



May 25, 2011

Dear Incoming Falcon Band Students and Parents:

Falcon Bands

Wind Ensemble

Symphonic Band

Concert Band

Percussion Studies

Percussion Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Band

Blue & Gold Combos

Pep Band

Marching Falcons

Welcome to the Wheaton North Falcon Band Department!! Before you know it, I will soon see you in the Memorial Day Parade! But, it's also time to think about *another* kind of marching. Even though we're just getting to the end of one school year, it's time to start planning for the 2011 Marching band season! Please take a moment to read over the complete contents of this mailing which focuses on the Marching Band. Please note that all incoming freshmen (current 8th graders) are being sent this information, regardless of whether or not you have signed up for "Concert Band", "Symphonic Band", or "Percussion Studies". Marching Band is open to any experienced instrumentalist, though I prefer that you are enrolled in one of our band classes. If you have not considered Marching Band, I would suggest giving it a try. Because our time together is relatively short compared to other activities, YOUR preparation and dedication are the keys to our success.

Some important summer events include the **Fourth of July Parade** (with a rehearsal on Thursday June 30th AT WHEATON WARRENVILLE SOUTH HS). This year, in addition to the current Marching Band, *any and all WNHS Band Alumni are welcome to march the parade with us* – so please spread the word! Because the 4th is usually terribly hot, we will wear the white embroidered band polo shirts. Please see www.wnband.org (follow links for fundraising and falcon wear) for details and times. As we did last year, this parade will be combined with the Wheaton Warrenville South Marching band.

Band Camp is our pre-season conditioning. It is a vital part of the season, as roughly a third of our rehearsal time for the year is during camp. Unlike years past, this year camp is only ONE week: **August 1 – 5**. Please see the enclosed handbook for the exact times. Everyone (including parents – if you want!!) is expected to participate in our **Car Wash on Saturday, August 6th**, because it is so much FUN! Please adjust work schedules and make any arrangements necessary to attend all sessions of band camp, as camp is mandatory for all students who intend to march.

Enclosed is a comprehensive handbook of absolutely *everything* anyone would ever want or need to know about marching band. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE don't let its scope and size scare you!! I would rather you had too much information than not enough, so there's a lot of stuff in there. If you look closely at the music packet, you have three times as much music as you need. Everyone has been given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd parts (or in the case of saxophone; alto, tenor, and bari). Incoming freshman should practice the 2nd and 3rd parts, unless otherwise specified in a handwritten note from me. Final part assignments will be made in August. Enclosed are several forms as well as a schedule for the fall season.

Please complete the appropriate forms and return them with the \$75 (or full) fee deposit by July 1st. **Students must have a medical form and activity participation form on file in order to participate.** The reminder of the fee is due by August 1, 2011 (the first day of camp). *Fees are non-refundable.* PLEASE NOTE THAT FEES AND FORMS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO WNHS. (See form about where to send checks)

The best way to contact me this summer is by email (see below) not the Music Office phone. I am looking forward to a successful season filled with musical excellence, excitement, fun, and of course... EYES WITH PRIDE!

Sincerely,

Mr. Noworyta