

Hello Band and Color Guard!

Hope you are having a terrific summer!

Enclosed is a schedule for the 2011 marching band season along with the music for the 2011 field show entitled 'Trismegistus', music by Isaiah Fisk – This one is going to be amazing! Hermes Trismegistus (meaning Thrice Great) was the name the Greeks gave to the Egyptian God Thoth – lots of 'Egyptian' rhythmic and melodic ideas, very exciting, driving music! Learn and memorize as much of the show as possible before band camp, this will ensure a smooth drill learning process. If you have any technical questions pertaining to the music, call your section leader for clarification or help. Sections leaders will be contacting you shortly to introduce themselves and answer any questions you might have.

Be sure to be physically prepared for band camp. Comfortable dress is crucial: **loose fitting shorts and shirt, sneakers and socks** – no flip-flops or open-toe footwear, this is crucial! We will be outdoors for several hours at a time, wear and bring sunscreen to protect your skin. Hydration is crucial as we will be extremely physically active during rehearsal; not only should you bring plenty of water to rehearsal, you should **hydrate fully the night before each rehearsal!** We will have the large jugs at all times however, so that everyone can get drinks quickly during breaks we ask that you procure a 1 gallon insulated drinking container marked with your name. It is more time-effective to fill these personal containers from the large jugs when they are empty. Eat a nutritious breakfast every morning before rehearsal, you will need to have plenty of energy to rehearse effectively. You will have from 12 noon to 1 every day for lunch – you may bring your lunch or go home for lunch, either is fine.

Percussion and color guard will have 4 extra summer rehearsals to establish the technique program and prepare for the field show. If you (percussion and guard) are on vacation during those rehearsals, no worries – don't change any plans. If you're in Wethersfield please come, it will make our fall season much more successful.

Things to bring to band camp:

Instrument and supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.)

Music

Sunscreen

1 gallon insulated drinking container marked with your name

pen or pencil

sneakers and socks

Thanks and I can't wait for camp!!

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