

WA DRUMLINE

Drumline Members,

Drumline camp begins this coming Monday, July 28th at 8:30 AM and runs through Friday, August 1st. We will conclude each day at 4:00 PM. All members of the drumline are required to attend.

Our focus for the week will be to learn the music for the upcoming marching band season as well as up to three cadences which will be used to march in and out of the stadium and any parades in which we may participate. Our goal this year will be to have the musical selections firmly in our grasp, fully prepared to perform at band camp.

Our show this year is musical selections from *West Side Story*. By now, you should have already downloaded the music for your section and begun learning and practicing your individual part. Those members who have come to the recent summer drumline rehearsals already have a head start. Do your best to be as familiar with all of the music as is possible before camp begins.

Our schedule for the week will remain, as always, flexible. However, we will spend a great deal of time outside, where it will be hot; very hot. You will need to be prepared to spend a lot of time outside by bringing sunglasses, hats, sunscreen and a water bottle. We'll find as many shady spots as possible, but the air temperature will still be hot. Wear comfortable, light weight and light colored clothing. Outside ensemble rehearsals will probably be in direct sunlight.

If you feel faint, dizzy or otherwise ill during rehearsal, you should immediately seek comfort indoors.

Eat a good breakfast every day so you are prepared for the morning rehearsal. Lunch will be provided at Woodward for Monday – Thursday. No one should leave campus for lunch. We will let you know if you need to bring your lunch on Friday or if we decide on another alternative. We'll take occasional short breaks throughout the day, so you may want to bring some healthy snacks such as fruit or energy bars.

You should also be prepared to spend a lot of time on your feet. As such, you should wear comfortable shoes. Remember that many of you will also be carrying instruments, which will put more stress on your feet. Rubber soled shoes should be your choice of footwear. I also recommend wearing socks to avoid getting blisters. We may do some marching next week.

Checklist of items to bring to both camps:

- sticks/mallets/etc.
- all music and exercises (updated versions)
- sunglasses
- hats
- sunscreen
- personal, refillable water bottle
- rubber soled shoes (and socks)
- wear shorts & t-shirts

DCI Southwestern Championships

On Saturday, July 26th, those of you who have paid will attend the DCI Southwestern Championships at the GA Dome. We will travel together by bus and we will plan to leave at about 9:30 AM. We'll spend some time looking for corps warming up before going in to the show at noon.

If you have not pre-paid and still wish to attend, I recommend going on the DCI website (www.dci.org) to purchase tickets for the event. There should still be seats available for the show, although they will probably not be near the Woodward group.

As the show is in the dome, I anticipate that conditions will be comfortable, but there is no guarantee that it won't be hot. Plan on wearing comfortable clothing. You will need to bring plenty of money for lunch and dinner as well as snacks and souvenirs. Each corps will be selling t-shirts, books, CD's and DVD's and more.

We will arrive back at Woodward Academy as late at 11:00 PM and possibly later. More details will be available as we get closer to the day. You may want to have a cell phone with you so that you can call your ride.

I am looking forward to another productive drumline camp and another successful year. Thanks again to everyone who came to the summer rehearsals. I know that we have a good head start to the year because of them. And thanks in advance for all of your hard work next week.

See you on Monday at 8:30 AM. Please be prompt.

Mr. Morgan