

De Soto High School Wildcat Bands

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Summer Newsletter

June, 2003

Cotton Bowl Bound!!!

The DHS Wildcat Bands have been invited and accepted to perform at the 2004 SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival and Parade in Dallas, Texas during the New Year's Holiday! This will be a tremendous opportunity including a concert band festival performance and marching performances on national television! We will also have a fantastic New Year's Eve celebration at the world famous South Fork Ranch! If you are new to the band or still have not received the trip packet please check the band website at www.geocities.com/dhswildcatbands for a downloadable packet in .pdf format. If you do not have the ability to download files, please call (913) 583-8370, box 3039 and leave a message so Mr. Love can mail you a packet. Initial trip deposits were due June 1, but will be accepted throughout the month of June.

From the Director:

Dear Band Students and Parents,

I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable summer! However, before you get too comfortable in that lounge chair by the pool, please take some time to read through this newsletter so you see what's in store for next year!

On a personal note, my wife and I will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of our own little band member sometime in mid January!

I am excited about our continued growth as a band and look forward to the new challenges and experiences we will face in the 2003 – 2004 school year! But for now, enjoy your summer!

Mr. Love

Summer Band Rehearsals

August 4 – 7 and August 12 – 14

(See detailed schedule on Page 2)

Who: All 9th – 12th grade band students at DHS

What: Rehearse music for the marching band season, learn marching techniques, rehearse competition and half-time marching shows, and get to know other band members!

Where: DHS Band Room

Is it required? YES. Students who do not attend this camp will find themselves considerably far behind the other band members at the start of school. If you know that you have a conflict with any camp rehearsals, please let Mr. Love know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements to make-up the material

Contacting the DHS Wildcat Bands:

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Summer Rehearsal Schedule

Who's Who?

Freshmen / New Marchers: All DHS Band 9th Graders and all students NEW to the Marching Wildcats

Full Band: Everybody! All 9th -12th Grade Band Members

Student Leaders: Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and all other Officers

Drumline: All DHS Band Percussionists.

Friday, August 1
 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Volunteer Band Workday
 1:00 – 2:30 PM Drumline Rehearsal
 2:30 – 4:00 PM Equipment and Instrument Check-out

Monday, August 4
 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Student Leader Training and Meetings
 1:00 – 2:30 PM Drumline Rehearsal and Auditions
 2:30 – 4:00 PM Equipment and Instrument Check-out

Tuesday, August 5
 7:45 – 7:55 AM Student Leader Meeting
 8:00 – 9:45 AM Freshman / New Marcher Orientation and Marching Rehearsal
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Full Band Music Rehearsal
 1:00 – 2:00 PM Drumline Rehearsal – Other Sectionals TBA
 2:00 – 3:30 PM Uniform Checkout – Returning Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors Only

Wednesday, August 6
 7:45 – 7:55 AM Student Leader Meeting
 8:00 – 9:00 AM Freshman / New Marcher Marching Rehearsal
 9:15 – 10:15 AM Full Band Marching Rehearsal
 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Full Band Music Rehearsal
 1:00 – 2:00 PM Drumline Rehearsal – Other Sectionals TBA
 2:00 – 3:30 PM Uniform Checkout – Returning Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors Only

Thursday, August 7
 7:45 – 7:55 AM Student Leader Meeting
 8:00 – 9:00 AM Freshman / New Marcher Marching Rehearsal
 9:15 – 10:15 AM Full Band Marching Rehearsal
 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Full Band Music Rehearsal
 1:00 – 2:00 PM Drumline Rehearsal – Other Sectionals TBA
 2:00 – 3:30 PM Uniform Checkout – Freshmen and New Marchers Only

Friday, August 8 and Monday, August 11
No rehearsals scheduled

Tuesday, August 12
 3:15 – 4:00 PM Uniform Checkout – Freshmen and New Marchers Only
 4:00 – 4:45 PM Drumline Rehearsal
 5:00 – 6:15 PM Full Band – Music Rehearsal
 6:30 – 8:00 PM Full Band – Marching Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 13
 3:15 – 4:00 PM LAST CHANCE UNIFORM CHECKOUT!
 4:00 – 4:45 PM Drumline Rehearsal
 5:00 – 6:15 PM Full Band – Music Rehearsal
 6:30 – 8:00 PM Full Band – Marching Rehearsal

Thursday, August 14
 5:00 – 6:00 PM Full Band – Marching and Music Rehearsal
 6:30 – 6:44 PM Full Band Warm-up
 6:45 PM Sneak-Peak Concert and Dinner

Friday, August 15
No rehearsals scheduled

Saturday, August 16
 DHS Band Golf Tournament



Attention parents!

In order to have a successful band program we need some parental help! There are two big ways you can become involved in your student's band experience:

1. Volunteer with the Band. Each year we need help with many different tasks from providing refreshments at football games to chaperoning the band at contests. If you would like to serve as a parent volunteer, a sign-up will be held at our Sneak-Peek Concert and Potluck Dinner.

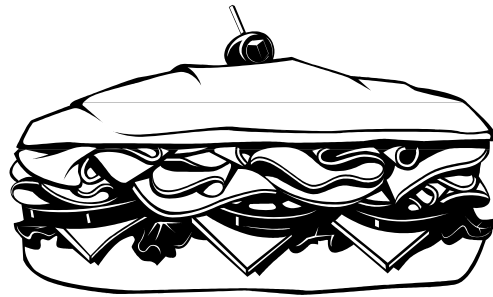
2. Join the Cat Booster Club. The Cat Boosters serve as the parent support group for ALL activities at DHS. These include sports, academic clubs, and co-curricular activities like band and choir. The Cat Boosters sponsor a number of fundraisers and provide support to students through activity sponsorships, equipment purchases, Project Prom, and senior recognition. Information on joining the Cat Boosters is available at enrollment in August.

Sneak-Peek Concert and Potluck Dinner Thursday, August 14 at 6:45 PM

A DHS Band Tradition! This is a chance to see all of our hard work in action! In order to make our dinner a success, families of students in the following grade levels are asked to bring one of the following:

- Freshmen:** Main Dish
- Sophomores:** Vegetable or Salad
- Juniors:** Rolls / Bread / or Chips
- Seniors:** Dessert

Note: Plates, Cups, serving items, and beverages will be provided.



THINGS YOU WILL NEED AND SUMMER BAND REHEARSALS:

- INSTRUMENT**
- MUSIC**
- PENCIL**
- SMALL SPIRAL NOTEBOOK**
- TENNIS SHOES**
- HAT**
- SUNGLASSES**
- WATER**
- LOUNGE CHAIR...WELL, MAYBE NOT**

BAND HANDBOOK

The DHS Wildcat Band Handbook has everything you need to know and then some! The handbook may be viewed online at www.geocities.com/dhswildcatbands. All band students and parents need to read the handbook and then sign and return the forms at the end of the book. Paper copies of the handbook will be available during summer rehearsals. The two forms are due by Thursday, August 21 (the first class day of band).

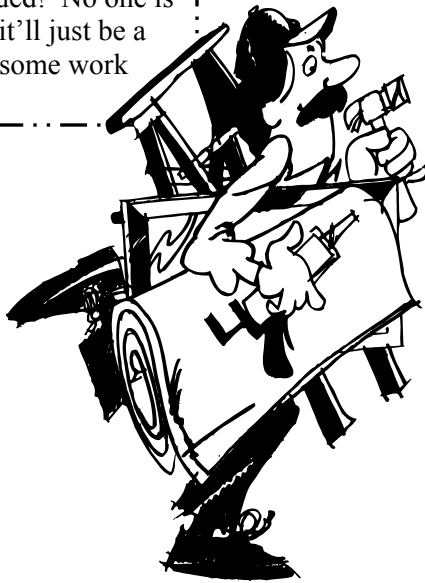
BAND WORKDAY

On Friday, August 1, we will have a workday at the DHS band room from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

There are music stands that need painting, music to be sorted, uniforms to put away, and other little items to do. If you would be interested in helping, please call Mr. Love at (913) 583-8370 (ext. 3039) and leave a message, or send an email to

jlove@usd232.org. Come and help for as long as you like.

Lunch will be provided! No one is required to attend – it'll just be a chance for us to get some work done and socialize!



ATTENTION ALL 10TH - 12TH GRADE BAND MEMBERS:

You are eligible to audition for the Kansas Music Educator's Association – Northeast District Honor Band and for the KMEA All-State Band. These are two of the highest honors a high school musician can earn. If you are interested in auditioning, please contact Mr. Love by phone or email so he can send you the audition music. The students who have the best chance at making these special groups are those who begin practicing now!

Marching Band Uniform Info

All parts of the marching band uniform are provided by the school **EXCEPT:**

- ♪ White Socks
- ♪ Marching Shoes (*These can be ordered during camp. Cost is approximately \$30 There are a few old pairs available for free on a first-come, first served basis. If you were in marching band last year and your shoes still fit, then you will not need to order new shoes.*)
- ♪ Tan or Khaki Shorts (*for our warm-weather uniform*)

By the way... There is absolutely NO fee to attend the DHS Summer Band Camp. It's FREE!!!!

Band Instruments and Other Equipment

Band Members who use school owned instruments may check them out during enrollment on July 30 and 31 or from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM on August 1.

All students will need a flip folder and lyre. Most students should have one from last year. If not, a few are available from the school on a first-come, first served basis. You may also order new lyres and flip folders during enrollment on July 30 and 31.

2003 – 2004 DHS Wildcat Band Student Leaders

Drum Majors: Caterina Lane, Ben Moon and Kody Willnauer

Student Director: Mary Roellchen

Secretary / Librarian: Erin Paulsen and Melissa Roberts

Equipment Manager: Scott Baldwin and Kasey Willnauer

Section Leaders: Emily Abels, Callie Blades, Denice Friday, Brady Groothuis, Gary Kearns, Matt Lowe, Erin Paulsen, Mike Prescott, Melissa Roberts

Drum Captain: TBA

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2003 – 2004 *TENTATIVE* Performance Schedule
Check the band website www.geocities.com/dhswildcatbands for updated schedules

Date	Day	Time	Performance	Location	Who
August 2003					
Aug. 4-7 / 12-14	M-Th	TBA	Summer Band Camp	DHS	ALL
Aug. 14	Th	6:45 PM	4 th Annual Sneak Peak Concert and Dinner	DHS	ALL
Aug. 30	S	9:00 AM	De Soto Days Parade	De Soto	ALL
September 2003					
Sep. 6	S	9:00 AM	Old Settlers Day Parade	Olathe	ALL
Sep. 12	F	TBA	Football – DHS vs. Piper	DHS Stadium	ALL
Sep. 26	F	Afternoon	DHS Homecoming Parade	De Soto	ALL
Sep. 26	F	5:30 PM	Football – DHS vs. Anderson County *** Homecoming ***	DHS Stadium	ALL
October 2003					
Oct. 3	F	5:30 PM	Football – DHS vs. Perry *** Band Night ***	DHS Stadium	ALL
Oct. 15	W	6:30 PM	Baker University Marching Festival	Baker U., Baldwin, KS	ALL
Oct. 18	S	8:30 AM	American Royal Parade	Kansas City, MO	ALL
Oct. 24	F	5:30 PM	Football – DHS vs. Mill Valley	DHS Stadium	ALL
November 2003					
Nov. 8	S	TBA	KMEA-NE District Honor Band Auditions	Baldwin HS	VOL
Nov. 19 – 22	W-S	TBA	DHS Fall Musical	DHS Theater	VOL
December 2003					
Dec. 6	S	All-Day	KMEA-NE District Honor Band	TBA	SELECT
Dec. 11	Th	7:00 PM	Band & Choir Holiday Concert	DHS Gym	ALL
Dec. 30 – 31	T- W	All-Day	SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival and Parade	Dallas, TX	ALL
January 2004					
Jan. 1 – 3	Th -S	All-Day	SBC Cotton Bowl Music Festival and Parade	Dallas, TX	ALL
Jan. 3	S	TBA	KMEA State Band Auditions	Salina Central HS	SELECT
Jan. 10	S	All-Day	KMEA-NE District Freshman Honor Band	Shawnee Mission NWHS	SELECT
February 2004					
Feb. 7	S	TBA	KSHSAA Regional Piano Festival	Baker University	VOL
Feb. 19	Th	7:30 PM	DHS Band Mid-Winter Concert	DHS Gym	ALL
Feb. 21	S	TBA	KSHSAA State Piano Festival	Wichita State University	SELECT
Feb. 26-28	Th-S	All-Day	KMEA State Music Convention	Wichita	SELECT
March 2004					
Mar. 6	S	All-Day	Kaw Valley League Solo and Ensemble	Basehor-Linwood HS	VOL
Mar. 9	T	School-day	Kaw Valley League Large Group	De Soto HS	ALL
Mar. TBA	TBA	TBA	DHS Area Band Extravaganza	DHS Gym	ALL
April 2004					
Apr. 3	S	All-Day	KSHSAA Regional Solo & Ensemble	Baker University	VOL
Apr. 14	W	TBA	KSHSAA State Large Group Festival	Gardner-Edgerton HS	ALL
Apr. 24	S	TBA	KSHSAA State Solo & Ensemble	TBA	SELECT
May 2004					
May 11	T	7:30 PM	DHS Spring Band Concert	DHS Gym	ALL
May 22	S	TBA	DHS Graduation	DHS Gym	ALL

ALL = These are full band performances and are **REQUIRED** of all band members.
VOL = These are optional performances or events and students may **VOLUNTEER** to perform.
SELECT = These are optional performances or events and students must be **SELECTED** by audition to perform.

Attention Percussionists!

As we continue to grow in size we face new challenges and opportunities. This flyer contains some very important information for you, our percussion section.

Marching Band Percussion

During the marching season we will be dividing our percussion section into two groups. We have finally reached the point at which we can include a sideline percussion pit. For those of you unfamiliar with marching band, there are two parts to the percussion section – the drumline, which includes the “battery” instruments (snare, quads, tonal bass drums, and cymbals) and the pit, which includes the mallet and auxiliary instruments (bells, chimes, xylophone, tambourine...you name it, we play it!)

Placement

The drumline will include 10 to 14 players. (4 – 5 snares; 1 – 2 quads; 3-4 bass drums; and 2-3 cymbals).

The percussion pit will include 4 to 8 players (instrumentation will vary with each piece).

The size of the drumline and the pit will be determined by:

1. Balance of percussion sound to the rest of the band
2. Playing abilities
3. Instrumentation of music
4. Seniority

Placement in the drumline or pit will be based on an audition on **Monday, August 4**. Audition music is included on the back of this flyer. If you will not be able to make that rehearsal for any reason, please call or email Mr. Love as soon as possible to schedule an alternate audition time.

Pit and / or drumline assignments are not permanent. Placement on the drumline or in the pit may change throughout the marching season based upon:

1. Attendance, work ethic, and attitude at rehearsals and performances
2. Memorization of music and marching assignments
3. Improvement or decline in playing ability

Drumline and Pit Rehearsals

Please read the summer rehearsal schedule very carefully. The drumline and pit have more music to learn for our marching season than the rest of the band. We will also be including a percussion feature in our marching show this year. There are several times marked for drumline rehearsals – this will include **all** percussionists. Our first rehearsal will be **Friday, August 1**. We will review techniques and read music. On **Monday, August 4**, we will have our placement auditions. Please take time to practice over the summer if you are prepared.

Winter Percussion Ensemble

Due to the high interest level we will have, for the first time ever, a competitive drumline and percussion ensemble during the winter at DHS. This group will be open to all DHS Band members. More information will be given during the fall semester.

