

FINAL REMINDERS AND UPDATE FOR BAND CAMP 2018

Please read carefully- even those with returning marchers

1. **IMPORTANT: Medication check-in for camp with a nurse will be on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:15 AM & Wednesday evening at 5 PM. Drop off, or have your student drop off, all unexpired medications your child needs at camp at these times.** Although not required, a face-to-face meeting with a nurse is extremely beneficial for students that take prescription medications or have a chronic health concern to ensure accuracy and understanding between parent, student, and the nurses.
2. All medications must be unexpired and in their original, labeled, container(s). Place them inside a Ziploc bag and write your student's name on the bag in ink. Except for Epi-pens and prescription inhalers, **all medicines (even non-prescription) must be turned in prior to leaving for away camp.** *If your child is a Type 1 diabetic, please consult with our lead camp Health Care Officer (HCO), Mrs. Amanda Zaharof.* While at camp, medications are stored, secured, and distributed under the direction of the HCO from the medical station.
3. **Absolutely no medicines, even over the counter and/or vitamins & supplements, in luggage or in cabins -- there will be up to 14 students and stafferones in every cabin and we must work together to minimize the dangers of unsecured medicines. Violations of this policy, even if accidental, are subject to disciplinary action - up to and including expulsion from school.** Due to the logistics required, students are strongly encouraged to skip non-essential vitamins and supplements this week. This helps keep lines down at the medical station for students that take required medications.
4. *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.*
5. **Call time on Sunday, August 12 is at 7:30 AM at Stevenson High School.**
6. Proceed to the student check-in line (**students must be present**) in the hallway next to the band room to ensure all required forms and paperwork have been completed, all of your medications have been checked in, 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. Accidentally damaged wristbands can be swapped.
7. To speed up departure, take advantage of the last days of home camp to make sure that all of forms and medications have been turned/checked 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 will leave.
8. If there are completion issues at check-in, there will be separate areas for you to finish your business. You will then rejoin the line at the front so the student can receive their wristband to board the bus.
9. 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.** Luggage is loaded in the storage areas under the buses. You may begin to load luggage onto the buses when you arrive; 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.

10. Your student will need spending money. We will be stopping for a fast-food lunch in Clare around 11:00 am on Sunday. Students may also want money for the coffee/ice cream/gift shop at camp during the week. Most of the Clare fast-food restaurants and the camp store do accept credit, debit, and Visa or MasterCard gift cards. *Consider a minimum of \$50 for snack purchases at camp. Souvenirs and clothing at the gift shop can be expensive and would be in addition to that \$50.*

11. Long pants are required for Zipline & Paintball participants

12. Check www.shs-music.org and Facebook throughout the week for pictures and commentary from camp. We attempt to blog daily with pictures and videos, however we are often at the mercy of variable internet connectivity. 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.

13. A live rehearsal webcast is tentatively scheduled to be broadcast from Lake Ann on Wednesday, August 15th from roughly 7 – 8 p.m. Information about access to the webcast will be sent out via e- Remind messages and/or on the Instrumental Music Facebook page.

14. 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 in at check-in**. Place the note inside an envelope, labeled with the student's name and instrument (section). The notes will be given to the students mid-week during meal time. You may also drop them off during home camp.

15. We respectfully ask that you save bad news until your student returns home so that they can enjoy their time away. If there is a family emergency that requires immediate action from your student, please contact Mr. Austerman at 248-709-5795. Positive e-mails and texts from home sent directly to your student are STRONGLY encouraged!

16. 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.

17. The band will return to Stevenson on the bus on Friday, August 17th at approximately 6 pm (they will be hungry for dinner as we do not stop for food on the return trip). Your student should call or text you when we get close to school. Once everything is unloaded, the students will be free to go home. Be sure to pick up all medication before leaving!

18. Chaperones and stafferones attended a state required training session 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 2018").

19. Your student will be in the very capable hands of 48 adult chaperones, staff members, counselors (stafferones). We will take good care of them.

20. Emergency contact numbers: Lake Ann Camp (231) 275-7329; Mr. Austerman (248) 709-5795; Mrs. Zaharof (586) 601-5256; Mrs. Kies (810) 919-3637; Mrs. Cheri Petrimoulx will be in Sterling Heights and can be reached at 586-978-2265 (if no answer, 586-489-7648).