July 28, 2010

Dear Band Members:

I hope this letter finds you relaxed and refreshed and enjoying the remaining few weeks of summer. As most of you know by now, Dr. Forrester has left us to embark on a new journey as the Director of Instrumental Studies and Director of Bands at Charleston Southern University, one of our sister institutions. We will all miss him, and we wish him the very best in his new position. In the interim I will serve as the Director of the Marching Eagles, and I look forward to introducing you to several new people who will be helping out this fall. More about that at Band Camp!

The main purpose I am writing today is to inform you of plans for Marching Band Camp. The schedule is a little different this year from previous years because of changes in the freshman orientation schedule. Below is a list of rehearsal times and times designated for moving into your dorm. Although we will not be rehearsing “all day, every day,” you should nevertheless plan to be on campus during the appropriate dates and times below. As always our band schedule will revolve around orientation, so the freshmen and transfers will not miss anything vital. The detailed schedule is below.

★★★ BAND CAMP SCHEDULE ★★★

**Wednesday, August 18th**
- Between 10:00 a.m. and noon: Percussion, Color Guard/Majorettes and Drum Majors move into dorm rooms
- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Pre-camp for Percussion, Color Guard/Majorettes and Drum Majors
- Locker assignments given out on your first break.

**Thursday, August 19th**
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.: Pre-camp for Percussion, Color Guard/Majorettes and Drum Majors

**Friday, August 20th**
- 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.: Pre-camp for Percussion, Color Guard/Majorettes and Drum Majors
- More rehearsal time may be a possibility in the late afternoon depending on the orientation schedule

**Saturday, August 21st**
- Between 10:00 a.m. and noon: All other band members move into dorms
- 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.: Locker assignments and instrument check-out
- 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.: FULL BAND in the band room (FRESHMAN – you are excused from all orientation activities, including your first LA 101 class meeting, in order to attend this rehearsal!)
  - Have your instrument with you, ready to play!
- 5:30 p.m.: FRESHMAN pre-pack instruments and equipment in designated area

**Sunday, August 22nd - PLEASE WEAR BLUE SHORTS (can be denim) AND A C-N SHIRT (preferably orange in color)**
- 2:30 p.m. FULL BAND (minus freshman): Load instruments and equipment on equipment truck
- 3:00 p.m. FULL BAND depart for TN Smokies Stadium in Sevierville, TN
- 4:00 p.m. EVERYONE (including all band, color guard, majorettes, cheerleaders and mascot) will perform at pregame festivities for “Carson-Newman Night at the Smokies” (National Anthem at approx. 4:45 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner provided, watch game and perform for 7th Inning Stretch: God Bless America
  - approx. 7:30 p.m. board buses for return trip to campus

**Monday, August 23rd**
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. FULL BAND rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. FULL BAND rehearsal

**Tuesday, August 24th**
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FULL BAND rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. FULL BAND rehearsal

Your attendance is required at each and every rehearsal and at the “C-N Night at the Smokies” performance! (It just wouldn’t be the same without you :-)


This is the seventh year in a row that the Marching Eagles will be comprised of over 100 students! Amazing! The show this year is a tribute to The Beatles (including Can’t Buy Me Love, Something, and Magical Mystery Tour). I know you and the fans will enjoy! There are six home games this year, two of which are on a Thursday night.

**HOME GAME SCHEDULE**
(all call times are at the stadium, in opening set for half-time unless otherwise designated)

Saturday, August 28th at 1:00 pm vs. Winona, call time is Saturday 10:00 am  
Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm vs. Bentley, call time is regular Class Time (4pm)  
Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 pm vs. Concordia-Selma, call time is regular Class Time (4pm)  
Saturday, October 9th at 3:00 pm vs. Wingate (Homecoming), call time is Sat 12:30 pm  
(Extra rehearsal on Friday, October 8th 4:00 pm-5:00 pm)  
Saturday, October 23rd at 1:00 pm vs. Mars Hill, call time is Saturday 10:00 am

Saturday, October 17th C-N Hosts the USSBA East TN Marching Championship
   Not required, but I am counting on help from many, many student volunteers.

Saturday November 6th at 1:00 pm vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, call time is Saturday 10:00 am

I want to thank you ahead of time for your hard work this new school year. I know that change can sometimes create tension and fear, but it does not have to! Make a decision before you arrive to come in and do your very best to elevate our band program to a whole other level! Let’s continue together to strive for excellence in each practice and performance.

My best,

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