Mr. Layton that will indicate all report and excuse times for performances and practices. Such conflicts will be considered on an individual basis. Although marching band only occupies one fourth of the band's calendar, it occupies about two thirds of the band's rehearsal time. It is an integral part of the program at Chapin; therefore, all students must have a strong commitment to this part of band. It is the most visible part of our program and must be held to an extremely high standard of excellence.

REGULAR AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Mondays – 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesdays – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays – 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

We hope your summer vacation is filled with fun and excitement. Enjoy your families, friends, and free time; we will see you on July 27 or August 3!!!

Sincerely,

Brad Layton and David Santiago

Chapin High School Band Camp Schedule

(August 3 -Aug 18, 2009)

August 3 (Monday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Rookies (1st year in CHS Band), All Percussion, All Guard, Student Leaders
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for Rookies, Percussion, Guard, Student Leaders)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 5 (Tuesday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Rookies, All Percussion, All Guard, Student Leaders
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for Rookies, Percussion, Guard, Student Leaders)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 6 (Wednesday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 7 (Thursday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 8 (Friday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

* Always be prepared to begin rehearsals 10 minutes early

**After all rehearsals, all students are required to take care of returning equipment to proper storage – this usually takes 10-15 minutes after the rehearsal ends. Student should be picked up 15-30 minutes after the scheduled end of rehearsals

August 11 (Monday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 12 (Tuesday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 13 (Wednesday)

8:00 am Rehearsal for Full Band
12:00 pm Lunch (provided for everyone – no one leaves campus)
1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
3:45 pm Break – leave campus
6:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 14 (Thursday)

1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
6:00 pm Dinner (provided on campus – no one leaves)
7:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band Resumes
8:30 pm Rehearsal Ends**

August 15 (Friday)

1:15 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
6:00 pm Rehearsal ends
6:30 pm Dinner (Booster Club Cookout)
7:30 pm *Exhibition (on Band Practice Field)*

August 17 (Monday)

4:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
7:00 pm Rehearsal Ends

August 18 (Tuesday)

4:00 pm Rehearsal for Full Band
7:00 pm Rehearsal Ends

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2009-2010 Chapin HS Band Calendar

as of 5/20/09

(Please note – all away games are listed, but there is a good chance we will not attend some or most of them. Please keep the dates open. We will announce the games we will attend at the beginning of band camp.)

July

27-31 Percussion and Colorguard Camp (times announced at spring rehearsals)

August

3 *Second Band Fee Payment of \$150 due*
3-7 Band Camp for ALL Band Members – See Band Camp Schedule for times
10-14 Band Camp for ALL Band Members – See Band Camp Schedule for times
14 Marching Band Exhibition – 7:30 pm
17 Marching Band Rehearsal – 4-7pm
18 Marching Band Rehearsal – 4-7pm
20 School Begins
20 Home Game v. Strom Thurmond (yes, this is a Thursday game)

September

4 Away Game v. Broodland-Cayce
7 Labor Day Parade (7:45 am call time)
8 *Final Band Fee Payment of \$100 due*
11 Away Game v. Gilbert
15 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room
18 Away Game v. Newberry
19 Mini Camp – (All Day Event)
25 Home Game v. Mid-Carolina
26 Palmetto Esprit de Corps, Irmo HS (All Day Event)

October

2 Home Game v. Lugoff-Elgin
3 Silver Invitational, White Knoll HS (All Day Event)
9 Away Game v. AC Flora
10 NO CONTEST
16 Home Game v. Chester
17 Tournament of Bands, Blythewood HS (All Day Event)
20 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room
23 Home Game v. Lower Richland
24 SC Band Director's Association Lower State 3A Competition, Hartsville HS (All Day Event)
30 Away Game v. Fairfield Central
31 SCBDA State 3A Competition, Woodmont HS (All Day Event)

November

17 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room
TBA Fruit sale begins this month.

Playoff Games on Fridays until elimination. State Football Championships are Dec. 4 or 5. This date should be reserved in case we go all the way. We will march at Williams-Brice Stadium if the team makes it to the championship. The regular after school marching rehearsals will end after State Contest. We will rehearse on Thursdays before home games from 4-6:30 until we are out of the football playoffs.

December

7 Christmas Concert, 7pm, CHS Gym – all classes

January

9 Region Band Auditions – Location TBA

19 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, **Chapin Middle School Band Room**

23 All State Band Audition, Lexington HS

February

1 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

8 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

16 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room

22 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

26-27 Region Band Clinic, Location TBA

March

1 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

6 Jazz Festival

8 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

9 Pre-festival Concert, CHS Gym (Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble)

12-14 All State Band Clinic

15 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

16 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room

29 Symphonic Band Rehearsal 4-6 pm

* Concert Festival will be scheduled after the beginning of the school year. Look for updates on the web site and through email.

April

20 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room

30 Solo and Ensemble, Columbia – times TBA

May

11 CHS Spring Concert, 7 pm, CHS Gym

18 Booster Club Meeting – 7:30 pm, CHS Band Room

June

4 Graduation – mandatory / final exam grade (time TBA)