



Warrior Band News

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Our 2016 Contest Show



is a Child's Imagination

Our festival show music is in. I uploaded copies to my Onedrive account at <https://skydrive.live.com/#cid=80F1CB9F7059F95B&id=80F1CB9F7059F95B%21105>. You can download and begin practicing it now. There are four movements to this year's show (only 3 uploaded now) When you open the music, scroll down to your instrumental part and print **that page only**, so you don't have to

print the entire piece. If you have any questions about how to do this send me an email. In addition to the show music, please print out: 7 Nation Army, Hey Baby, the Fight Song, Alma Mater, Sweet Child, Good Time, Gimme Some Lovin', Ultimate Warmup, Psych Warmup, I Want Candy, Jump in Line, The Star Spangled Banner, Land, & Final Countdown.

A Letter From "Doc"

We are proud to have you as a member of our Warrior Band Program. You have joined an elite group of students who are part of a comprehensive high school band program that offers students the opportunity to express themselves through their God-given musical talent. Students participate in Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble (by audition only), Jazz Combo, Chamber Ensembles, Developmental Combo, and Percussion Ensemble. We participate in several local festivals (marching band, concert band, and jazz ensemble), a state band festival, and Festival Disney in Orlando (every other year).

Dr. Kevin Andry



OUR TENTH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT AND JAZZ EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

After two years of wet weather, our tenth annual Moonlight and Jazz fund raiser was able to be held at White Oak Plantation! Guests were treated to a steak dinner prepared by the John Folse staff while they were entertained by the award-winning St. Michael Jazz Ensemble and Combos. Guests heard music from such jazz greats as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Michael Buble, Count Bassie, Frank Sinatra, and more.



MARK YOUR SUMMER CALENDARS FOR BAND CAMP AND DRUM CAMP!

Please mark your calendars for **band camp (July 25-29) and Drum camp (July 18-22)**. Band camp is from 2 - 8 pm. Drum camp is from 5 pm - 9 pm.

First of all, please know that band camp attendance is required of all instrumentalists, color guard, and dancers. During band camp, we work on marching fundamentals and will learn most of drill for our competition show.

For camp, you are to bring :

- your instrument
- flip folder
- lyre
- pencil
- a three ring binder for drill
- comfortable clothes
- sunscreen
- hat
- old shoes

Drummers (pit and battery) will be required to attend **drum camp** in addition to our regular band camp. This camp is scheduled for **July 18-22, from 5 pm - 9 pm**.



Freshmen and new marchers will have a marching technique orientation Thursday evening, July 21, from 6 - 7:30 pm. This orientation meeting is required of all new marchers.

Camp hours are scheduled later in the day in order to encourage more parental help and provide more of a family-type experience for all our students. Campers will be fed each evening around 6 pm (band camp only). We are calling on all families to show their support by providing at least one adult/parent for one afternoon from 4 - 8 to help with hydration, meal preparation, and serving. We also need donations of: fresh fruit (bananas, apple slices soaked in sprite, orange slices, and watermelon) and food items (see our proposed menu for the week). We will need cookers to flip those burgers and hot dogs, servers, and people to see that we keep the campus as clean as when we found it before camp began.

Please be looking for an email soon asking for volunteers for this.

Proposed Meals:

Monday - pizza

Tuesday - hot dogs

Wednesday - grilled hamburgers

Thursday - pastalaya or jambalaya

Friday - cold-cut poboys

Camp will end with a

performance of the show at 7 pm on Friday for all parents, alumni, and guests.

There is **annual band activity fee of \$60** that will pay for meals during band camp, receptions following band concerts, and post-game meals. Post-game meals are provided for the football team and support groups after five games. This event is directed by the Warrior Club

and it provides an opportunity for our students to have a supervised post-game experience, instead of having them out on the roads by themselves. The band activity fee does not cover optional meals offered before football games. **NEW THIS YEAR! The ability to pay for fees, shirts, and shoes online! Be looking for an email with a link soon!**



FRESHMEN, YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE THIS!!

High School Band is very different than the middle school experience. It is the development of a family of friends that lasts a lifetime! It is also the establishment of some rather profound environmental influences, which will determine much of your child's success in all aspects of education and life.

FOOTBALL GAME POLICY

Students are to remember that this is a school function and all rules set forth in the **Student Handbook** are to be followed at all times.

Students are excused after our halftime performance until there are five minutes remaining on the game clock in the third quarter. **They are to remain in full uniform** and are to use this time to get water and use the facilities. Students who are not back on time are marked tardy (see Absences and Tardies).

The drum major is in complete command of the band when the band director is not present. Students are to stay alert, watch the drum major, and be prepared to play at any time.

There are certain policies concerning our departure and arrival to and from games. First, everyone will travel on the bus to and from all games. No one will be allowed to ride with parents, friends, etc. Under certain circumstances, students may ride home with a parent at the end of a game providing I receive a written notice from the parent at least 24 hours before the game and that student is to ride home with a **parent** only (no siblings, girlfriends, boyfriends, etc.). Everyone is responsible for his/her own music, instrument, and equipment. In addition to their own equipment, a

loading crew, consisting of parents, ninth and tenth graders, will assist in loading ice chests, coolers, cups, first aid kit, and any other equipment needed. All percussionists are to work together to carefully load and unload their own equipment.



GAME DAY PROTOCOL FOR BAND STUDENT SUPERVISION.

All students planning to leave campus must do so by 2:45 pm. Students who are staying on campus until we leave for the game will be permitted to stay in (1) the band room (2) the hall directly outside the band room, or (3) the quadrangle immediately behind the band room. If they want to purchase soft drinks or other concessions, they must do so by 2:45 pm or they can use the soda machine outside only after 2:45 pm. They will be allowed to use the bathrooms on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building only. Students who stay on campus will be provided with an opportunity to eat dinner (for a

small fee) before we depart for the game. Orders for meals will be taken earlier during the week (no later than 2 days before the game) Students will eat in the cooking lab.

Students remaining on campus must remember to bring their uniforms to school on game days. This includes the pep band shirt, black pants, Dinkles and black socks during hot weather. Once we go to the formal uniform, students will travel on the bus with an undershirt and their bibbers (pants) on. They will put the overlay on when they arrive at the stadium. Once again, they are to wear their Dinkles and black socks.

As students (those who have left campus by 2:45 pm) return, they are to join their fellow students in the above mentioned designated areas with the addition of the area immediately behind the band room where the support groups will be loading busses and the trailer with instruments for departure. All students are to be back on campus to load the trailer and busses by 5 pm, unless otherwise instructed.

Prior to departure, the band, dancers, flag corps, and cheerleaders shall assemble in the band room for final instructions and a prayer before we depart.

BAND GUIDELINES

St. Michael has established a great tradition of achievement in the past, so most members should have a good understanding of the level of dedication required to reach the goals of the ensemble. These written guidelines will assist new members and refresh veterans of the ensemble's expectations.

1. All rules and regulations governing conduct established by St. Michael High School, as well as those of the band program, apply to all members. Everyone's responsible participation is crucial to our success. If someone has to be let go from the band as a result of misconduct, it would be harmful to everyone.
2. Attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Conflicts with any aspects of the schedule should be brought to the attention of your instructor IN WRITING (email from a parent is acceptable) as soon as possible. Remember to plan ahead with your **school workload**. Staying home from rehearsal to finish a big project that you left until the last minute is understandable but still results in an unexcused absence and will affect your grade in band. Also, inform any **employers** of the ensemble's schedule. Absence due to **work** is unexcused as well. If you are in **sports**, it is crucial that we discuss your complete schedule **during band camp**.
3. Some aspects of the organization, schedule, performances, travel, etc., have yet to be fully determined. Your patience and flexibility is appreciated.

4. If at any time during the course of the Marching Band season, you have a concern, question, or idea, do not hesitate bring it up. Open communication regarding all aspects of what we do, from attendance to attitude, will be crucial to your success.

Rehearsals:

During marching season, we rehearse from 3:00-4:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (Thursday rehearsals will be on Wednesdays when we have a Thursday football game). Our first after school rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, August 8th. Percussionists have an additional rehearsal on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30. As the season progresses, the Wednesday rehearsal may be shortened or removed entirely.

Grading Procedures:

Students receive a grade for each rehearsal or performance. Each rehearsal is worth 50 points. Each game performance is worth 100 points. Formal concerts are worth 200 points. Students also receive grades via playing tests throughout the year, written quizzes, a written midterm, and a written final.

Absences and Tardies:

Unexcused absences and tardies will be dealt with severely. An unexcused absence from a performance or rehearsal results in a zero for the student's grade for that particular event. An unexcused tardy from a performance will result in the lowering of the student's grade by 20% of its total. These regulations will be upheld, barring any extenuating circumstances, i.e. doctor's excuse, death in the family, etc. Decisions shall be made at the director's discretion.

Uniforms:

Each student will be issued a band uniform to be worn for marching band functions (during cooler weather). These uniforms are dry clean only and will remain at school. Each student will be issued a lightweight band shirt to be worn as a uniform during hot football games, spirit days, and for pep band functions. Students are to purchase a black band shoe (called Dinkles) and black pants, which will be worn with the shirt. The shoes will be ordered during the first week of school.

Formal concert dress for boys will be their school dress uniform with black pants.

Formal concert dress for girls is woman's formal or evening dress, three-quarter to floor length solid black. Sleeves must fully cover the shoulder; or for girls who choose to wear pants instead of a dress, the outfit must be formal. Top and pants must match. Sleeves must extend below the elbow. Girls must wear polished formal black shoes (no open toe shoes). Plunging necklines, tight fitting outfits or flowers are not allowed.

Supplies

All students (except percussionists) are required to have a flip folder and a lyre before band camp. All students will need a thin binder to hold marching drill and other handouts. Students are to have a pencil with them at all times.

FROM THE BAND BOOSTERS PRESIDENT(S)

Dear Band Parents:

Welcome to what has become the most enthusiastic and effective support group in the St. Michael family, the St. Michael Warrior Band Parents! Band parents are integrated into every phase of the program. They are not passive observers, or simply a polite sideline audience, but active contributors in the daily operation of the program. This is a chance for our parents to ensure that 100% of their efforts and support goes directly to their child's band program.

Our first scheduled meeting of the St. Michael Band Parents Organization will be Thursday, July 28 at 7:00 pm at school. We plan to vote on officers, set up various committees, discuss "Band Night," game day protocol, meals after home games, and discuss our band fundraiser, "Moonlight and Jazz." The ongoing success of our program is in direct proportion to the support of our parents. We need you. We do insist on 100% participation in the band booster organization by all our band parents, even if you cannot make it to the first meeting.

You may think there are not enough hours in the day to add one more responsibility to your schedule. This is a legitimate consideration; however, we are sensitive to the situation. You will find everyone is willing to make the necessary accommodations so all parents can become involved. Your active participation and your presence at your child's performances are a gift and an investment in your child's future.

You will also enjoy the optimistic atmosphere of our band's number-one fan club – our band parents. You will quickly sense the caring and sharing attitude that will become the trademark of this group. We will have very few meetings throughout the year, thus we urge you to attend our meeting, become an active member of the various committees, and join the ranks of our wonderful "band of parents" who ensure our students are at the front of life's parade!

Aimee and Kevin Alumbaugh,
Band Boosters Presidents



IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!



July 18-22, 5 pm - 9 pm - Drum Camp

July 21, 6 - 7:30 pm - Freshmen and new marchers - technique orientation

July 25-29, 2 pm - 8 pm - Band Camp

Monday, Aug. 8, Deadline for completing online Athletic Profile and submitting

Emergency Treatment and Substance Abuse forms

Sept. 2, Football @ Broadmoor

Sept. 11, Football vs Loranger (H) @ Leadership

Sept. 16, Football @ McKinley

Sept. 21, Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally

Sept. 23, Football vs Live Oak (Homecoming)

Sept. 24, First Round, All-State @ LSU

Sept. 30, Football @ Denham Springs

Oct. 7, Football vs Plaquemine - Band Night (H) @ Leadership

Oct. 14, Football @ Belaire

Oct. 21, Football @ Livonia

Oct. 27, Open House

Oct. 28, Football vs Woodlawn (H) @ Leadership

Nov. 3 (Thur.), Football vs. Tara - Senior Night @ Leadership

Nov. 5, Marching Band Festival in Natchitoches

Nov. 11, Playoff Football TBA

Dec. 10, District Honor Band Auditions

Dec. 11, 1 pm, Christmas Concert

March 10, Loyola Jazz Festival

March 14-15, District Band Festival

State Band Festival - TBA

April 2- Moonlight and Jazz

April 25, Spring Band Concert

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR PAPERWORK

At the beginning of each year, all my students and parents must fill out and submit medical release forms and a substance abuse testing waiver. These forms can be found on our school's website at <http://www.smhsbr.org>. These forms must be printed, filled out, and returned to me by **Monday, August 8**. To access these forms, click on the athletic forms link under the "Athletics" tabs. You need to submit all five forms to participate. There are detailed instructions (and instructional videos) on the site to help you with this. In addition, the school has adopted an electronic program. This electronic profile will take 20 - 30 minutes to complete. The link is the one titled Athletic Profile Instructions (http://www.smhsbr.org/site100-01/1001096/docs/instructions_for_creating_your_athlete_profile.pdf)

If you have already filled out the electronic form (last year's students), you just need to open it and update your information. If you forgot your Athletic ID or password, click on "Forget your Password" and both your Athletic ID and password will be emailed to you.



I am very proud of all the accolades we earned this past year. We placed two students in the District IV Honor band and several students in the East Baton Rouge Parish All Honor Concert and Jazz Bands. We earned superior ratings at Loyola for big band and combo, an excellent rating for our stage performance at District Assessment Festival, and a superior rating in sight-reading at District Assessment Festival. Additionally, we earned superior ratings and best in our classification at Classic on the Cane Marching Festival in Natchitoches. Our Concert and Jazz Bands earned superior ratings at Festival Disney, Best in Classification Awards, and the Jazz Band earned the coveted "Gold Mickey" for being the best Jazz Ensemble at the festival. Our Concert Band took home the "Bronze Mickey" in an internationally loaded competition! Our Chamber Recital was the best ever and we are still receiving compliments and donations from this year's Moonlight and Jazz. Let's get some rest and be ready to "crank it up" again in the fall!

Doc



With your permission, I would like to have both parent cell phone numbers for each student. This phone number would only be given to (our band boosters president) and myself to aid with communication reminders via a text message. We know in this age of advanced communication that people respond and check text messages more frequently than emailed messages. Please fill out the following personnel sheet on this Google Drive link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HJomGNVtBLiMOGEKdWYWi8oarhTQsTF9EuxPpd_oTHw/viewform