



High School Band Department

Parent/Student Handbook 2011 - 2012

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PLAN AHEAD ! ! ! !

The following dates are the scheduled testing dates in Indiana for 2011 - 2012. Please check with your administrators, guidance directors, and students to schedule testing on one of the dates that does not conflict with your performance date.

September 10 - - ACT ++

* October 1 - - SAT & Subject Tests - District Marching Band

* October 15 - - PSAT - Regional Marching Band

* October 22 - - ACT – Semi-State Marching Band

November 5 - - SAT & Subject Tests

December 3 - - SAT & Subject Tests ++

December 10 - - ACT ++

* January 28 - - SAT & Subject Tests - District Solo & Ensemble - - V/P 1-3-5-7 ++

W/P/S 2-4-6-8

* February 11 - - ACT - District Solo & Ensemble Week 2 ++

OR Solo & Ensemble Weather Date

March 10 - - SAT Reasoning Test Only

* April 14 - - ACT – High School Organization Festival Week 1

* May 5 - - SAT & Subject Tests – State Concert Organization Finals

June 2 - - SAT & Subject Tests ++ **This should be the first one for Juniors to take**

June 9 - - ACT ++

- Denotes conflict with ISSMA dates.
- ++ **Denotes the weeks highly recommended by the band department to take these exams**

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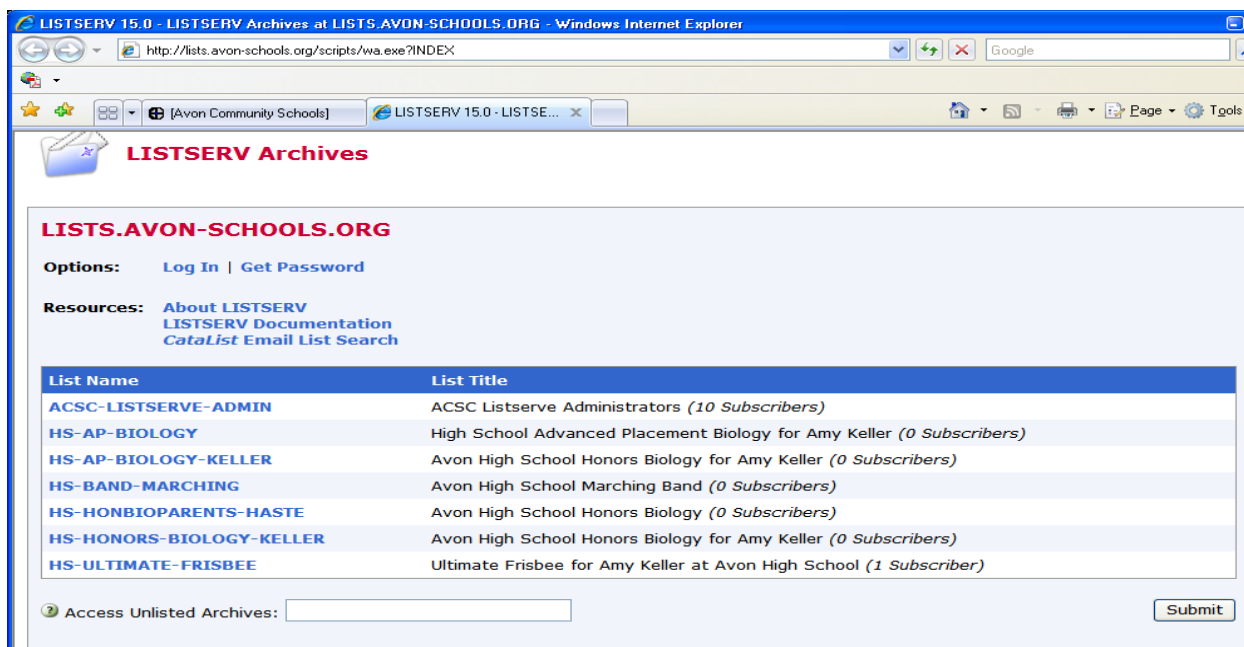
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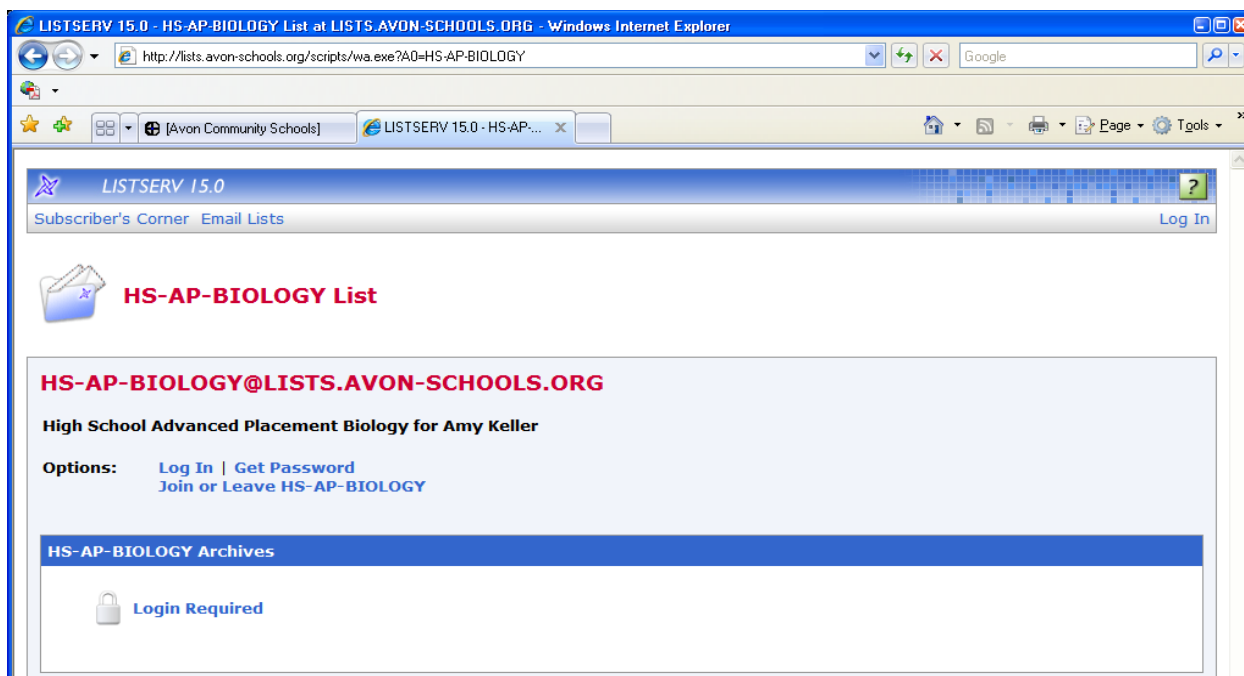
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1. Click the list for which you intend to subscribe.



2. Click "Join or Leave"



3. Complete the form filling in your personal information. (Accept all defaults for Subscription Type, Mail Header Style, Acknowledgments, and Miscellaneous.)

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- LISTSERV-style, with list name in subject [SUBJECTHDR]
- "Dual" (second header in mail body) [DUALHDR]
- sendmail-style [IETFHDR]
- Normal LISTSERV-style (RFC 822 Compliant) [FULL822]

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5. You will receive an email with further instructions. Click the link within the email to complete the process.

6. Should you ever choose to leave the mailing list for which you have subscribed, complete the above steps and click the Leave button instead of the join button.

7. Check back often.

Updated and new mailing lists are frequently added to the <http://lists.avon-schools.org> page!

Welcome to Avon High School Band Department **Home of the Avon Marching Black and Gold**

We are very excited that your family has chosen to participate with one of the most successful band programs in the United States. The Avon Marching Black and Gold has a successful tradition of excellence spanning over 30 years. This will be a unique and rewarding experience for both you and your student.

This handbook has been put together to assist both the student and parent. The band and guard programs provide many great opportunities for your student. We hope we can make this a great experience for you and your student. As with all great programs, there is a lot of preparation and support required to make this a rewarding experience for all. We know each year many questions will arise. This handbook has been designed to help answer those. If you are unable to find the answer to your question, please contact any of the board members listed on the back of this handbook. Have a great year!

Who's Who in Avon Marching Black and Gold

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How Do I Find Out What is Going On?

- **Freshman Parent Meeting Tuesday, June 7th, 2011**
- **Get Acquainted Night - Booster Meeting June 21, 2011 7pm AHS Cafe**

Booster Meetings are held once a month, usually the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the High School Cafeteria. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. A wealth of information is given at each meeting concerning schedules, fundraisers, upcoming events, volunteer needs, band camp and much, much more. The best way for you to be informed is to attend the booster meetings regularly. The band also has a website where current information is posted along with pictures and other fun stuff. The site is www.avonband.com. Please also make sure to follow the enclosed instructions to [sign up for the list serve e-mail](#). There is a link to the list serve sign up under the parents tab on our website. Weekly updates and other important information are sent out via e-mail from Barbara Doll as the need arises. E-mail is an effective and important means of communication, so please make sure you have signed up for the list serve and that you keep it updated with your current e-mail address.

Another place that you will find important information is the racks located in the band room and outside Mrs. Doll's office. Calendars, contest schedules, etc., are placed there for the students to take home. Parents are welcome to come in and pick up the information for themselves.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the people listed in this handbook.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Please make sure to check your e-mail and www.avonband.com regularly for updates and pertinent information on fundraisers, contest schedules, etc. For those who don't have or use the internet, we will print this information and make it available in the band room. Please remember to sign up for the list serve e-mail as per the instructions included in this booklet or use the link on our website to sign up.

INSTRUMENT RENTALS AND INSURANCE

Students are expected to provide their own instruments, except for the larger or more exotic instruments such as percussion, tuba, baritones, bassoons, oboes, bass clarinets, etc. Students & parents are required to sign a liability form for the school instrument they have been assigned. Loss or damage of school property will be at the student's expense.

Parents please make sure your homeowners insurance covers your student's musical instrument. Unfortunately with the large number of students involved in this type of activity, accidents can happen. Carrying insurance on your student's instrument may help if an accident occurs.

GRADING POLICY

All grades will be based on the following criteria; periodic playing *tests, quizzes, homework including counting charts and other assignments* announced by the director, *attitude* in rehearsals and at performances, *attendance* at all band functions.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is mandatory at all band performances! Any problems will be dealt with on a personal basis. Any absences from all or part of a rehearsal, summer, fall or winter, spring will require a written excuse from parents or a doctor giving an explanation or reason for the absence. Vacation absences should be turned in as soon as dates are available. Notes must be placed in the appropriate drop box outside the Mr. Webb's office door. Excuses should be turned in, in advance of the absence when possible. Students with jobs will be expected to be at all rehearsals, inform your employer accordingly. The student is allowed **ONE** unexcused absence before their grade is dropped one letter grade! **TWO** unexcused tardies will count as one unexcused absence!

SOLO & ENSEMBLE OPPORTUNITIES

Each year the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) has a District Solo & Ensemble Festival around the end of January. We encourage all our students to participate. Each solo entry is \$12.00 and ensemble entry is \$6.00 per student. This payment will need to be received PRIOR to November 30, 2011 for your student to participate in this event. We will require cash or check payable to the Avon Marching Black & Gold for the total number of events your student is participating in. When a student qualifies for State Solo & Ensemble, that payment *must be paid at District on February 4th, 2012*.

LOCKER LOCKS

Every hornline student will be assigned a locker. Each locker will have a combination lock assigned to it. Should this be lost, there will be a \$5.50 charge to replace it.



RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE AVON BAND

The Six Golden Rules:

1. Stop when the conductor/instructor cuts you off.
2. Do not talk when a conductor or instructor talks.
3. Respect yourself and others at ALL times.
4. No food or gum during class.
5. NO PDA (Public Display of Affection) during class, in uniform, or on band trips.
6. Keep band room and locker area spotless.



Rehearsal Guidelines:

1. Each student is expected to be on time, if not early, to all rehearsal/performance functions.
2. The student is expected to have both their instrument and music ready for all rehearsals and performances.
3. Students should have a pencil ready to mark rehearsal suggestions (**No ink pens!**).
4. Students should behave considerately to whomever is on the podium, whether it be the director or a guest of the band (**Golden Rule #3**).
5. Students should treat school owned instruments like their own. Any loss or damage of the instrument will be the student's liability and will be assessed accordingly.
6. There are four (4) places your instrument should be (school owned or privately owned)
 - In your hands
 - Lined up in a section
 - Lined up in the cases
 - In your band locker

Performance Guidelines:

1. Make sure all of your uniform parts are clean and fitted properly. Improper uniform care will not be tolerated.
2. You **MUST** wear a t-shirt with short sleeves under your jacket.
3. You will be required to wear a spandex short -- such as a biker short under the uniform pants.
4. Make sure your instrument is in good repair so that you can perform to the best of your ability.
5. All students are to report to the band room one hour before a scheduled concert or at the time specified by the director.
6. When in uniform: No PDA, No eating, No smoking, No swearing, No running (unless told to do so by a Director or staff member).
7. Everyone should be professional while in a performance setting. Unprofessional behavior could be cause for dismissal from the band program.

MARCHING BAND COMMITMENT

There is a commitment of time and expense required to meet the objectives and expectations of marching band. This includes summer rehearsals, band camp, after school rehearsals, football games and marching contests. Auditions for the Color Guard and Drumline were held in the middle of May.

Summer schedules are published as soon as possible. Color Guard, Percussion, and Hornline may have separate sectional schedules as well as full band rehearsals. It is recommended that family vacations for marching band members be planned for the beginning of July. All students must be in attendance for all rehearsals from band camp through the completion of the marching season.



Band / Guard Student Expected Expenses 2011-2012

These fees are subject to change

	Band Student without Shoes	Band Student Including Shoes (New Marchers)	Guard Student
Band Camp	30.00	30.00	30.00
T-Shirt	15.00	15.00	15.00
Uniform Rental/Expenses	40.00	40.00	64.00
Other Clothing Expenses (socks and gloves)	24.00	24.00	
Show Writing & Design	125.00	125.00	125.00
Entry Fees	15.00	15.00	15.00
Instructional Staff	180.00	180.00	180.00
Equipment/Props/Flags	100.00	100.00	100.00
Music / Recording Fee	35.00	35.00	35.00
Transportation	80.00	80.00	80.00
School Insurance	6.00	6.00	6.00
Sub-Total	650.00	650.00	650.00
Shoes (new marchers or replacement shoes)		30.00	
Guard Jacket Rental			25.00
TOTAL DUE	650.00	680.00	675.00
21-Jun-11	217.00	227.00	225.00
29-Jul-11	217.00	227.00	225.00
2-Sep-11	216.00	226.00	225.00

In order for your student to attend band camp, the first payment must be paid prior to June 21st, 2011 at the latest.

Color Guard students may be required to purchase a unitard, undergarments, and shoes. These would all be additional costs. The Color Guard Wind Suite Jacket must be rented through the Band Department. The jacket is to be returned to the Band Department at the end of each season. Wind suit pants are to be purchased by the parents.

You may also pay the full fee any time prior to June 21, 2011. Please be aware there may be some incidental charges. We will make every effort to keep these nominal. If you have more than one student participating in the band program, there is a discount on fees (not band camp costs). Please contact the band department for your payment schedule. Checks should be made payable to the Marching Black & Gold and may be mailed to

Marching Black & Gold
7575 E County Road 150S
Avon, In 46123

If you wish to pay by Visa or MasterCard, please contact Barbara Doll at 544-5093 or stop by her office.

If a student decides not to continue with marching band after band camp a refund of 117.00 will be paid. Prior to band camp, a full refund of fees paid, will be made upon written request.

As the booster organization is a non-profit organization, we must pay our bills in a professional and timely manner. It is important you pay your fees by the dates listed to provide the needed cash flow necessary for us to conduct our affairs. If at any time you experience difficulty meeting the payment schedule please contact Mrs. Doll through the band office at 544-5093 or bjdoll@avon-schools.org. It is very important to have communication between the parent and the band boosters regarding payment. We will work with you on a payment schedule other than listed above if that would make it easier. Over the past few years we have had trouble collecting these fees and so the boosters have decided to use a collection agency to help with delinquent fees. In order for this not to happen, we ask that you please contact either Mrs. Doll or one of the booster presidents to set up a fee payment plan if that is necessary.

We also try to provide opportunities to fund raise for your student's account in order to help offset some of these fees.

WINTER SEASON FEES

If your student participates in Winterguard or Winter Drumline, there will be an additional fee charged at that time. Please note - your marching band fee must be paid in full prior to the start of the winter season, to be able to participate in either guard or drumline. The fee will vary from year to year depending on the group you are in and the amount of travelling that group does for competition. Last year the World Guard paid **\$1050.00** The World Drumline was **\$600.00** and the A Drumline was **\$300.00**. These figures are to give you an idea of expected costs and are not necessarily the costs of these groups for the upcoming year.

Solo & Ensemble

Solo (per student)	10.00	11/30/2011
Ensemble (per student)	5.00	11/30/2011

State Solo & Ensemble

Solo (per student)	10.00	2/4/2012
Ensemble (per student)	5.00	2/4/2012

These costs are for festival registrations, transportation, guest clinicians and music

Additional Band Expenses During the Year -Please note the date these are due.

	Amount	When Due
Jazz Band I (This is approximate and may change)	100.00	11/15/2011
Jazz Band II (if there is a Jazz II)	50.00	11/15/2011

These costs are for transportation, festival registrations and guest clinicians

For the following costs, please write the check to Avon High School and send it with your student to Mrs. Doll in order for her to record this payment.

Wind Ensemble (Advanced Band)	50.00	11/15/2011
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These costs are for festival registrations, transportation, guest clinicians and music

Symphonic Band (Intermediate Band)	25.00	11/15/2011
Concert Band (Intermediate Band)	25.00	11/15/2011
Freshman Black & Gold bands (Beginning Band)	15.00	11/15/2011

MARCHING BAND REHEARSALS

If a student is going to miss all or part of a rehearsal the student must have a note from their parent, explaining the reason for their absence, and turn it in to the band office before the day they are absent. Students unaccounted for will receive a phone call to inquire as to their whereabouts. Vacation absences should be turned in as soon as dates are available. If your student is sick, please send a note with them when they return to school. Students with jobs will be expected to be at all rehearsals. Inform your employer accordingly.

REHEARSAL CLOTHING

Students should wear comfortable clothing to all rehearsals. Shirts (required for all rehearsals and band camp) - shorts – sweats – loose fitting pants – socks – and good tennis shoes are the most acceptable attire. Please listen to weather reports in the morning or evening and plan your attire accordingly. When after school rehearsals begin, you must bring proper attire to change into if your school clothes for the day do not fill the requirements for rehearsal.

Students in the color guard should check with their director for the appropriate dress style.

UNIFORMS

Band Members

Uniforms will be fitted and assigned. Each member will be given a pair of black gloves and a pair of black socks (included in your band fee). Each member will be fitted for shoes. There is an additional charge of \$30.00 for any child requiring shoes, either for the first time or due to growth. Band members are required to wear t-shirts and dark colored bike type shorts under their uniforms, and wear their black socks for **ALL** performances. A **t-shirt with sleeves MUST** be worn under the jacket for all performances.

UNIFORM CARE PROCEDURES

The following procedures are to be followed by each band member. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

1. All uniforms are kept in the uniform room at the school.
2. All pieces of each uniform are numbered and assigned to a student who must ask for the uniform by the assigned number.
3. Along with the issued uniform, the band student is to wear uniform shoes, uniform socks, black gloves, dark colored spandex type shorts and a short sleeve T-shirt at each performance. NO jeans of any type may be worn under the uniform. Band show T-shirts are given to each band member. Gloves and socks are provided as part of your uniform fee. Additional band shirts may be purchased as well. (see page 9)
4. T-shirts and shorts are to be taken home and laundered after each performance. DO NOT leave them in the uniform box.
5. Each student is responsible for hanging his/her own uniform back on the hanger properly and returning it to the Band Uniform Mom/Dad responsible for their assigned box. Each garment will be checked to be sure it hung properly and all pieces of the uniform have been returned.
6. Band students are not permitted to eat while in uniform and only water is to be consumed during this time.
7. The proper way to wear the uniform is with the jacket all the way on (hooked and zipped), or with the jacket off and carried, folded over the arm. When wearing the uniform, please look before you sit (even on the bus) to be sure you do not sit in something that will stain the uniform.
8. Normal wear is to be expected, but if there is a problem with the uniform, please bring it to the attention of the Band Uniform Mom's/Dad's so that it might be corrected.

CONTESTS AND INVITATIONAL PERFORMANCES



By Wednesday, if possible, a schedule detailing the time line for the contest day, meal plans, and directions will be available in the band room and band office. Encourage your student to bring one home so you will be aware of the specific times. We will e-mail the schedule to all e-mail addresses we have, so please make sure you have signed up for the list serve e-mail service.

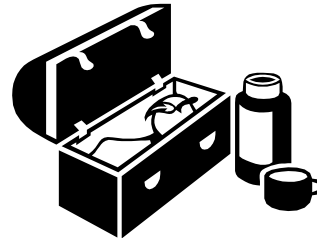
Plan to attend as many functions as possible. This is a good way to meet parents, get to know other students, and support the band for all their hard work. Look for other Avon parents at the contests. The boosters try to sit together in a block to cheer our students on and off the field.

When driving to the contests, you can either follow the caravan or get the directions from www.mapquest.com using the address provided on the on the contest schedule for the week. After the contest you may come to the bus area to celebrate with the students.

BUS CARRY-ONS

NO GLASS CONTAINERS

- Bottled water
- Jacket or sweatshirt and pants for cool late nights
- Necessary band items and personal items
- Pillow and/or blanket
- NO COOLERS OR BAGS ALLOWED IN FRONT OF EMERGENCY DOORS OR IN THE AISLE OF THE BUS.



*Please Note:

Often the band performs twice in the same day at two different locations. This means that students must have enough food for more than one meal and may not have the opportunity to purchase food. Please make sure your child is prepared to make their day a success.

PARENT RELEASES - PICKING UP A STUDENT AT THE CONTEST SITE

Occasionally parents may need to take their child directly following the contest. This must be taken care of in writing. When picking up a student at the contest site, student or parent must give their bus chaperone a written note, signed by their parent or guardian, before the student may be released. No student will be allowed to leave a contest site with anyone other than his or her parent or another adult, without written permission from their parent or guardian. Parents may be asked for identification if chaperone is not familiar with the parent. These requirements are in place to protect you and your student. The student is also responsible for having someone else unload their instrument and anything else they are responsible for when returning to the school.

PARENT PICKUP AT SCHOOL FROM PRACTICE OR COMPETITIONS

For the safety of all band members, **please do not park along side the curb or across from the curb by door 42** when you are picking up your child. Park in a designated parking spot. If you are picking up your child after a competition, please park your car and come to the semi's or box trucks. Help is always needed and appreciated to unload the equipment so everyone can go home in a timely manner.

BAND CAMP – July 18 - 22, 2011 or July 25 - 29 2011 (to be determined ASAP)

Information specific to band camp is given to the student during June. For your convenience this is a summary of that information.

Camp is held at Avon High School from 9am to 9pm everyday. Personal items should be marked for identification. More information regarding meals will be distributed in June. You may need to provide lunch for your child a few days that week. Suggested items for band camp are instrument, water jug, music folder, 2 pairs of tennis shoes, 2 pairs of socks per day, light jacket or sweatshirt, loose fitting clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and suntan lotion, rainwear, dot book, pencils, binder with strap, gloves for brass players, insect repellent, money for drinks while there if they want to use the vending machine..

Post Band or Pre Band camp continues at Avon High School on Monday July 18 - 22, 2011 or July 25 - 29 2011 (to be determined ASAP) from 9am to 6pm each day. Please plan to attend.



COST

The 1st payment listed needs to be paid to the Avon Band office by June 21st, 2011. This fee must be paid prior to your student attending the first week of band camp. **Checks or Credit Card payments are accepted.** Please contact Mrs. Doll if you have any problems with this payment. It is our hope that you will discuss any problems/conflicts you might have, so we may find a way for your child to participate in our outstanding program.



BAND CAMP (continued)

HEALTH SERVICES

ALL students need to have a health form **plus a copy of their insurance card, even if your student carries their own**, turned in to the band office EVERY YEAR. These are to be turned in soon as possible or no later than June 20, 2011. The health form is included with this hand book and may be found on our website also. We require these forms before we are able to administer any drugs to your student. In case of emergency, these forms greatly assist the Nurse/Doctor in making the correct diagnosis or in administering effective medication.

*Note: Forms will be returned to parents who do not fill out "ALL" Applicable information. Medical services will be provided by our Nurse and on emergency basis at a local hospital.

Parents will be notified immediately of any major injury or illness sustained by their child.

TELEPHONE

In case of emergency call Band Booster Presidents, Connie Anoskey at 317-403-2509 or Cathy Klemmensen at 317-502-5845.

DRESS

Band camp will not require any nice clothes. Shorts, jeans and t-shirts will be ideal dress for the week..

*Note - **Socks and good sneakers must be worn at all rehearsals. No Sandals!** A hat or sun-visor is recommended for morning practices.

STAFF

A complete staff of qualified musicians and drill instructors have been contracted for band camp. They are experienced band personnel, who will assist in field and music instruction.

PARENT CHAPERONES

We require a minimum of 10 chaperones for the week of band camp. While at band camp they supervise the students when they are not practicing and help with food service.

SUNBURN

Our biggest and most troublesome problem at band camp can be sunburn. Some students could even develop second-degree burns from being out in the sun with little to no protection. We would suggest a sunblock of SPF 15-30. Any lower number, you are at your own risk!

- 1 If you burn easily, DEFINITELY use SPF 15 or higher
- 2 Prevent sunburned lips, use Blistex Daily Conditioning treatment with SPF 15
- 3 If your nose burns easily, use Zinc Oxide paste
- 4 Bring Solarcaine in case of mild sunburns

**** ALL SCHOOL RULES APPLY**

****NO HAZING** You could be banned from the program!**

What Every Parent Needs to Know about Marching Band

SHOW SHIRTS

During the Marching season a special shirt is designed for the program. This is the show t-shirt that students wear under their uniforms and to performances. As part of their band fee, all students will receive one of these shirts. These T-shirts are also sold in adult sizes for parents and fans. **The order will be done through Logos Express website this year** and we will e-mail the link to all families (another reason to make sure you have signed up for the list serve!). This is a totally voluntary purchase. Most parents like to have them to wear to the contests.

AWARDS AND LETTERS

Students receive a chevron each year they march. Students are given a patch to signify the band they performed with during the school year. Students may receive their letter for band in the fall of their second year of marching band. As a junior, each student receives a pin of their instrument and as a senior they will receive a senior award. Marching season awards are given out at the Awards program in the fall. Awards for winter season bands, guard, and drumline, are given out at the annual Spring Awards in May.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Individual accounts are set up for each student. These accounts may be used by the student for band fees, instrument needs, uniform needs and any travel related expenses. The accounts are funded by payments into the account and/or money earned by the student by participating in fundraisers.

During the year, opportunities are provided for the student to earn money for his/her account. Each student's account is credited upon receipt for the total amount earned.

FUND RAISERS-EARNING MONEY TO OFFSET BAND FEES AND EXPENSES

You can raise money for all of your band expenses with our fund raising efforts. We will give you an opportunity to sell items where **ALL** the **profit** goes for your student's personal band expenses, such as the annual Choice Products Food sale. **Food Sale kickoff will be June 7, 2011 at Freshman Parent Meeting. Orders are prepaid and due June 21, 2011, with delivery on July 19th, 2011. All orders are to be prepaid to Marching Black & Gold.** Other fund raising opportunities for the fall include, **Gold Card** Discount cards with the kick-off on July 28, 2011. Various fundraisers are held during the year and may vary from year to year. Every effort is made to make all families aware of all fundraisers available. We have opportunities to work outside venues during the year. The student/parent may make 7.50 a hour all of which is put into the students account. Please watch for these opportunities to be sent out by e-mail.

Any money earned by fundraising may not be refunded to you in the event of your student either leaving the program or graduating. It may be applied to a siblings account or to another student's account by written permission to the band office.

CHECKS ISSUED FOR PAYMENT OF FUNDRAISERS OR AS PAYMENTS ON AN ACCOUNT ARE PAYABLE TO THE MARCHING BLACK & GOLD, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

BUYING PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Indiana State School Music Association State Final tickets will be on sale in the band department for the week prior to State October 25-28th. Buying them in advance removes the wait in line at Lucas Oil Stadium.. These are not reserved seats.

Bands of America tickets may be purchased on line at www.musicforall.org. It is strongly recommended you purchase these tickets as soon as possible for the BOA Indy Regional and Grand Nationals. ***The Boosters will not purchased a block of seats this year.***

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Marching Band Programs as well as the Concert Bands, Guard and Drumline programs provide wonderful opportunities for both you and your child. This program like any great program, requires a great deal of both physical and financial support. Through out the year there are many opportunities for adults to be involved with the band program. We need your help to continue to be successful . Some of these opportunities are described below.

CHAPERONES

Only parents or guardians may chaperone events in which their students are participating. Only assigned students and chaperones are allowed to ride the bus.

Chaperones are required on every bus for every trip the band takes. A chaperone's responsibilities are to make sure the students on the bus are acting appropriately. They will check off each student's name from a list provided by the band department. Before leaving a site, they will make sure they have all students and/or a note from the student's parent. When returning from a trip the chaperone will assign students to check the bus to make sure it is clean and nothing is left on the bus.

We would like to have a minimum of 10 chaperones for the week of band camp. While at band camp they supervise the students when they are not practicing.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPERONES AT BAND CAMP

This program is designed for students. Be patient, flexible, and helpful.

Make sure everyone understands all instructions.

Communicate—get to know the students by name.

Report any rule violations to the director; but don't create problems.

Be courteous and helpful; correct if necessary, but don't antagonize.

You cannot grant a favor for one unless you can do it for everyone!

BE PATIENT—DON'T LOSE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!

MEDICAL PERSONAL

We have medical personal that travel with the band to and from each contest and also for the weeks we are here at the band camps. Due to the number of students, we would like to have two medical personal here at all times for the last two weeks of July during the camps being held at the high school.

BOX MOMS AND DADS

Box Moms or Dads are the parents that help during marching season with the uniforms. You and a partner would be in charge of one uniform cart for the entire marching season with approximately 13-15 students reporting to the uniform cart. At every contest you help the students dress and undress. You will be asked to set up a refreshment schedule for your box. If you are unable to attend, you are responsible to contact the Head Box Person for a replacement. You take home and wash their socks, collars and gloves after each contest. It is very helpful if you are available during the beginning of the marching season to help with the uniform fitting and altering. Obviously fitting 250+ students is a huge job and takes many volunteers.

FUNDRAISERS

Two of our major general fundraisers are the Avon Marching Band Invitational in September and the IPA State Prelims in March. These require many hands and talents to support a successful show. For all fundraisers we **require** parent involvement. We always need parents to assist in the collection of money and forms for the Pizza and Gold Card sales. During the holiday season, our big push is the annual Koeze nut sale which requires the selling and distribution of these by the parents. During the year, any fundraiser that is organized will always need some level of parental involvement. We would ask that you volunteer your time and/or talents when called. Please note, when your student is involved in the selling of a product, such as the pizza and gold cards, the profit from those sales goes directly into their account. When the boosters organize a fundraiser, such as the Marching Invitational and the IPA State Prelims, that money goes into the general account which helps to defray the costs of the band program overall. This helps to keep the fee costs down for all those participating in **ALL** aspects of the band program.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

CONCESSIONS - ALL YEAR

This is THE biggest money maker for the Marching Black & Gold. We are in charge of the concession stands for most of the sporting activities held at the High School. Therefore, we need volunteers to help manage and work the concession stands throughout the entire school year. The money raised in concessions helps to support the general funding of the band programs. This is how many of the bills get paid. Without this great opportunity our band fees would be much higher. Each band/guard/percussion family is required to work AT LEAST 4 concessions events. It's not hard, you will be trained. You are always welcome to work more than four. This does not include the Avon Invitational, or IPA. Please plan to give a short amount of your time to work in the concessions when asked.

SEWING AND CRAFTS

Throughout the entire school year, we need volunteers to help with sewing. We make all of the show flags that are used in the Marching Band Show and Winter Guard shows. Some shows require more than 100 flags. You do not need to be a great seamstress or a guard parent to help. There can be hand sewing, machine sewing, cutting and pinning, gluing, and a variety of other tasks that need to be done. We also make costumes and props for the winter drumlines and winter guards. We have a couple of people who are old pros at putting these types of things together and will be happy to teach you what you need to know. If you are at all comfortable with a pair of scissors, needle and thread and /or a sewing machine, please let the band office know.

EQUIPMENT

Equipment parents help all year with whatever needs to be moved, fixed or built. During Marching season and drumline season, we need parents that will help move all the pit equipment on and off the field/floor. We always have a continuing need for help with building/repairing such things as uniform carts and percussion instrument carts. Our shows often require props. We need volunteers that can saw, hammer, nail, glue and paint to build these props. There will always be an ongoing need for general maintenance on our equipment and props.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

These volunteers provide the excitement and encouragement for the students. This committee organizes the pizza dinners on football nights. They organize snacks after practices. These volunteers are creative, making posters for the band room.

PHONE TREE

This group of volunteers make phone calls to the rest of the band advising them of important information. The band list will be broken in manageable numbers and each person will be provided with a list of families to call. Every effort is made to keep individual lists to around 15 families for you to call. This is a very important group of volunteers as communication is a key to success!

Please consider being involved. There is always something that needs to be done. Your help is greatly appreciated. Don't wait to be asked, if you see something going on that looks interesting to you, offer to help. It is a great way to meet not only your children's friends but also their parents.

COURSES OFFERED BY AVON MUSIC DEPARTMENT

For a complete description of each course offered by the Music Department, please refer to the Avon High School Program of Studies.

ADVANCED CONCERT BAND

The Wind Ensemble provides students with a balanced comprehensive study of music, which develop skills in psychomotor, cognitive, and affective domains. This is the most advanced concert band at Avon.

There is a dress code requirement with participation in this band. All male students are to wear tuxedo jacket, pants and shirt and bow tie to all performances. All female students are required to wear a long black dress which has been chosen by the band department. The band department will assist in obtaining these. The Tux is \$96.00 and the dress is \$56.00 to purchase.

The fee for this class will be \$50.00 payable to Avon High School by November 15th, 2011. Please turn this into Mrs. Doll. This fee is to help cover the costs of music, competition entry fees and guest conductors for this band.

INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND

The Symphonic Band and/or Concert Band provide students with a balanced comprehensive study of music, which develop skills in psychomotor, cognitive, and affective domains. Dress Code is Concert Black. ***The fee for this class will be \$25.00 payable to Avon High School by November 15th, 2011. Please turn this into Mrs. Doll.*** This fee is to help cover the costs of music and competition entry fees.

BEGINNING CONCERT BAND

The Freshmen Gold or Black Band provides students with a balanced comprehensive study of music. Members are given the opportunity to participate in marching band in the fall, a Christmas concert and pep band in the winter. Private lessons and summer participation are recommended. Dress Code is Concert Black. ***The fee for this class will be \$25.00 payable to Avon High School by November 15th, 2011. Please turn this into Mrs. Doll.*** This fee is to help cover the costs of music and competition entry fees

JAZZ ENSEMBLE - JAZZ BAND I and II

Currently Jazz Band is an extra-curricular activity. Jazz I is an auditioned group of the most outstanding wind and rhythm section members. This ensemble rehearses 2-3 times a week at the discretion of the director. Participation will include concerts and festivals. The opportunities for Jazz pedagogy will include repertoire, improve, and some theoretical models. Jazz II (if this is offered in 2010-2011) is a group open to all band members. This ensemble rehearses 1-2 times a week at the discretion of the director. Festivals and concert are possible relative to the membership. This is an entry level ensemble and recommended for students who want to participate in Jazz I in the future. ***The fee for Jazz band I is \$100.00 and Jazz band II will be \$50.00 payable to Marching Black & Gold by November 15, 2011.*** These fees help cover the costs of transportation and entry fees and guest clinicians. These fees may change.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - BEGINNING PERCUSSION

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - INTERMEDIATE PERCUSSION

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE - ADVANCED PERCUSSION

This course is designed for students that will participate in marching drumline activities. The percussion ensemble is a member of the Indiana Percussion Association (IPA) and Winterguard International (WGI) during the winter months. There is a fee to be involved in Marching Band and A and World Drumline in the winter. All Marching bands fees must be paid before the student will be allowed to participate in any winter program.

DANCE PERFORMANCE - A and WORLD GUARD

The Avon color guards, which include dance, flags, rifles, and sabers, are a part of this curriculum. The dance class performs with the marching band in the fall and is a member of the Indiana High School Color Guard Association (IHSCGA) and Winterguard International (WGI) during the winter months. There is a fee for Marching Band and Winter Guard. All Marching bands fees must be paid before the student will be allowed to participate in any winter program.

PIANO & ELECTRIC KEYBOARD I

PIANO & ELECTRIC KEYBOARD II

MUSIC THEORY I

AP MUSIC THEORY I, II, III

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) MUSIC THEORY SEMINAR

COURSES OFFERED (Continued)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE AVON MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WINTER GUARD

After the marching season, the guard may divide into two groups. There may be an A Guard that participates within the state of Indiana. The World Guard participates in Indiana and is involved in overnight travel to other states. The director makes the decision as to which guard the students will participate in. They practice after school and on weekends late November through mid-April. The contest season runs late January through mid-April. There is a fee for Winter Guard depending on which guard you are in. In addition, members are responsible for the cost of shoes, makeup, tights, gloves, etc. The guard fee helps defray the expense of show design, instructional staff, equipment, props, and food, transportation and hotels for overnight trips.

WINTER DRUM LINE

After the marching season, the drumline may divide into two groups. There may be an A Drumline that participates within the state of Indiana. The World Drumline participates in Indiana and is involved in over night travel to other states. The director makes the decision as to which drumline the students will participate in. They practice after school and on weekends late November through mid-April. The contest season runs late January through mid-April. There is a fee for Winter Drumline depending on which drumline you are in. In addition, members are responsible for the cost of shoes, if required, hotel, etc. The drumline fee helps defray the expense of show design, instructional staff, equipment, props, and food, transportation and hotels for overnight trips.

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SCRIP ORDER INFORMATION

Congratulations to our talented and dedicated students, faculty, and staff on their second undefeated season and their invitation to the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade!! We have already started planning ways to raise the funds that will be needed to go to Pasadena. One of those ways is purchasing gift cards through Great Lakes Scrip Center. The profits from this fundraiser will be put into the Parade account. The more money in this account, the less each student will be responsible for.

All you have to do is purchase gift cards for places you plan to shop and use those cards instead of cash or credit. The band gets a percentage of the card's value. You can order these cards as often as you need by signing up for Shop with Scrip and having your order deducted from your checking or savings account.

Once there are a sufficient number of orders, I will release the order for shipping. (We pay \$13.50 for shipping/handling for each order so we want to make sure our profit covers this fee.) I would like to place an order twice a month: on the 15th and 30th so you won't run out of cards.

It's easy to do, just follow the instructions below and let me know if you have any questions or problems.

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com, click on "Create Account" in the green box labeled "Family Sign Up"

Fill in the required information – the enrollment code is **L6C4272E22794**

Click on "I Accept"

When finished go to "My Account" on the top toolbar

Click on Presto-Pay on the left toolbar

Fill in the required information

Click on "Next"

Within 2 days there will be 2 random deposits in your savings/checking account. Make a note of the amounts then sign back in to the Presto-Pay page. Enter the amounts that were deposited. You are now ready to order scrip!

The Scrip center also has a program called ScripNow! You can order, pay for, and print the card and use them within minutes. There aren't very many of those yet but a few are amazon.com, Home Depot, On the Border/Chili's, O'Charleys, itunes, and CVS pharmacy. There are also a number of cards that can be reloaded. Just look for the "recycle" icon next to the brand.

The other way to order is to go to www.glscrip.com and order your cards and then send a check payable to the Marching Black & Gold to the band office. Orders will be processed the 15th and 30th of each month.

My contact information is : Deb Claus, dleeclaus@indy.r.com, cell: 317-431-7460.

ITEMS FOR SALE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Other than T-shirts, all items are available at booster meetings. All t-shirt orders will now be done online through Logos Express. We will only place one order per T-shirt style so please make sure you watch for this information.



SHOW T-SHIRT - The Show shirt will be ordered online through Logos Express. Prices vary with sizes. All students receive this T-shirt as part of their fee. Watch for order information to come by e-mail.



PICTURE BUTTON \$5.00



YARD SIGN \$15.00



STATE T-SHIRT

If (when) we win State and or BOA we usually make a shirt to represent this accomplishment. This would NOT be included in any fee for the student. If anyone wanted one - they would have to order one. Again the order will be done online through Logo Express.

FAQ'S for Parents

Many parents have questions or concerns about things pertaining to band activities and don't know where to get the information or who to ask. We have tried to put together a list of those most frequently asked questions and the answers. We hope this helps!

Q. What if something comes up and I need to pick up my child or take my child to a contest instead of letting them ride the bus?

A. If possible, please inform the directors in advance. Please give the chaperone on the bus a note if your child rode to the contest but will not be riding home. The buses cannot leave a contest until all students are accounted for.

Q. What kind of food does my child need to take with them to a contest or an all day practice?

A. They need to have nutritious food and water, lots of water. There is nowhere to buy food usually, and the kids are on a pretty tight schedule. If special arrangements are being made for food those announcements will be sent out separately by e-mail.

Q. How do I get to a show?

A. You can car pool with other parents, drive yourself following the directions that are usually on the show schedules in the band room.

Q. What is an Invitational Performance?

A. Invitationals are marching shows hosted by schools as fundraisers for their band programs. There is always a charge to get in and concessions are offered for spectators. We participate in these Invitationals as practice forums for the State ISSMA and BOA contests.

Q. What is an ISSMA contest?

A. ISSMA is the Indiana State School Music Association. The contests that they sanction lead up to the State Championship Marching Band Finals. The sequence of the contest are Districts October 1, 2011 Regional October 15th, 2011, Semi State October 22, 2011 and State Finals October 29th, 2011. The district and regional locations change each year and will be announced by the directors when they are known.

Q. What is BOA?

A. Bands of America (BOA) host National marching band contests around the country. We attend the Indianapolis Regional on November 4th, 2011. The BOA Grand National finals are held here in Indianapolis November 11-12, 2011. Bands come from all over the United States to compete in this prestigious event.

Q. Why should I buy BOA tickets in the summer, when we might not even make finals?

A. We have made finals for the past 9 years. It is recommended you purchase the reserved tickets for BOA Grand Nationals as early as possible. Please order on line at www.musicforall.org.

Q. What is the general fund ?

A. The money in the general fund pays for additional staff, writing and designing shows, the band contest entry fees, etc. A detailed accounting of the general fund may be obtained. The General Band fund is how the AMB&G pays it's bills. The General Band fund is extremely important, as it helps to keep Avon Band Fees lower!

FAQ'S (Continued)

Q. How can I earn money for my student's account?

A. When we offer fund raisers like Choice Products, Gold Cards, Mike's Car Wash, or Amish Recipe the profit your child earns through sales is credited to your child's account. We also provide a number of "working opportunities" for the parents and students (over 16). Please refer to page 10 for these opportunities. Some parents cover all of their band expenses through fund raisers. We try to offer several each year so watch for announcements at booster meetings and through e-mail.

Q. What else will I have to pay for?

A. Most other expenses are voluntary. There will be pictures offered from professional photographers at some of the events. These photographers work independently and the boosters do not make any money from these sales. You may buy show shirts, yard signs, car flags, window stickers and buttons from the boosters. Any profits made by the band boosters on the sale of these items is placed in the general fund. Each section of the band may order section shirts they design each year. You may order one for yourself.

Q. When does the band practice and what time is practice over?

A. The directors will put out a schedule for band practices. Practices in the evening begins at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Your student should be at the school early so they will be ready to practice by 6:00 pm. Practice ends on the field at 9:00 pm and all equipment must be put away. They usually are not ready to leave until 9:15 pm or so. Please come early to watch the nightly run through, by the football stadium at 8:45 pm.

Q. My student says they need a dot book, what is that?

A. A dot book is a small binder that holds index cards that they can write their drill spots in.

Q. How can I get calendars, schedules and other important information?

This information is always available in the wall pockets inside the band room and outside Barb's Office. Barbara e-mails the weekly performance schedules. The calendars are posted on the band web site. www.avonband.com. Sign up for ListServ to receive e-mails from the Band Department.

Q. What if my student loses something while at band?

A. If you student has misplaced anything please check the lost and found in the band room. The lost and found is cleared out on a regular basis.

Q. If I can't find the answer to my question in this book who do I ask?

A. There is a list of the Band Booster Officers shown on the back of this book. Feel free to call an officer with any questions. You may certainly contact Barb Doll at 554-5093 or bjdoll@avon-schools.org and she will answer your questions also. The directors phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on the first page. They would be happy to help if they can or will direct you to the right person.

AVON BAND DEPARTMENT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR 2011-2012

Date	Activity	Location	Time
8/17/2011	First day of school		
8/26/2011	Home Football	Avon High School	3:30-9:30
9/9/2011	Home Football	Avon High School	3:30-9:30
9/10/2011	Practice & Competition	AHS & Franklin Central ?	9:00am -?
9/16/2011	Home Football	Lucas Oil Stadium	after school - 10:00pm?
9/17/2011	Practice & Competition	Avon High School & Plainfield	9:00am - ?
9/24/2011	Heritage Parade - Full Band	Avon	9:00-12:00am
9/24/2011	Avon Invitational	Avon High School	4:00 PM - ?
9/30/2011	Home Football	Avon High School	3:30-9:30
10/1/2011	ISSMA District Competition	Practice AHS then TBA	9:00am -??pm
10/8/2011	Practice & double Header	Avon High School / Decatur/ Center Grove	9:00am - ?
10/14/2011	Home Football - Senior Night	Avon High School	3:30 - 9:00
10/15/2011	Practice & ISSMA Regional	Avon High School and TBA	9:00-??pm
10/20/2011	No School - Practice	Avon High School	TBA
10/21/2011	No School - Practice	Avon High School	TBA
10/22/2011	Practice and ISSMA Semi-State	Avon High School and Ben Davis	TBA
10/29/2011	ISSMA State Competition	Practice AHS then Lucas Oil	TBA
11/5/2011	Practice and Bands Of America Indy Regional	Perform Prelims. Perform later in the evening	Performance at 4:30pm Then again in evening
11/11/2011	BOA Grand National Prelims	AHS then Lucas Oil Perform at Prelims	5:30 PM
11/12/2011	BOA Grand National Semi Finals	Lucas Oil Stadium	AM?
11/12/2011	BOA Grand National Finals	Lucas Oil Stadium	Late Evening
11/22/2011	Band Awards and Senior Night	Avon High School	5:30 pm Café
12/29-1/3/2012	Rose Parade	Pasenda	
2/4/2012	ISSMA Solo & Ensemble	Avon High School	All day
2/25/2012	ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble	TBA	
3/2/2012	ISSMA Jazz Festival	Brownsburg	TBA
3/17/2012	IPA Drumline Prelims	Avon High School	All day
3/30/-4/6/2012	Spring Break		
4/12/-4/15/2012	WGI World Championships - Guard	Dayton Ohio	3 days
4/12/2012	Spring Concert	AMS	7:00pm
4/14/2012	ISSMA Organizational Concert	TBA	TBA
4/19-4/21/2012	WGI World Championships - Percussion	Dayton Ohio	3 days
4/28/2012	ISSMA Group 1 Qualifier - Wind Ensemble	TBA	TBA
5/5/2012	ISSMA State Competition - Wind Ensemble	Lawrence Central	TBA
6/5/2012	Freshman Orientation for Marching Band	Avon High School	

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