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Dear PVHS band students and parents -

Hello! I hope this letter finds your summer relaxing and enjoyable! Despite that fact that we still have a few weeks of summer left, I wanted to take a moment to go over a few details for the upcoming school year.

BAND CAMP

Band Camp will be **Monday, August 14th thru Wednesday, August 16th from 8am-4pm** in the PVHS Band Room. These are the same days as we discussed at the end of last semester. These dates and times are mandatory, as we need to prepare so we can hit the ground running, as the first home football game is soon after school starts! If you have an issue or a conflict with the above dates, please contact me (email preferred) as soon as possible. I know that some of you are learning about these dates for the first time right now, as you weren't in class last year to hear the announcement.

Please bring:

- your instrument
- A marching band flip folder with enough sheets for at least 30 songs (you can get one at The Music Connection in town or online). Each sheet holds 2 pieces of music, so you'll need 15 sheets.
- Lyre (holds your flip book to your instrument)
- Sun glasses
- tennis shoes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Lunch

Also, if you find a free moment, it would be a good idea to find your instrument, get some new reeds, wash the mouthpiece, and play a few notes to make sure everything is working correctly. **If you do not have an instrument, now would be a good time to rent one from a local music store or contact me to arrange borrowing a school instrument from me.** Local music stores to rent and/or buy an instrument include The Music Connection, Herreid's Music, North Woodwinds, and Broadway Music Center. The school does have a very, very limited number of instruments available. Please contact me BEFORE CAMP STARTS if you'd like to borrow one.

For Music Council students only: as a reminder, if you are in the band leadership, you will have a leadership day on Friday, August 9th from 10am – 3pm.

Weekly Marching Rehearsal

As discussed last year, we will have a weekly outside of school marching band rehearsal this year. Our band has grown so much that we've had to split the classes, so this will be our time to rehearse together. These rehearsals will be Tuesday nights from 5:30pm-8:30pm. In order to march in the halftime show, you must attend this rehearsal.

As usual, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Musically yours,

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