

Dear Upcoming 9th & 10th Grade Band Parent:

Welcome to the Dexter High School Band Program and the Dexter Dreadnaught Marching Band! It is time to start talking about Band Camp and Uniform Fittings for your student.

If you did not receive an email communication on May 28, 2021, with the Subject: Band Camp 2021 Registration regarding band camp from Mike Sikora (Band Camp Chairperson) sent by Mr. Damman or Dr. Moore, please let him know at msikora227@gmail.com. If you have yet to fill out the Band Camp registration, please do so immediately. After you register your student for camp, you will get direct communications from Mike to the email address(es) you provided in the registration form.

DHS Marching Band Camp:

Mike Sikora is the coordinator for Marching Band Camp. This year, band camp will be held August 1 – August 6 at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI. It is about an hour away from Dexter. General information is available now on the band web site, as well as the link for the online registration form. There is also a link for the Medical Information form which needs to be completed prior to camp but should be completed now if possible. A Handbook explaining everything about Band Camp will be sent in early July to all registered parents of students attending Camp.

This year, the cost of camp is \$480 with \$200 due by June 30th and the balance will be due one week prior to camp. Statements will be sent out by June 21st with any fundraising amounts deducted from the total. All payments are made through **Eleyo** which is the system that the district uses. Instructions on how to use Eleyo were sent to you in the initial communication (https://storage.googleapis.com/pt04-2/messages/attachments/15fa8403219fa8bc3f85a74a92ea9140/Eleyo_Instructions_for_DHS_Band_Camp.pdf).

DHS Band Uniforms:

Cortney Ophoff is the Uniform Coordinator. Uniform fittings will take place in August:

- Mondays Aug 9 and 16, 5-8:30pm
- Tuesdays Aug 10 and 17, 9-11:30am

Your student will be fitted for both their Marching Band and Concert uniforms. This process takes approximately one hour, and **it is important that a parent come with their student**. In early Summer, you will receive information about signing up for fitting dates/times, as well as how to order accessories such as spats, gloves, tux shirts, and blouses. Please sign up for a date/time as soon as possible as slots fill up fast. Alterations will be done as needed.

You will also need to purchase the following for Marching Band:

- One pair of **ALL WHITE SHOES** (gym shoes with no colored emblems)
- One pair of **ALL WHITE SHORTS** (gym shorts are fine – no colored pinstripes or emblems)
- ❖ *The Band Boosters are planning to offer all white shorts for sale that fill this need prior to Band Camp. Please watch for this offering if you have difficulty finding what is needed.*
- One pair of **ALL BLACK SHOES** (gym shoes are fine if they are all black with no colored emblems)

Please note that the white shoes and white shorts need to be secured by band camp (or early August if not attending Band Camp).

These items are used during Band Camp and for all early performances that may be scheduled. Black shoes are worn only with the formal marching uniform. You will need the black shoes for any performance where the full marching uniform is used. If you have uniform questions, contact Cortney at cortney@theophoffs.com. We look forward to a great year with the Dexter Dreadnaught Marching Band!