

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to one of the most exciting experiences in which you can be a part of! Now, more than ever, we have information to justify why we participate in this demanding, yet rewarding, activity. Experts have concluded that the study of music helps with spatial reasoning, test-taking, and overall quality of life! Factor in social skills, emotional development, leadership training, group interaction, aesthetic perception, music-making, and the discipline of being in a band program. The ultimate goal is a lifelong understanding and appreciation of high-quality music and music-making!

Everyone should read the information in the handbook, even veterans. Some of the information has changed, so make sure you are informed. The handbook will be located on Google Classroom this year (Code: hmrrfko), there will be forms due the Monday we get back to school. You are always welcome to bring them in earlier. This handbook is what helps us run smoothly and efficiently. Most questions that you have can be answered by consulting the handbook, and policies will be adjusted from year to year as the need arises to clarify issues within the program. It is my hope that the information contained in this handbook will both inform and inspire!

There will be a parent meeting at the end of camp on August 5th at 3pm in the band room, that's after our Parent Preview Show. We ask that all guardians attend as a way to learn about the year and what is planned! All friends and family are allowed to come to the Parent Preview Show as a way for your student to show off what they've learned in the past weeks. Can't wait to see you there- all guardians are asked to attend! In addition, there will be a **\$40 fee** that pays for marching gloves, new band T-shirt, and uniform dry cleaning and upkeep. If you already have your band T-shirt, your fee will drop to **\$30**. If you need any payment options, please email me.

This past year was a hard but rewarding year, and now we are starting to bring back the normal! To stay updated with the busy upcoming season, please download the app BAND. There is a page for students and parents. I keep everyone updated with the online calendar that comes with reminders. We are also adding a new website [lhsbigredband.com](http://lhsbigredband.com) where you can get links to BAND, a monthly newsletter, PDFs of music, etc. For questions regarding band camp, please find the Q&A page. If your question is not answered, please email me. We can't wait to see you there!

#### **Band Camp Schedule:**

**Percussion Camp** - July 19-23 @ 8am-12pm

*(This includes all new and returning percussionists.)*

**Rookie Camp**- July 22-23 @ 8am-12pm

*(This includes all new members)*

**Full Band Camp** - July 26-29, August 2-5 @ 8am-11am (lunch break) 12pm-3pm

*(This includes all members of the marching band)*

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