

July 8, 2020

Dear SHS Band Families:

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend! We have been busy making final preparations for the marching band season with administration and colleagues throughout District 211, keeping the health and safety of everyone as our top priority.

As the state of Illinois has now entered Phase 4, District 211 is finalizing protocols to safely allow students on campus in rehearsal groups of 50 or less. **As these protocols are being finalized, we will begin our first week of summer sectionals online through Zoom on Monday, July 13th and Wednesday, July 15th.** We think this will provide a fun and important opportunity for students to begin meeting each other and playing music together. Zoom sectionals will include a combination of music, teambuilding, and a bit of marching instruction (no large spaces required).

**Zoom sectionals will run from 1:00 to 2:30.** In addition to their iPad or other device used to login to Zoom, students should have their instrument, printed music, pencil, and headphones. Students should try to find a quiet space to get the most out of each sectional (either inside or outside). Zoom login information will be found on the password-protected Members page of the Band website this weekend.

**Students who need to pick up a school-owned woodwind or brass instrument may do so this Friday, July 10th or Monday, July 13th from 9:00am to 12:30pm.** Families should drive up to Door 4 (Cafeteria entrance - located in the southeast corner of the building) for curbside pickup. Upon arrival, families will stay in their cars as a director brings the student's instrument to their vehicle. If you need to schedule an alternate time, please email Mr. Inendino.

**In the coming weeks, we plan to transition to in-person rehearsals following strict social distancing and safety procedures in accordance with requirements from the Illinois Department of Public Health.** These requirements will be shared on the Band website once finalized and discussed at length during our Zoom sectionals on July 15th and 22nd. **In-person sectionals will also be live-streamed via Zoom, so students may participate virtually if they would prefer.**

**In order to accommodate social distancing and cooler temperatures for outdoor rehearsals, all in-person sectionals will move to a new time: 6-9pm. Social distancing will also require some modifications to our Band Camp rehearsal times for the week of August 3rd.** We plan to announce these finalized Band Camp times by July 20th. We wanted to share this information now so families have as much time as possible to prepare. It is incredibly rare for us to change rehearsal times like this. **We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause and greatly appreciate your flexibility and understanding.** Students who cannot attend in-person sectionals due to transportation limitations are highly encouraged to join us from home via Zoom.

Below is a summary of our updated summer rehearsal schedule.

#### Woodwind/Brass Sectionals

Monday, July 13 & Wednesday, July 15 - 1-2:30pm Zoom  
Monday, July 20 & Wednesday, July 22 - 1-2:30pm Zoom  
Monday, July 27 & Wednesday, July 29 - 6-9pm In-Person

#### Percussion Sectionals

Monday, July 13 & Wednesday, July 15 - 1-2:30pm Zoom  
Monday, July 20 & Wednesday, July 22 - 6-9pm In-Person  
Monday, July 27 & Wednesday, July 29 - 6-9pm In-Person

**Band Camp: Monday, August 3 through Friday, August 7 - times to be announced by July 20th**

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone online next Monday!

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