

FINAL REMINDERS AND UPDATE FOR BAND CAMP 2017

Please read carefully- even those with returning marchers

IMPORTANT: Medication check-in for camp will be on Wed 8/9 & Thu 8/10 from 5 PM until 7 PM and Fri 8/11 from 8:30 – 10:30 AM. Please plan on dropping off, or have your student drop off, all medications your child needs at camp at these times. These will be the only times we have a nurse available for medicine collection at school prior to departure to Lake Ann.

The camp Health Care Officer (Mrs. Amanda Zaharof) is mandated by the State of Michigan to be in control of all medications and distribute them to students while at Lake Ann. Place prescription medicine in a Ziploc bag at home and write your student's name on it with a Sharpie. Except for Epi-pens and prescription inhalers, all medicines (even non-prescription) must be turned in prior to leaving and **MUST** be in their original, labeled containers. If your child is a type-1 diabetic, please consult with Mrs. Zaharof. We will have a special container to store medication and the HCO will distribute medication to the students as needed from the medical station. Absolutely no medicines, even over the counter and/or vitamins & supplements, in luggage -- there will be up to 14 students and stafferones in every cabin and we do not want to chance anyone accidentally taking someone else's medicine. Violations are subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

**Students who use inhalers for asthma or Epi-pens for allergic reactions, remember to bring a spare. We will be in a wooded area, which can sometimes trigger asthma and allergies.*

Call time on Sunday, August 13 is at 7:30 AM at Stevenson High School.

Please proceed to the student check-in line (**students must be present**) in the hallway next to the band room to ensure all paperwork has been completed and to issue wristbands that must be worn to board the bus and the entire week at Lake Ann so they know that you are part of our group and can be served in the dining hall. We are charged for each wristband – don't lose them. To speed up the process of leaving for everyone, take advantage of the last days of home camp to make sure that all of your forms have been turned in. There are 6 forms plus a copy of the medical insurance card (front and back) the student is covered under that must be completed/copied and on file **for everyone** before the buses can leave. If your paperwork is incomplete or there are other issues at check-in, there will be a separate table to complete unfinished business – you will then be permitted back in line at the front so the student can receive their wrist band to board the bus.

PLEASE label ALL your luggage and belongings. They should be brought to the curb outside of the band room. **Whatever is brought to Lake Ann must be carried by each student to and from the cabins.** All luggage will be loaded in the storage areas under the buses. You may begin to load luggage onto the buses when you arrive, but allow adults to assist you so we can maximize space. Do not board the bus until you are cleared to do so after checking in – you must be wearing your Lake Ann wristband to get on the bus.

Please send some spending money with your student. We will be stopping for a fast-food lunch in Clare around 11:00 am on the way to camp. Students may also want money for the coffee/ice cream

shop and gift shop at camp during the week. *Consider a minimum of \$50 for snack purchases at camp. Souvenirs and clothing at the gift shop can be expensive.*

Check www.shs-music.org and Facebook throughout the week for pictures and commentary from camp. We will try to post pictures and blogs daily. We may also have a video section so you can see the activities at camp. All pictures/videos taken during marching band season are the property of Stevenson Band Boosters and we reserve the right to post them on our web site and/or on social media. You are welcome and encouraged to download and save them for your personal use.

A live rehearsal webcast is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast from Lake Ann on Wednesday, August 16th from roughly 7 – 8 p.m. The web site link is <http://www.event-cast.com/eventcastviewer.php?evtguid=FD2E2CA8-553D-1C15-F6B7-9FA975EE82ED&vndiv=0&vsize=2> or <http://bit.ly/2vki0vT> and will also be posted on www.shs-music.org and in the Marching Band Facebook Group. **The password is stevenson.** If you miss it live, the webcast can be rewatched afterwards. Changes and updates will be sent out via e-mail blast and/or Remind messages.

If you would like to **send a note (hand-written or printed at home)** to encourage your student while he or she is at camp, there will be a special **box/bag to drop it near the check-in table**. The notes will be given to the students mid-week during meal time. You may also drop them off during the remaining days of home camp.

To help the kids stay focused, refrain from sending bad news from home to your students via e-mail or text. If there is a family emergency that requires immediate action from your student, please contact Mr. Austerman at 248-709-5795.

The state of Michigan requires that we have written permission from a parent or guardian for a student to be released to ride home with anyone that is not listed on the Emergency Medical Treatment form. Contact Mr. Austerman to complete these arrangements, if necessary. If you are picking a child up early from Lake Ann, you must check in at the Welcome Center and your child will be released directly by Mike Austerman to you. There will be no exceptions.

The band will return to Stevenson on the bus on Friday, August 18th at approximately 6 pm (they will be hungry for dinner). Your student may call or text you when we get close to school. Once everything is unloaded, the students will be free to go home. Be sure they pick up all medication before leaving!

Chaperones and stafferones attended a state required training session on July 31st, 2017 to review and ensure understanding of the Band Camp Policy Manual, which is available for your review at www.shs-music.org/forms.html (look for “Band Policy Manual 2017”).

Your student will be in the very capable hands of 16 adult chaperones, 8 staff members, and 18 counselors. We will take good care of them. In an emergency, our home contacts are Cheri Petrimoulx at 586-978-2265 (if no answer, 586-489-7648) and Paula Hubbard at 586-995-3302. They will be able to contact us should the need arise. Thank you for your trust and support!!