



July 2011

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Deptford High school Marching Band Season!

The teachers and members of the Deptford Band Parents Association (DBPA) would like to formally welcome you to the season. Band parent meetings are the fourth Monday of each month starting with July 25, 2011 @ 7:30pm. For the 2011-2012 season parents are required to attend a minimum of 3 meetings during the season. This is essential for you as band parents to be a part of vital communication about events and activities happening during the year. The Marching Band season officially starts in June and does not end until March of the following year.

There will be tables set up at the end of each band practice during the summer for you to purchase your Deptford Band Parents Association card. These are 5.00 dollars a piece and one is good for the whole family, please make sure that you purchase one of the cards at the table or attend the next meeting. We will obtain your contact information so that the DBPA can forward important communication about band activities.

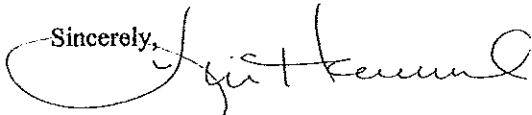
If you are a new member to the band or someone who would like to be more involved there are plenty of opportunities for you. First and most important source of up to date information is the Deptford Spartan Marching Band Website at the following address <http://spartanmarchingband.org>. Second, you will be assigned a Pick up Person or (PUP). This is a parent that lives in your area that will serve as a source of information or pick up point for fundraisers or paperwork. Third, there is an official Band Parents Board; for the 2011 season the President is Jenn Grabbe, Vice President Ted Clow, First Vice President Ginny Alcott, Treasurer Donna Turner, Secretary Donna Glinos and Sergeant at Arms Kim Hummel. We are all new to our roles and understand what it means to be new to the band as a student and a parent. We are available for questions by email, phone, at practice and of course at all the band parent meetings. If we don't have the answer right away we will get it to you a.s.a.p.

Some important events this summer are the mini band camp scheduled for August 1, 2, and 3 from 3pm to 9:15pm. The most important event of the summer rehearsal schedule is the official band camp from August 15-20. This is when the students learn the entire show. Students must attend the entire week. All practices are expected

participation. Please communicate with Mr. Armstrong if there are any issues with your child's attendance at any of the summer rehearsals. He has the final say on what is excused or not. August 27th is the first fundraiser of the year with a carwash at Central Elementary School. Details will be discussed at the first band meeting and additional information such as time will be posted on the website or communicated through your children.

Finally, we wanted to say what a fun and rewarding experience marching band will be for your child and you as the parent. There will be a number of family based fundraisers, competitions, half time shows, and the home show to attend and watch the growth of your child's talent in marching band. The teamwork between students and parents is essential. We hope to see you at the next parents meeting and don't forget to pick up a membership card at the band parents table at the end of practice.

Sincerely,



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