

KELLOGGSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL *ROCKET* MARCHING BAND (RMB) CAMP

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

JULY 21st – July 26th

THIS IS THE FINAL BULLETIN – READ CAREFULLY!!

SAVE THIS INFORMATION!

Final plans are being made for our first trip to Band Camp at WMU. Band Camp 2024 will be a terrific experience providing an opportunity to get to know everyone and to also prepare for a busy year. We are excited to welcome more new friends into the *Rocket* Marching Band family this year! You will leave Western with many new friends and a great musical experience. At camp we will have 8 – 10 students per parent chaperone. This will be an exciting week with some old and new faces with the staff. Helping with the chaperoning duties as always will be some of our wonderful band parents! **Please make sure to read this letter in its entirety!**

Background Check Form

In order to make our students safer, the district has instituted a rule that any adult volunteering to work with school programs of any kind must have a background check on file. In this packet, you will find a really short and easy form to fill out. Please return it to me through your student or scan or take a picture of it and email it to me. This is for any parent/guardian that **MAY** consider volunteering at any point during the school year for any event. You must have a new one on file for each school year and once you have done one, you are cleared to help out with any program in the district. I would encourage everyone to fill one out so that there won't be any last minute scrambling to get it done, even if you do not think that you will be taking part in any activities just in case you change your mind down the road this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to get involved with the band boosters. There are always plenty of opportunities for those willing to help out our students in any way possible. Many of our activities would not be possible if it weren't for our boosters. Thank you for your consideration in both of these matters and I look forward to seeing you during the course of the upcoming year. Let's continue to support our students in every way and make this another successful year for the Kelloggsville Band Program!

MUSIC will hopefully be available soon. We are doing everything possible to make this a very successful season so in the meantime, dust off that instrument and please start playing again if you have not done so already.

ALL MEDICATION needs to be turned in to our Med Mom at **check-in on Sunday the 21st of July..** **(Please do not bring it in earlier than the day we leave).** All prescription meds must be sent in the bottle with the prescription label on it. Please plan ahead to bring your own and check it in. It **MUST** be turned in. Students are not allowed to keep ANY type of meds in their rooms. Please be mindful of the air quality alerts. If your student is someone with breathing issues and needs treatment (inhalers, etc.) please make sure they have that on their person. Any questions or concerns please contact me (tanderson@kvilleps.org).

We are allowed to dispense over the counter medication (Tylenol, antacids, etc.) but **ONLY** if the medical form is checked in the area that gives us permission to do so please make sure that the **medical form, permission slip and background check forms** are filled out in their entirety and are returned before or on **Wednesday, July 17th!!!**

Again, **FORMS** on Wednesday 17th, **MEDICATION** on Monday the 21st..

THERE WILL BE A BUS BACK TO SCHOOL Friday, July 26th

This is new for any families that remember our band camp prior to 2020. We will be back at approximately 4pm on Friday, July 26th.

BAND SNACKS – We are asking this year that each section be responsible for bringing the nighttime snack. Below is the list of who is responsible for what. Each student in the section should bring a box of individually wrapped snack bags, not full size bags.

Woodwinds—Chips/Cheetos

Mellophones/Trumpets-Cheese crackers/Combo-type snacks

Bones/'Tones and Tuba-Fruit Snacks

Drumline/Pit/Color Guard-Little Debbie-type snacks

PLEASE NO PEANUT OR PEANUT BUTTER ITEMS BECAUSE OF ALLERGIES.

2024 FALL MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE is found online at Kelloggsvillebands.com. CHECK IT OUT, KEEP IT AND PLAN AHEAD!!! FOR STUDENTS, WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR MISSING REHEARSALS OR PERFORMANCES.

THEME DAYS: Each day at camp the sections will compete by dressing up for the morning rehearsals. The sections with the most participation will earn the most points and chaperones will judge each day. No need to buy new clothes for this – BE CREATIVE!

Monday- Cartoon Day

Tuesday- Dress Like Your Parents Day

Wednesday- Section Day

Thursday- Opposite Gender Day

Friday- Blue and Orange Day

CAMP PAYMENTS are still missing from a few of you. All monies owed must be paid before camp. If you owe for camp, it MUST be turned in to Mr. Anderson on or before Wednesday, July 17th (unless you have arrangements already made but still must be paid before camp) otherwise, you will not be allowed to go and will be taken out of the show. Please put Mr. Anderson and Band Camp on the envelope. You can drop them off to Mr. Anderson anytime between now and precamp. Please make sure to contact him by email (tanderson@kvilleps.org) to schedule a drop off time. If you have questions about what you owe or account information, you can email Mr. Anderson.

PRE CAMP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS: Because we are in a new venue and our time is shortened significantly during camp, we are using precamp as a way to teach some basics and music as always but will also be teaching drill. Again, please check out the website for days and times (kelloggsvillebands.com)

SUMMER REHEARSALS. We will have our usual pre-camp and camp. The week following camp is our dead week(no drum line, color guard or other sectionals. Our Monday night rehearsals will begin August 5th from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. These rehearsals will be every Monday night starting August 5th

through October 14th. The summer rehearsals are designed to keep all the information we learned at camp fresh until school starts. In the past, the students and I found that it was very hard to remember what we did at camp with a month off in between. In order to avoid complete frustration at the first game and the first day of school, these rehearsals are **required**. Also, we plan to do uniform fittings during these Monday Night Rehearsals. Seniors and Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen in that order.

JULY 21st ALL STUDENTS ARE TO REPORT TO THE HS BAND ROOM at 1:00 pm on Sunday July 21st with bedding, luggage, meds (if applicable) and instrument to check-in. We will travel by school bus and arrive at Western in time to move into the dorms, have a campus tour and dinner. Monday evening will be our first music/marching rehearsal. Everyone is expected to ride to camp on transportation provided by the school. The trailers (looking for someone to drive the small trailer) will take the percussion equipment, large instruments and luggage.

ROOMMATES: Two students will sleep in a room and a bathroom joins the suite. The men will be on one floor and the ladies on another. Roommate assignments were made based on their sign up at the end of the year. You need to bring your own bedding (sheets, pillows and blankets). **The rooms are NOT air conditioned. You are highly encouraged to bring a fan!! Please communicate with your roommate to make sure this is covered.**

MAKE SURE YOUR MARCHING INSTRUMENT IS IN GOOD REPAIR: Start getting the following ready now! These items can be purchased from Meyer Music. **I will not have any extras at camp so come prepared!** Most of you should have a lyre and flip folder from Mass Band. **Please do not wait until Sunday morning to look for them. (NOTE: MEYER MUSIC is NOT open on Sunday)**

PENCILS - don't forget pencils are required at all rehearsals. (You may also want a highlighter).

LYRE - Everyone needs one (except percussion and tubas) Flute players need to purchase the flutist friend lyre – they work the best!

FLIP FOLDERS - it's best to buy your own. I will not have any available.

EXTRA REEDS - remember no Rico reeds (Clarinets=Mitchell Laurie or Juno 3 or 3 1/2, and Saxes=La Voz Med. or Med. Hard) Please bring extra of all these items.

VALVE OIL and DRUM STICKS - Please bring extra of all these items.

APPROVED DRESS: SOCKS AND TENNIS SHOES ARE REQUIRED FOR MARCHING!!

Please have at least one pair of good support tennis shoes for all marching rehearsals. Sandals, flip-flops, crocs, and other types of foot attire are not acceptable for marching OR FRONT

ENSEMBLE. "Comfortable" clothing attire is recommended throughout the week. Hats and sunglasses are advisable. **REMEMBER, school rules apply, that includes the dress code!!!! You will be sent back to your room to change if your attire is deemed inappropriate!**

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY: Marching band is a physical activity that takes physical conditioning and endurance. **Students will be asked to run, do pushups or sit-ups and march quite a bit during the week, along with stretching out each morning and other conditioning exercises.** At the end of each day the students will be tired and muscles a little sore, try and do some physical activity before camp to help you for band camp week. I hope you are staying in shape this summer; it will really save you from a lot of sore muscles. Also, please be aware that with the air condition quality, to make sure to take precautions if you have breathing issues. Please communicate any issues with Mr. Anderson.

VISITORS: Your family is welcome to visit camp and observe camp activities at any time. Students will not be excused from any camp activities, meals or rehearsals to entertain guests. **DO NOT** invite friends to

visit you at camp. **There is a charge for guests staying for a meal and this must be arranged in advance.**

CAMP REGULATIONS: NUMBER ONE RULE: ALL Kelloggsville High School Rules as stated in the school handbook apply while at Band Camp 2024 – infractions will be put to the highest disciplinary action. **NUMBER TWO RULE:** Treat all adults, staff, chaperones, and Western staff with the utmost of respect – listen attentively and BE RESPECTFUL. Male and Female students may not enter the opposite gender’s floor or room at any time. Students are to stay within the boundaries set up by the tour on Sunday night – if students need to run for fall sports they must run with at least one other person NOT ALONE. No student is permitted to leave their room after taps and lights out. No student is to leave the campus without the permission of Mr. Anderson. All campers are required to report to the dining hall for every meal – no excuses. All campers must wear socks and tennis shoes to each marching rehearsal. Every student is expected to be at his/her respective planned activity or in the nurses’ care. Any student who fails to conform to the necessary regulations or refuses to accept supervision will be sent home, at their expense, with no refund of fees. Parents will be notified and requested to take their camper home immediately. Further action with KHS administration may follow once in Grand Rapids. These rules will be discussed in detail upon arrival at Western on Sunday the 21st.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Please feel free to email me regarding this information or with any questions. You can email me at tanderson@kvilleps.org. I am looking forward to getting a great start on a busy and exciting year!

See you all very soon!!!! I hope you are as excited about camp as I am!!!!

ROCKET MARCHING BAND CAMP PACKING LIST

MARK ALL ARTICLES WITH YOUR NAME!!! We will be gone all week but please only bring what you can carry – one suitcase, sleeping bag/pillow, and instrument are suggested.

Band Snack
Theme day clothes/items
Marching band instrument
Flip folder
Lyre
Pencils, pencils, pencils
Water bottle – YOU REALLY NEED THIS!! NO CUPS AVAILABLE DURING WATER BREAKS
Sunscreen
Bug spray
Sleeping bag(if you don't use blankets)
Blankets
Sheets
Pillow & pillow case
Wash cloths
Bath towels
Deodorant
Shampoo & soap
Comb & brush
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Kleenex
Hat
Socks(plenty in case your feet get wet and you need more than one pair for a day)
Underwear
Tennis shoes (with good support)
T-shirts
Shorts
Jeans
Sweatshirts/long sleeve shirts – it does cool off at night most years
Rain gear
Light jacket
Shower shoes (Not for marching)
Plastic bag for dirty clothes
All medications – remember that all medications need to be turned into the adult chaperones on **Sunday at check-in.**