

# **Parkway North High School**

Marching Viking  
Camp Handbook  
2009



**“The Hypar Effect”**



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Dear Marching Vikings and Parents,

I hope this summer finds you having some quality time to reconnect with family and friends. I really have a great feeling about this upcoming year. We have a great show already prepared and I know you'll like it.

This year we will again use original music from John Meehan titled "The Hypar Effect". We have hired a new visual writer from California to write our drill. Mr. Jarrod Huntley is the Founder of Marching Network. He is backed by 16 years experience designing and teaching marching band shows across the country. Jarrod marched 4 years with the 9-time DCI champion Cadets Of Bergen County and in 2002 began working on the visual staff of The Crossmen and YEA organization! In 2004 Jarrod moved on to the visual staff of the 12-time DCI champion Blue Devils and will be starting his 6th year with the Corps in 2009.

The visual productions will be written and taught to the guard by Ms. Carly Glenn. Mrs. Glenn, Mrs. Radginski and Carly Glenn will again be our guard sponsors.

We have a great year planned and I can hardly wait to get started. We will have a parent meeting on June, 17th 7:30 p.m. at North. The meeting will be at the end of our 1st summer practice that starts at 6:00 p.m. Check through this handbook for more information and the exact time you need to be here this fall. Also, please look at our web site @ [pnhmusic.com/band](http://pnhmusic.com/band). This will have all the up to date information. Please call, or e-mail with any questions.

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the attendance policy for band camp?

\*Because Band Camp now only runs 2 weeks in duration, every day contains large amounts of instruction and rehearsal – a day's absence, therefore, will have a significant impact on the individual student's contribution to the show and also significantly affects the entire band's progress. The policy, therefore, calls for 100% attendance if at all possible.

2. What if a schedule conflict does arise?

\*Please attempt to resolve any such conflict in favor of the published Band Camp schedule. If unable to do so, please communicate the conflict to the Band Director at the earliest possible date.

3. What are "sectionals"?

\*Sectionals are sessions of instruction and rehearsal that are focused on your student marcher's section of the Band (percussion, low brass, flutes, trumpets, saxophones, etc.). These are scheduled sporadically throughout the summer and, though not mandatory, provide an opportunity for head-start practice times for both music and marching.

4. Where is Band Camp held?

\*Band Camp activities are typically held on the campus of Parkway North High School. Indoor music rehearsals will be held in the High School music area, and marching rehearsals will continue to be held on the practice field located next to the high school stadium. Occasional evening rehearsals will be held in the stadium. Specific location information will be announced to students as required.

5. What will student marchers need for Band Camp?

- \* Hat
- \*Personal water bottle - approx. 1 liter in size
- \*Large capacity water jug - at least 2 liters in size
- \*Sunscreen
- \*Light, loose-fitting clothing
- \*Lip protection with sunscreen
- \*Tennis shoes and socks
- \*Instrument or weapon/flags
- \*Pencil
- \*A good breakfast
- \*A flip folder and lyre (available at most music stores)

6. What is provided to student marchers for Band Camp?

- \*Poker chips – these are used by the student marchers to mark spots on the field during rehearsals
- \*Compact spiral-bound notebook

\*Marching drill diagrams – these are used for instruction during rehearsals. Students will place reduced-size photocopies of these diagrams into their personal notebooks for future reference.

- \*Instrumental sheet music

7. What if the temperature gets very hot during Band Camp?

\*While August temperatures can be high in our area, student safety is paramount for all of us. Every effort will be made to conduct rehearsals on the practice field whenever possible. Our Band Directors, however, refer daily to weather forecasts and will move rehearsal indoors when temperatures and/or heat indices get extreme.

8. When Band Camp is over, and school starts, when will student marchers have rehearsals?

\*Once Band Camp is over for the summer and school has begun, rehearsals are typically held daily at 6:45 a.m. before school. These rehearsals generally end at 9:30 a.m. on "A" days and at 7:50 on "B" days unless announced otherwise.

9. What is the schedule for Band Camp?

\* see our website for exact times and dates @: [www.pnhmusic.com/band](http://www.pnhmusic.com/band)

10. What is this years band fees?

\* This year the band member fee is \$250.00. Color Guard and Percussion Students will pay \$275.00. This amount will cover expenses not provided by the District. Other things covered are Uniform cleaning, transportation and entry fees, 1 pr. of marching gloves, clinicians, show writers, and equipment. Please make the checks payable to: Parkway North Band Backers.

11. Do I need an ER card (emergency release card)?

\* Yes!!! you will need to have this completed by the first rehearsal and can download the form from the North web site: [pnhmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:pnhmusic@yahoo.com)

12. What else do I need to purchase if I'm a new member?

\* The only other thing you will need to purchase is marching shoes. They cost 25.00 and will be used all four years you are in marching band. We will order them the first day of camp. Freshman only.

13. What should I, as a parent, expect my student to experience during Band Camp?

\* Band Camp is a rigorous, stimulating, tiring, and exhilarating experience for the student marcher (and for their parents!). Your student will get very tired and will need to get a good amount of rest in order to keep up. Likewise, getting good balanced meals will help fuel their "marching machines" during Camp. There may come some occasional frustrations when fatigue hits – they may question whether they can do it or whether the work is worthwhile. Your parental encouragement can significantly assist the students as they go through their daily schedule. Their effort is certainly "worth it" and will pay off in immeasurable ways!

## **Forms! Forms! Forms! Forms! Forms! Forms!**

**When you come the first day of camp you need to bring:**

- 1. E.R. card (emergency release form)**
- 2. Marching season permission slip.**
- 3. A check for 250.00 for band fees, 275.00 for Percussion and Guard**
- 4. Go online and complete the Online form @  
[http://pnhmusic.com/band\\_form.html](http://pnhmusic.com/band_form.html)**
- 5. T-Shirt/marching shoe Order Form**
- 6. 24 cans of soda or bottled water.**

## **Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!**

## HOW TO WEAR YOUR UNIFORM

- 1) THE UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN COMPLETELY AT ALL TIMES.
- 2) Pants are worn above the waist with suspenders adjusted properly.  
Pants cuffs should “break” at the top of the shoes. Do not let your pant cuff drag on the ground. Keep your suspenders on your shoulders, don’t let your pants sag or drag.
- 3) Hats are to be worn forward with long hair neatly tucked up.
- 4) When you leave the band room, car, etc., always be in full uniform.
- 5) No other hats may be worn with the uniform.
- 6) At times you will be allowed to take gloves and hats off, do not lose them. Keep your uniform zipped at all times and sash velcroed.
- 7) This year’s shirt must be worn under the uniform coat. No jeans or sweats are to be worn under the uniform.
- 8) Wear solid colored black socks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- 9) Keep your shoes polished
- 10) No jewelry that is visible may be worn. (no earrings of any kind)
- 11) Following every performance neatly hang up your uniform. The band will pay to have it cleaned at the end of the season. You are responsible to have it cleaned if it is necessary before then.
- 12) The night before each performance, make sure you have all of your uniform parts hung up in your bag.
- 13) Failure to wear, maintain and return your uniform properly will result in a grade reduction and/or replacement cost.

## **FOOTBALL GAME GUIDELINES**

1. Your attendance is required for warm up, pregame and during the game.
2. Don't forget.....we are at the game to entertain and support our team. The band stays until the end of each game.
3. Stay focused on the game and CHEER!!!!
4. When it is time to play, be ready with your music and attention.
5. Stay in your seat in sections.
6. Your friends outside the band are not invited to sit with the band or in the aisles.
7. Following half-time, you will have 3rd quarter off for a soda and bathroom break. We will start playing at the end of the 3rd quarter. Be in your seats and ready to play. Attendance will be taken.
8. Be in full uniform at all times
9. Following the game, make sure all equipment is put away, and take all of your uniform home. Make sure the band room is picked up and clean.
10. Uniforms/instruments/equipment not stored or maintained properly will result in grade penalties. Poor participation on the field or the stands will also result in grade penalties.
11. Make all hair/nail/etc. appointments for homecoming after 4:00. You will not be released early for this. Make your appointments today so there will be no conflicts.

PARKWAY NORTH BAND  
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT  
FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIPS

School sponsored band field trips will take place periodically throughout the school year. These trips may include band contests, concerts, football games, or other band related activities. By returning this form you consent to your student attending these events and being transported by a certified contractor (school or charter bus). Some special event activities may require an additional permission slip which you will be required to return. You will receive an itinerary prior to every event with times locations and emergency phone numbers.

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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**Students must return this form to be granted permission to participate.**

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I give my permission for my child, (name) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel on the various field trips sponsored by the Parkway North band during the 2009-2010 school year.

All students will be expected to comply with the supervisor's (teacher's) instructions and all school rules while en route to/from and during the time of the school sponsored activity.

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Signature of parent or guardian

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Date

# Show Shirt Order Form

We will be ordering new band show shirts to be worn at many events. The cost of this shirt will be included with your band fees. Please fill out this form and return it on the first day of band camp.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SMALL #\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM #\_\_\_\_ LARGE #\_\_\_\_ EXTRA LARGE #\_\_\_\_

Additional shirts (parents, siblings, friends) PLEASE ENCLOSE \$15.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SHIRT. Make checks payable to Parkway North Band Backers.

SMALL #\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM #\_\_\_\_ LARGE #\_\_\_\_ EXTRA LARGE #\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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# Drill Master Shoe Order Form

Required for all Freshman and upperclassmen who need new shoes ONLY

Make check for 25.00 payable to Parkway North Band Backers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete:

Male shoe size \_\_\_\_\_ Female shoe size \_\_\_\_\_

# **Additional Band Camp Information**

## **Pool Party**

Who: All marching band and color guard students  
Where: Robinwood West Swim Club @ 12556 Merrick Drive (Olive to Ross, North, left on Merrick)

When: Monday, August 3rd @ 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

What to bring: Appropriate swim wear, towel

The PNH Band Backers will provide chips, cookies and soda.  
Students must arrange their own transportation.

Parents wishing to help with this event please call:

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## **SODA & WATER**

All marching band and color guard students are asked to bring 24 cans of soda or 24 bottles of water to be used as student refreshments at home football games and performances.

Your contribution can be brought to the band room at anytime.

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## **Band Camp Family Ice Cream Social and Performance**

Who: All marching band and color guard students, and their immediate families.

Where: Parkway North Stadium

When: Monday, August 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social to follow the performance of our Marching Vikings as we present our 2009 performance entitled "The Hypar Effect".

# **Marching Band**

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Uniforms **CHAIR NEEDED**

Scheduling handout and collection of uniforms, making sure all uniforms are returned, ordering and distribution of gloves and shoes, making uniform bag and hat labels, maintaining student database. Ensure that extra supplies are available for performances (sashes, gloves, socks, etc.). Help with hemming of pants during handout. Handout usually occurs during the second week of band camp. Uniforms are returned in December.

## Flag Committee **CHAIR NEEDED**

Designing patterns, ordering fabrics, making sample and final flags. Designs and samples will be completed during the summer. Flags to be ready for first performance.

## Mending **CHAIR NEEDED**

Mending of uniforms, uniform bags, tuxedos and flags. As needed throughout the school year.

## T-Shirts **CHAIR NEEDED**

Organizing the order taking of T-shirt orders from band students/families, place orders and distribute.

## Spirit Wear: **CHAIR NEEDED**

Develop clothing items and organize ordering Marching Viking spirit apparel for band students and families.

## Tuxedos **CHAIR NEEDED**

Oversee the distribution of tuxedos to students and purchasing/selling studs/cufflinks and bow ties as needed. Maintain student database. Tuxes are distributed in the fall and collected in May.

## Fall Banquet **CHAIR NEEDED**

Coordinate food and decorations for fall banquet.

## Setup & Cleanup **CHAIR NEEDED**

Set up tables/chairs and cleanup after event for onsite events such as fall banquet, spring reception and Parents Preview.

## Spring Reception **CHAIR NEEDED**

Organize a cake and punch reception following the spring concert.

#### Pit Crew Sam Horne

The pit crew is responsible for moving band equipment for performances, including home football games, competitions and other performances. Home football games involve moving equipment for pre-game and half-time performances. Competitions includes loading equipment trailer, traveling with band, loading/unloading at competition and unloading equipment upon return to school. Need two drivers who can tow either the trailer & gator or the large equipment trailer.

#### Homecoming **CHAIR NEEDED**

Organize and serve lunch for the band following the homecoming parade and before the football game.

#### Homecoming Parade **CHAIR NEEDED**

Provide bottled waters for band at Seven Pines pool after warm-up and before parade. Help with student transportation, as needed, to beginning of parade route so cars are not left at pool.

#### Band Camp – Snack Shack **CHAIR NEEDED**

Purchase and sell snacks from the band building during band camp. Also help with various student needs as they arise.

#### Parent Preview **CHAIR NEEDED**

Coordinate food and beverages for parent's preview night during band camp. Help needed depends upon plans for the evening. May include some food preparation.

#### Pool Party **CHAIR NEEDED**

Coordinate food and beverages for the pool party. Help needed depends upon plans for the evening. May include some food preparation.

#### Chaperones **CHAIR NEEDED**

Attend band functions away from school and ensure student's good behavior and that students are accounted for on buses.

Chair is needed to schedule chaperones for each event.

#### Home Football Game Refreshments **CHAIR NEEDED**

Provide water/soda in the band room for the band after half-time performance and water in the stands during the game (primarily first half).

#### Competition Snacks **CHAIR NEEDED**

Provide snacks for the kids to have after competition performances. Snacks may include cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats, chips, snack bars or other as team decides upon. Also provide "chub" bottles of water for after pre-performance warm-ups.