

FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Dear FHS Band Member,

Summer is a wonderful time of the year! I hope that all of you are enjoying these weeks of warm weather away from school.

Summer also allows us the time to reflect on the past as we plan for the future. As I look back on last year, I am extremely proud of what we are able to accomplish in our band program. It was a great year in every way possible and I am excited as we plan for the 2009-2010 school year. I hope you are getting some rest as we get ready for another “big year” at Fayetteville High School.

In order to plan for our busy fall schedule, we will start rehearsals with the full band on Monday, August 3rd at 8:00 a.m. We will meet with the full band from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th. We will finish the week with a morning rehearsal on Saturday, August 8th (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon). We will only be rehearsing eight days with the full band before school starts. With that in mind, attendance is critical. **Please take a moment to review our schedule and plan to be here for all rehearsals.** We will divide our rehearsal time between marching and playing. You will need your instruments on the first rehearsal day and we will begin in the high school band room. If you play a school owned instrument, we will check it out to you at the first rehearsal. Since we will be marching outside, make sure that you are dressed in cool clothes and tennis shoes. Please notice the night rehearsals on August 11th and 13th. There will be no rehearsals during the day the week of August 10th-14th. We will be checking out uniforms during the afternoon hours of that week.

Also, notice the annual “**world famous band party**” on Friday, August 14th. Once again, we will be having our party at the Springdale Aquatic Center. This will be a great way to end our summer rehearsals and it will be a lot of fun!

Also, please notice that we are eating together at FHS on Monday – Friday. The food will be catered and we will have lunch in the FHS Cafeteria. Since the food will be here, students will not be allowed to leave during this time. **We are asking that each student bring \$15.00 on Monday, August 3rd to cover the five meals.** The FHS Band Boosters will be responsible for the rest of the eating expenses.

This year, we will once again do two separate marching shows. We will be doing our pre-game show for our football game performances and a halftime/competition show. For the pre-game show, we will march everyone and will do some special music along with the National Anthem and the Alma Mater. For the halftime/competitive show, we will march fewer people and will use several students as alternates. You can learn more about our alternate policy by reading the band handbook, which can be found on our website (www.fayettevilleband.com). As most of you know, individual alternate status is constantly reevaluated.

I have enclosed music for the halftime/contest show and one selection from our pre game show. The contest show is entitled “Out of the Blue” and it is going to be incredible! Start practicing and memorizing the music now. Letter H to the end will require the most work. If you have not played your instrument over the summer, start now with long tones and scales to get back in shape (or rudiments for the percussionists). The sooner we can play the music, the faster we can learn the show. Solos will be decided during the summer rehearsals. You can hear a synthesized recording of our show on our website. Just go to the website and click on the media section. Under user name, type in **fhsband** and under password, type in **bulldogs**. You can also hear a recording of America the Beautiful which will be performed as part of our pre game show.

I have enclosed information about a contest and overnight trip we will make to St. Louis, Missouri. We have been on a waiting list for this contest so I am excited that we will be able to attend this year. Please read the trip details including information as it relates to the ACT test.

If you are interested in All Region or All State try outs for next year, you can purchase the books from us or from your local music dealer. The list of required music is listed on our website. We have also posted recordings of the music under the media section on the website. One of our goals for next year is to increase our participation in both the All Region and All State Honor Bands. We will also use this music for our concert band placement in November.

You will need a lyre and flip folder for our summer rehearsals. These items can be purchased at most music stores including SAIED Music which located at 2880 N. Point Circle (off of Hwy. 112 at the 540 interchange). Now is a good time to check your instrument and take it in for any necessary repair so that it will be ready in August. We have several good instrument repair technicians in the area including the Bandsmith which is located on Doorman Street in Springdale (off of Highway 412), Cheatham Music on North 40th Street in Springdale, and SAIED Music Co. here in Fayetteville. Once again, since we will be marching outside in the morning, please wear appropriate attire (TENNIS SHOES, COOL CLOTHING, HATS, ETC.). **NO SANDALS, FLIPS, BOOTS, OR DRESS SHOES.** Also, make sure to purchase your own water jug for our outdoor practices. You will want to put your name on it for identification.

As you can tell, we are very excited about this school year. We have a great band program and much to be proud of. If you need to speak to us or if we can be of assistance to you, call 445-1185 and leave a message or you can email us at barry.harper@fayar.net or brett.lawson@fayar.net. You can also get updated information on our website.

We hope to see you soon. Until then, **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

Mr. Harper

Mr. Lawson

Before attending our first FHS Band rehearsal, remember:

- Bring your medical form and handbook signature form to the first rehearsal. Give both forms to your parents to fill out. The handbook can be found on our website. Read the handbook before you sign the form. We must have a medical form for everyone on the first day (August 3rd).
- Eat breakfast before arriving. There is no food or drink (except water) allowed in the band building, so if you bring your breakfast, you will need to eat it outside the band room. You might want to avoid milk and I would suggest eating breakfast at least 30 minutes before we begin.
- Bring your own jug of water. We will provide water breaks while outside. Everyone will need to drink plenty of water. I would strongly suggest that you purchase a small water jug now. Be sure to put your name on it and bring it to practice each day (filled with cold water and ice).
- EVERYONE must wear tennis shoes. No flip flops, open toes, crocs, etc. Dress appropriately for outdoor practice (shorts, hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc.).
- Don't forget to bring your music that was sent to you in the mail. Stand music will be passed out during summer band practice.
- If you need to check out a school instrument, you may do so on the first day.
- The first rehearsal will start and end in the FHS Band Room.

Greater St. Louis Marching Band Festival Saturday, October 24th, 2009

This year, the Marching Bulldog Band will be competing in the Greater St. Louis Marching Band Festival. Forty eight bands participate in the festival and are judged by nationally recognized band directors from high schools, college band programs and from drum and bugle corps staffs. This is the 38th year for the Greater St. Louis Marching Band Festival. We have been on a waiting list for several years so we are very excited to be participating in 2009.

October 24th is an ACT testing date. With this in mind, students will need to take the ACT on another date. This year, the ACT test will be offered in September (this is the first time a September date has been available in Arkansas). It is recommended that students take the test on September 12th (registration deadline is August 7th) or on December 12th (registration deadline is November 6th). The ACT test will also be given on February 6th, 2010, April 10th, 2010, and June 12th, 2010. **Please make sure that you are clear on Saturday, October 24th.** For more information about the ACT test, go to <http://www.actstudent.org>

Cost for the trip: **\$180.00** per student. The cost includes charter bus transportation, hotel, 6 Flags ticket, 4 meals, and contest in the Edward Jones Dome. Fund raisers are available to assist with student trip accounts.

Below is a **tentative** schedule for the contest:

Friday, October 23rd

Final home football game (senior night)

Saturday, October 24th

8:00 a.m. – Board charter buses for St. Louis

3:00 p.m. – Arrive at Holiday Inn Select (next to the Edward Jones Dome).

6:00 p.m. – Performance in the Edward Jones Dome

Sunday, October 25th

Breakfast in hotel

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Six Flags over Mid America

6:00 p.m. – Leave for Fayetteville

12:00 (midnight) – Arrive at FHS

All times are approximate. As soon as they are finalized, we will post the information on our website. For more info about the contest, go to www.gslmbf.com

FHS BAND – 2009 SUMMER MARCHING REHEARSALS

Summer Guard Camp – Monday, July 27th – Wednesday, July 29th

(required only for people selected to the Color Guard)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, August 3rd – Saturday, August 8th – Summer Marching Rehearsals

Monday, August 3rd – Friday, August 7th – 8:00 – 3:30 p.m. (lunch will be served)

Saturday, August 8th – 8:00 – 12:00 noon (no lunch on this day).

Each student will need to bring \$15.00 on Monday to cover all five lunches. The Band Boosters will cover the rest of the expenses for food.

Tuesday, August 11th and Thursday, August 13th - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, August 14th Swim party at the Springdale Aquatic Center

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Except for the swim party, attendance is mandatory for all rehearsals.

Uniform Fitting and Check Out

Monday, August 10th - 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Drum Majors and Seniors - A-J

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Seniors - K-Z

Tuesday, August 11th – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Juniors - A-E

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Juniors – F-N

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Juniors – O – Z

Wednesday, August 12th – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Sophomores – A – D

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Sophomores – E – K

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Sophomores – L – N

Thursday, August 13th – 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Sophomores – O – R

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Sophomores – S – T

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Sophomores – U – Z

Friday, August 14th – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Make up day for anyone who does not

have a uniform.

FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2009-2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
THURSDAY	AUG 20	BAND BOOSTER MEETING-7:00 p.m.
MONDAY	AUG 24	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	SEP 1	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	SEP 8	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SEP 11	HOME FOOTBALL GAME
TUESDAY	SEP 15	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SEP 18	HOME FOOTBALL GAME
SATURDAY	SEP 19	U OF A GAME (PARKING)
TUESDAY	SEP 22	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SEP 25	HOME FOOTBALL GAME
SATURDAY	SEP 26	MARCHING CONTEST (Owasso, Oklahoma)
TUESDAY	SEP 29	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	OCT 2	HOMECOMING GAME AND PARADE
TUESDAY	OCT 6	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	OCT 10	U OF A GAME (PARKING)
TUESDAY	OCT 13	BAND REHEARSAL 6:30-8:30 p.m.
SATURDAY	OCT 17	MARCHING CONTEST (LOCATION TBA)
TUESDAY	OCT 20	MARCHING CONTEST (Rogers)
FRIDAY	OCT 23	HOME FOOTBALL GAME (SR. NIGHT)
SATURDAY	OCT 24	ST. LOUIS MARCHING CONTEST
FRIDAY	OCT 30	AWAY FOOTBALL GAME (Har Ber)
SATURDAY	NOV 7	U OF A GAME (PARKING)
TUESDAY	NOV 10	ALL REGION JAZZ TRY OUTS (Central JH)
WEDNESDAY	NOV 11	VETERAN'S PROGRAM (VA HOSPITAL)
FRIDAY	NOV 13	<u>POSSIBLE PLAY OFF GAME ?</u>
SATURDAY	NOV 14	U OF A GAME (PARKING)
FRIDAY	NOV 20	<u>POSSIBLE PLAY OFF GAME ?</u>
SATURDAY	NOV 21	U OF GAME (PARKING)
FRIDAY	NOV 27	<u>POSSIBLE PLAY OFF GAME ?</u>
TUESDAY	DEC 1	FHS BAND TRY OUTS
SATURDAY	DEC 5	POSSIBLE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
SATURDAY	JAN 9	ALL REGION TRY-OUTS (Huntsville)
FRI-SAT	JAN 15-16	ALL REGION CLINIC (Springdale)
SATURDAY	JAN 23	ALL REGION JAZZ CLINIC (S-dale)
SATURDAY	FEB 5-6	ALL STATE TRY-OUTS (Jonesboro)
THURS-SAT	FEB 17-20	ALL STATE (Hot Springs)
TUESDAY	MAR 2	BAND REHEARSAL - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
MONDAY	MAR 8	PRE-CONTEST CONCERT
THURSDAY	MAR 11	BAND CONTEST (Springdale High)
SATURDAY	APRIL 10	SOLO/ENS. CONTEST (West Fork)
THURSDAY	APRIL 22	JAZZ COFFEEHOUSE (FHS Cafeteria)
TUESDAY	APRIL 27	SPRING CONCERT AND AWARDS
TUESDAY	MAY 11	CONTEST OF CHAMPIONS (tentative date)

BOLD-FULL BAND

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK SIGNATURE FORM

I have thoroughly read this member handbook and understand its contents. I have also read the Schedule of Events and understand that all rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Should any question arise, I know to obtain the correct answer from my director. By signing this form, I agree to be bound by the provisions of this handbook. I am also aware that failure to comply with the traditions, policies, and procedures as stated herein might result in a loss of privileges.

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Conflicts with the Schedule

Please list specific conflicts that you have with the rehearsal and performance schedule **(this does not excuse the conflict)**.

Reasons for the conflict _____

Do we have permission to put your child’s photo in the paper and on the band website?

YES NO

FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENT INFORMATION

Student’s Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Parent’s Name _____ Parent’s Email _____

Grade _____ Instrument _____ Home Phone _____

Parent Cell _____

Student Email _____ Student Cell _____

Do we have permission to publish the above info in the band directory? YES NO

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM 2009-2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a parent/guardian, I authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor of the following minor in the event of a medical emergency, which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his or her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment, or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Name of Minor _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City _____ Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

Specific medical allergies, chronic illnesses, or other conditions: _____

Medication student is on at this time _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Insurance Company _____

Mother/Guardian _____ (H)Phone _____ (W) _____

Father/Guardian _____ (H)Phone _____ (W) _____

Other Contact in case of emergency:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Please note: Students needing any medication (including aspirin and non-aspirin pain relief tablets) while on a band trip must bring it themselves. Band chaperones or school personnel are not permitted to dispense medication.

This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances in my absence.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____