



## 2018 Southeast Polk High School Marching Band Newsletter

May, 2018

Dear Band Families,

We are very excited that you will be a part of our award-winning tradition of musical excellence and pride! Below are several details important to know now. More information will be coming to you in the coming weeks. In the interest of planning your summer activities, please make note of the following information and dates. If you have questions for either SEP Band Director (Mrs. Meunier or Mr. Gerth), please do not hesitate to contact them. This newsletter is not intended to give you every detail, but to outline the major information you need to know. More specific information will be sent before the end of the school year.

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### Summer Monday Nights

These practices help to prepare the marching show music and to teach the fundamentals of movement for the beginning of the fall marching band season. We understand that family vacations and summer camps may conflict. Please contact the band directors via email with this information. These practices are in the SEP Band Rooms and begin at 6:00pm and end at 9:00pm.

**The dates are: June 11 & 18 (Drumline and drum majors only), June 25, July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 23.**

**If you have unavoidable conflicts with a practice, please indicate that here:**

<https://bit.do/SummerMBConflicts>

## **Band Camp**

**(Required for Everyone)**

Band Camp is a time of important, intense learning. During Band Camp, students will learn and reinforce the fundamentals of movement on the field, learn many of the moves we will make during our fall marching show, and deeply learn our music. Therefore, Band Camp is required for all students. More details will be shared with you before the end of this school year. We will start each day at the high school. **Bring sunscreen, hats, and water jugs!!!**

***The dates and times for band camp:***

**Thursday, August 2** (12:00 - 9:00 pm)

**Friday, August 3** (12:00 - 9:00 pm)

**Monday & Tuesday, August 6 & 7** (12:00 - 9:00 pm)

**Wednesday, August 9** (8:30 am-4:30 pm)

**Monday, August 13** (6:00 pm-9:00 pm)

**Wednesday, August 15** (6:00 pm-9:00 pm)

**Monday, August 20** (6:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Please complete this Marching Band Information Form ASAP:

**<https://bit.do/SEPMarchingBandInfo>**

## ***Early Summer Drum Line Camp***

The SEP Drum Line holds an early summer camp to establish a routine and fundamentals for the summer and fall. This year the Drum Line Camp is at SEPHS on Tuesday, June 5 (8:00 am-4:00 pm), Wednesday, June 6 (8:00 am-4:00 pm), and Thursday, June 7 (8:00 am-1:00 pm).

## **Marching Band Expenses**

We do not charge students “camp fees” for Marching Band. The cost to families consists of the purchase of marching band shoes (\$35), white cotton gloves (woodwinds and brass only) (\$3), and a marching show t-shirt (\$12). The cost per student for these items purchased together is \$50. Students will also need a “Flip Folder” and a music lyre for their instrument before band camp begins.

**More info can be found on our band website:**

<http://www.sepband.com>

## **Fall Marching Band Performance Schedule (as of May, 2018)**

Dates subject to change.

### July 2018

**28** Altoona Sesquicentennial Parade, 10:00 am start, Altoona. 8:30-11:30 am obligation

### August 2018

**17** Black and Gold Night, SEPHS Stadium, Evening

**23** **First day of school**

**31** Home Football Game, SEPHS Stadium

### September 2017

**14** Home Football Game, SEPHS Stadium

**15** Thomas Mitchell Days Parade, Mitchellville, Morning  
Johnston Marching Invitational, Johnston, Afternoon

**20** Homecoming Parade, Altoona, Evening

**21** Home Football Game (Homecoming), SEPHS Stadium

**29** Urbandale Marching Invitational, Evening

### October 2017

**6** Valleyfest Marching Competition, West Des Moines, Morning/Afternoon

**12** Home Football Game, SEPHS Stadium

**13** IHSMA State Marching Festival, Time TBA, Waukee  
Mid Iowa Marching Competition, evening, Ankeny

**18** World Food Prize Performance (Tentative), State Capitol Building, Evening

**19** Home Football Game (Senior Night), SEPHS Stadium

**23** Band Extravaganza Concert, SEPHS Auditorium, Evening