

springlakebands

June 6, 2015

Dear marching band students, parents and guardians,

As the 2014-15 school year comes to a close, the new marching band season is about to get underway. Percussion and colorguard rehearsals start on Monday, June 8. All other band members can practice their music at home because they have most of their music already. As you may be aware, our musical theme for 2015 is "Summertime" – The band will be performing "Walking On Sunshine" (Katrina and the Waves), "Umbrella Beach" (Owl City), "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me" (Elton John) and "Soak Up The Sun" (Sheryl Crow). We are looking forward to another exciting year with outstanding performances and life-long memories.

Spring Lake High School marching band camp will be held at Grand Valley State University in Allendale from July 20-24. The cost of band camp this year is **\$250**. In addition, all students must pay a uniform usage fee of **\$30** (a new pair of gloves for all students is included in the \$30 fee). If needed, students will be able to order black Drillmaster marching shoes (\$32-new, \$12-used, if available) at the uniform fitting dates (the uniform fitting dates and sign up information will be sent via e-mail later this month). All checks can be made payable to Spring Lake Band or Spring Lake Public Schools. Parents/guardians with multiple children in band should contact Mr. Truskowski at mtruskowski@springlakeschools.org for their discounted band camp rate. Students may use funds in their student fundraiser accounts to help pay for band camp. Student account balances are available for viewing at charmsoffice.com, however most accounts will not be updated until after July 1. The username is `slhsband` and the password is your child's Spring Lake issued student number. If you need help with the username and/or password for charmsoffice.com contact Mr. Truskowski.

Attendance at band camp is **mandatory**. All other scheduled rehearsals and performances are also mandatory. Since each band member has an individual spot in our show or is the only one playing their part, every absence hurts the entire group. Students, please clear your schedule so you are able to make all rehearsals and performances.

Parents, in an effort to save fuel and busing costs, plan to pick up your child from band camp on Friday, July 24. If you cannot pick up your child please make arrangements with another parent to pick up your child or let Mr. Truskowski know if your child needs a ride. There will not be a bus to return students to school after band camp.

On Friday of band camp, the band will perform at 2:30pm at GVSU in lot D. It's always wonderful to see the performance and how much the band has accomplished in four and a half days! Students may go home with parents after their room is clean and they are checked out (with returned key).

A band camp meeting for parents will be held on Thursday, July 9 from 7:00pm-7:45pm in the High School Band Room. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Band camp payment, including the uniform usage fee can be turned in from 6:30-7:00 in the commons or following the meeting. If you cannot attend, please deliver payment and the forms to the Spring Lake High School Office.

We hope that the information contained on the following pages will help answer most questions about the season for both new and returning marchers. Please review everything and put the performance and rehearsal dates in your calendar ASAP. Contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Mike Truskowski & Mark Grevengood
Band Directors, Spring Lake Public Schools

BAND CAMP CONTACT INFO

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CHAPERONES

We Need You!!

Paul and Alice Slajus (Head Chaperones) will be at band camp all week. We rely on other volunteer Band Backers to chaperone in shifts to ensure the health and safety of the students, the directors and the staff. Please volunteer for one or more shifts. We welcome freshman parents/guardians to come and see what band camp is all about and we would like parents of seniors to strongly consider chaperoning the final night (Thursday) of camp. Chaperones are required by the school district to have a background check completed. Background check forms will be available at the July 9 parent meeting. The form can also be printed at springlakebands.org. Only chaperones with completed and approved background checks are permitted in the dorms.

Chaperones are responsible for:

- Monitoring students' behavior, safety and health during rehearsals, free time, breaks and evening/night hours
- Room checks after lights out
- Providing water during the day
- Providing emergency first aid and/or transportation to emergency facilities when appropriate. An ambulance may be called when deemed necessary.
- Assisting with evening activities.

Shifts are needed for the following days and times:

Monday:
12:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 12:30 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
12:30 am - 6:30 am
6:30 am - 12:30 pm
12:30 pm - 6:30 pm
6:30 pm - 12:30 am
Friday:
12:30 am - 6:30 am
6:30 am - 2:30 pm

Volunteers will be able to sign up online for shifts. We also need several volunteers for other jobs as well such as drivers to tow band trailers and a crew to help pack the trailers at the end of camp.

All volunteers can sign up online for a shift or job by clicking this link:
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0549ACAC2DAAFF2-band/18455741

STUDENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Band camp is a school-sponsored activity. All Spring Lake High School handbook rules including those regarding the use and possession of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and weapons are in effect. In addition, GVSU rules and regulations apply as well. Any student found guilty of damage or destruction to GVSU property, Spring Lake Band equipment or another student's private property will be personally responsible to pay for damages. **Violations of any rules will result in disciplinary action including the possibility of being sent home.**

The marching band will be housed in North Living Center B. Boys are not allowed in the girls hallways and girls are not allowed in the boys hallways. No student is permitted to enter the room of another student.

No student may leave camp without permission from Mr. Truskowski and the head chaperones.

No student vehicles are allowed at camp.

No visitors are allowed at camp other than immediate family members. Others will be asked to leave - especially "significant others."

Please do not invite alumni to band camp. They are however welcome to attend the performance on Friday.

Curfews and lights out will be enforced. Everyone needs to be in assigned rooms and are not to leave for any reason. Lights should be out and all games and activities should be done at 11:15 pm. Everyone needs enough rest to be able to work effectively during the day.

Students are expected to be on time and prepared for all activities. Reporting five minutes early is considered on time.

Students are to eat all meals at the Grand Valley dining hall or where designated. Everyone must eat something at all meals and drink fluids at each meal.

The daily schedule, as well as changes to the daily schedule will be listed on a white board in the dorm room lobby. Review the white board whenever entering or leaving the dorm.

Appropriate clothing must be worn at all times. Ladies are not to wear low cut tops. Shorts must also be at the appropriate length. You will be sent back to your room to change clothes if your clothing is deemed inappropriate by the band directors or head chaperones.

Students are not allowed in other students' rooms without permission from the band directors or head chaperone.

Students are not allowed to switch room assignments.

Students are not to take keys from other students.

Lost keys will result in a replacement fee from GVSU.

No public displays of affection will be tolerated (hand holding is OK).

Do not be involved in anyone else's choice to break these rules.

BAND CAMP PACKING CHECKLIST:

(Only **ONE** suitcase per student. **Bags will be checked prior to leaving for camp.**)

CLOTHES

- _____ T-shirts
- _____ 2 pairs of sneakers/tennis shoes
- _____ Socks
- _____ Jeans/Shorts
- _____ Sweatshirt
- _____ Underwear
- _____ SENIORS ONLY-Nice clothes for senior dinner

TOILETRIES

- _____ soap
- _____ deodorant
- _____ shampoo
- _____ toothbrush/toothpaste
- _____ comb/brush

LINENS

- _____ Twin size bed sheets
- _____ Pillow and case
- _____ Blanket or sleeping bag
- _____ Towels/washcloth

MISCELLANEOUS

- _____ Sunscreen (**MUST HAVE!**)
- _____ Water bottle (**MUST HAVE!**)
- _____ Hat
- _____ Sunglasses
- _____ Watch
- _____ Fan (No AC in rooms)

MUSIC

- _____ Instrument in good working condition
- _____ Supplies (reeds, valve oil, etc.)
- _____ Mechanical pencils
- _____ Lyre and folio with music
- _____ ½" 3-ring binder for drill sheets

OPTIONAL

- _____ Snacks
- _____ Spending money (just a little)
- _____ Skit night supplies
- _____ Card games/Board games

Clothing dos and don'ts

- Sneakers/walking shoes AND socks **MUST** be worn during rehearsals. This is required to help prevent injuries and pain and to insure proper marching style.
- Flip flops and sandals are fine for the dorm, but are not to be worn at rehearsals.
- Plan clothing for cool mornings, hot days and rain.
- Ladies: no bare midriffs, no low cut tops, no tube tops, no short shorts.
- Guys: shirts must be worn during all rehearsals.

What NOT to bring:

- A bad attitude
- Instruments other than your marching instrument. No guitars, kazoos or accordions.
- Any thoughts of damaging property.
- Inappropriate DVDs or movies. They will be confiscated.
- Expensive electronic devices. Though theft has not been a major problem, it has occurred and you will be responsible. Neither Spring Lake Bands nor GVSU is liable for lost, stolen or damaged items. You will have a key to lock your room, so please use it.

BAND CAMP TENTATIVE ITINERARY

MONDAY, JULY 20 *(Note that lunch will not be served. Students should bring something to eat or should eat before arriving at school.)*

10:15 am	Freshmen arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
10:30 am	Sophomores arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
10:45 am	Juniors arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
11:00 am	Seniors arrive and load luggage in U-Haul Truck
11:30 am	Attendance/welcome/rules review (band room)
12:00 pm	Leave SLHS on three busses
1:00 pm	Arrive at GVSU unload buses and move into North Living Center B
2:15 pm	Music rehearsal/Marching Basics
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Drill introduction rehearsal
9:30 pm	Rehearsal ends
11:00 pm	In assigned dorm rooms
11:15 pm	Lights out/room checks

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY*, JULY 21-23

7:20 am	Call time for breakfast
8:30 am	Drill basics/Learn drill
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Music warmups/sectionals
2:45 pm	Drill and music rehearsal
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Drill and music rehearsal
9:30 pm	Rehearsal ends
11:00 pm	In assigned dorm rooms
11:15 pm	Lights out/room checks

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:00 am	Call time for breakfast
9:00 am	Drill and music rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	FINAL REHEARSAL
2:30 pm	Performance for parents at GVSU LOT D
3:00 pm	Pack and clean, room checks
3:30 pm	Students can leave with parents after room check

*Thursday – Section Skit performances in the afternoon (time TBA) and Senior Dinner at Peppino's, 8:30 pm (please bring dress clothes)

SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND Rehearsal Calendar 2015

July 7	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Freshman Marching Rehearsal <i>(Meet in band room with appropriate footwear and socks)</i>
July 9	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Band Camp Informational Meeting for parents - Band Room <i>(Band Camp fee/uniform usage fee and forms due)</i>
July 16	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Full Band Music Rehearsal
July 20-24	Band Camp at GVSU	
July 27	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 3	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 10	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 17	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal <i>(Picture Night – 5:00-6:00 pm)</i>
August 24	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
August 28 <i>(Friday)</i>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Extended Rehearsal (45 minute lunch break – provided by band backers)
August 31	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 8	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	<u>Tuesday</u> Night Rehearsal
September 14	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 21	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
September 28	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 5	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 12	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal
October 19	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Monday Night Rehearsal

There will also be rehearsals on the days of our invitationals – the rehearsal time will be determined when our performance times are received.

SPRING LAKE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
Performance Calendar 2015*

August 1	Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade <i>Call time is 9:00 am in uniform at the high school</i>
September 3	Home Varsity Football (Holland)
September 11	Home Varsity Football (Fruitport)
September 26**	Kenowa Hills Marching Invitational (morning)
September 26	Grand Haven Marching Invitational (evening)
October 2	Home Varsity Football – Homecoming (Fremont)
October 10	Grandville Marching Invitational (afternoon/evening)
October 16	Home Varsity Football – Parents’ Night (Climax-Scotts)
October 24	East Kentwood Marching Invitational (evening)
November 9	“THE HUDDLE” – Indoor Marching Band Concert (7:00 pm, SLHS Aud.)

**Parents and guardians, please plan on attending and supporting the band at the Marching Invitationals...and try to sit by each other - The bigger the crowd the better!*

***Yes, two invitationals on the same day. We did this last year and most students loved it.*