

Dear Band Members and Parents,

I am so excited to be your new band director. I have heard so many great things about this band program and I look forward to meeting each of you. This year's halftime show will include three songs from Journey: Any Way You Want It, Open Arms, and Don't Stop Believing. I believe this music will be a great crowd pleaser and will bring lots of energy and enthusiasm.

The following is a schedule for band camp:

Wednesday	July 21st	8:00 – 11:30	Inside Rehearsal
Thursday	July 22nd	8:00 – 4:30	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Thursday	July 22nd	4:30	Booster Club Meeting
Thursday	July 22nd	5:15	Color Guard Meeting
Monday	July 26th	8:00 – 4:00	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Tuesday	July 27th	8:00 – 4:00	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Wednesday	July 28th	8:00 – 3:00	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Thursday	July 29th	8:00 – 4:00	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Friday	July 30th	8:00 – 4:00	Marching Practice/ Inside Rehearsal
Friday	July 30th	4:00	Cookout/ Pictures for paper

REMINDERS

1. All band camp activities will take place on the THS campus.
2. Attendance at band camp is required.
3. If for any reason you must miss a rehearsal, a note from your parents must be brought to me prior to the absence.
4. Wear comfortable clothes, shoes, and socks. No flip-flops or boots.
5. Remember to wear sunscreen.
6. Drinks and lunch will be provided. No one is allowed to leave campus during breaks or lunch.

DRUMS CORPS INTERNATIONAL

DCI will perform on the campus of USM on **Wednesday, July 28th**. We will leave THS at 5:00pm – performance will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 – students must pay for their tickets and supper. Transportation will be provided. The DCI show will feature some of the world's greatest drum and bugle corps. It will be an awesome show! All band students are encouraged but not required to attend.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are purchasing NEW marching uniforms! Since the booster club and county are taking on this great expense, students/ parents will need to pay for several items this year.

Green Polo/ THS Band Embroidery	\$25
Green/White Windsuit (includes t-shirt)	\$55
White Marching Shoes	\$30
Gloves	\$ 4
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Total	\$114

**Please make checks payable to Taylorville Marching Band.

I understand that the beginning of the school year can be very expensive. If you are unable to pay the full amount on **July 22nd**, please do not hesitate to call me. I have payment plans available. I will not let money issues interfere with participation in the band.

If you have any questions, please call 601-580-3244 or email jasonktodd@hotmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you in a few weeks,

Jason Todd