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Bill Leather & Hannah Mowry, Directors

We have another exciting year coming up in the Mount Si Band and we can't wait to get started with all of you this fall! In the Mount Si Band Program, we seek to develop character and enrich lives through the pursuit of musical excellence and artistic achievement. All of you are an integral part of our success!

Please read the following information carefully to help you get ready for band during the 2019-20 school year:

- 1) **Snoqualmie Valley Youth Marching Band Camp:** Please consider being a part of the Snoqualmie Valley Youth Marching Band (SVYMB) this summer from August 12-17. Visit www.mountsiband.org for more information and to register!
- 2) **Summer rehearsal & team-building!** While these events are required, we understand if there are conflicts with summer travel. Please make every effort to be in attendance. If you are unable to be present at any of the events listed below, please email Mr. Leather (leatherw@svsd410.org) and Ms. Mowry (mowryh@svsd410.org) as soon as possible so we can plan for your absence.
 - a) Monday, August 26, 12:00-3:00 p.m. (Full band, including drum line)
 - b) Tuesday, August 27, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (**drum line only** - bring a lunch!)
 - c) Tuesday, August 27, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (full band, including drum line)
 - d) Wednesday, August 28, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (full band, including drum line)
 - e) Thursday, August 29, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (full band, including drum line)
 - f) Thursday, August 29, 5:00-8:00 p.m. - Band Check-In Night! Bring a parent during any part of the scheduled time to get important information, get fitted for uniforms, enter a raffle for a Mount Si Band prize package, and more!
- 3) **Pep Band Uniform:** You will be fitted for a Pep Band Jacket and T-Shirt at our Band Check-In Night on August 29th.
- 4) **Charms Office Management System:** please see the attached information about how to login and make sure your information is updated in our system. This is our primary means of communication to the entire program, so it is crucial that this information is correct! **Note: Middle School students can access their High School charms account starting Monday, July 8, 2019.** You will receive a text message when you can login and update your information (see "Remind" information below).
- 5) **Join Our "Remind" Texting List:** students, please take a moment to add yourself to our "Remind" text message list by sending the message **@mountsib** to the number **81010**. We also use this quick and effective means of communication to get in touch with the entire band program when needed. Parents are welcome to join as well!
- 6) **Pep Band Materials Needed:**
 - a) **Music Flip Folder:** All band students (including percussion) will need a flip folder to organize their music for Pep Band. You can purchase one at your local music store, or on amazon.com.
 - b) **Instrument Lyre:** All wind players (anyone not in drum line) will also need an instrument lyre for Pep Band. You can purchase one at your local music store, or on amazon.com. Make sure you get the right one for your specific instrument!

c) **Drum Line Only:**

- i) **Ear Plugs:** it is important that students in drum line are protecting their hearing on a daily basis in rehearsal. Please make arrangements to have ear plugs that can be used each day. We recommend the ***Etymotic High Fidelity Earplugs*** which can be purchased on amazon.com for \$19.95, and come with a neck cord and carrying case.
- ii) **Sticks:** all students should try to purchase a pair of Vic Firth Ralph Hardimon Signature Snare Drum sticks for the fall. Tenor drum players should purchase only the Ralph Hardimon Signature Tenor Drum sticks.

7) **School Instrument Check-Out**

- a) Larger instruments such as tuba, euphonium (baritone), bass clarinet, bassoon, and french horns are available to rent through the Mount Si Band program on a very limited basis. If you are in need of a school instrument, please contact Mr. Leather (leatherw@svsd410.org) for check-out information and procedures.

If you have questions about any of the above information, please email Ms. Mowry (mowryh@svsd410.org) and Mr. Leather (leatherw@svsd410.org) and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We are looking forward to an amazing year with all of you!

All Our Best,

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