

Matt's yearly message to the Percussion Section.

Once again summer is upon us and with it comes the opportunity for us to relax a little... but not too much. Preparations are being made to help insure that everyone in the group will have the necessary tools to make this coming marching season the best it can be. Show music and new warm ups are being written weekly and will be posted up on the band website as they're finished. Be sure to check regularly and download any new material. Furthermore, take the time to learn it. It's much easier for you to learn the notes and rhythms at home prior to camp and doing so will mean we can make better use of our time together during camp. As always I'm available to answer any questions you might have regarding your parts.

“What should I bring to camp?”

1. Light and comfortable clothing appropriate for the month of August
2. Athletic shoes
3. A hat
4. Sunglasses
5. Sun block (go buy new stuff.... it goes bad after a year)
6. Water...and lots of it.
7. Lunch. No one is allowed off campus
8. Binder with plastic see-through sheets. Approx. 40
9. Pencil (no pens)
10. An open mind and a good attitude.
- 11. Snare – (Abram, Grant and Brennan) – You need to have two pairs of marching snare sticks by the start of pre-camp (same kind as last year). NO EXCEPTIONS! (You can get these at Harrison Music, or anywhere really.**

This is an athletic activity. This is an athletic activity. This is an athletic activity.

Carrying a bass drum around in 95-degree heat for several hours at a time gets much harder when you haven't stepped foot outside all summer and you're dehydrated. So, put down the Wii controller and get out there and get used to the heat.

I'm really looking forward to working with the group this year. Between the returning members and the rising freshman I believe we're in a good spot to have one of our best seasons yet. But it all depends on you!

Now go practice!!!

See you guys in August.

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