

Decatur High School Bands

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From your band captains,

Hello, Decatur Band!!!

I am extremely enthusiastic and optimistic about the 2011 marching band season. We've got a whole new year ahead of us, full of excitement, Friday night football games (let's face it, it's about halftime), TWO competitions, and much more. Not only do we have an awesome new incoming freshman class, but we also have a really exciting new show. Last year, the Decatur High School Band improved musically, visually, and competitively, and I hope every one of us can help continue that process. So, whether you're dancing, waving a flag, or playing an instrument, get ready for another incredible season of dedication, collaboration, and fun. This year has a lot of potential, and I am positive that we can live up to it!

To the class of 2015 (Freshmen, that's you!):

First of all, welcome to the band! I look forward to meeting those of you I don't already know, and for those of you I do, I look forward to getting to know you better. Band is a huge commitment, and it's full of new responsibilities, but that doesn't mean it won't be fun. If you ever need help with music, drill, your section-mates, zipping your uniform jacket, or even if you just have a question, come talk to me, Ellen, or any of the other leadership, and we will be glad to help you. I know that you will be a contributor to the band's success this year (and hopefully for a few more)! Oh, and wear sunscreen at band camp. And drink water. I mean it. :) Be excited!! This is going to be a great year for the band!

Eron Smith

I'm so excited for band next year for several reasons: first, we have a group of fantastic leaders just craving to begin the marching band season; secondly, the show we chose for next year is absolutely SUPER; and finally, all of you are joining! From the beginning of band camp to the last football game of the season (and even after that!) we'll continue to grow and improve collectively as well as individually – thanks to ya'll!

Band is more than a class, it's a *family* and everyone here cannot wait to welcome all of you into our lovin' arms.

Get excited! I, along with everyone else, can't wait to get to know all of you!

Go Bulldogs,

Ellen

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Decatur High School Marching Band,

For the new comers, WELCOME to the Decatur High School Band! We are so glad you will be a part of our award winning marching program this year! This packet is designed to help you with:

Organizing payments of band dues

Scheduling summer events

Registering for Band Camp

Please read the following carefully, and make sure to contact the appropriate people for registration and payments and **PLEASE be sure to send Casie Hughes, communications chair, your email address ASAP.** Her email is **casiehughes@yahoo.com**. It's the best way for us to communicate with you!

Band Dues Payment Schedule:

(Color Guard and Drill Team have a different payment schedule)

Before May 27 - \$100 Deposit due

June 20 - \$100 payment due

July 17 - Remaining Balance for band camp due - \$250 (\$325 for Percussion)

*If your family would like to make a payment plan in smaller increments, please email the 2011-2012 band treasurer elect, David Smith - alpha@merlab.com. We NEVER deny someone the right to participate because of funds. We will help you with a payment plan and fundraising opportunities! Checks should be made out to **Decatur High School Band Parents Association**.*

*If your student is not attending band camp, please pay your \$100 band dues ASAP (additional \$75 if your student is a percussionist)

To Register for Band Camp:

Fill out all medical release and permission forms located on the Decatur Band Website (www.decaturband.org) Forms will be available in June. Turn these in via mail ([323 Mimosa Dr., Decatur, GA 30030](mailto:323MimosaDr@decaturband.org)) or on July 14 at our pre-camp meeting.

Please email roommate preferences to JoEllen Holmes, jholmeslcs@gmail.com, Band Camp Coordinator. We also need CHAPERONES to accompany us to band camp. If you are interested in being one of these amazing volunteers, please email JoEllen!

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Summer Schedule

Drum Line (at Decatur High School)

June 1st-14th, Sub sectionals called by section leaders

June 15th - July 6th, Full percussion ensemble, every Wednesday

July 13-15 - Full Percussion ensemble

Color Guard and Drill Team

*See final sheet of packet

All Members:

July 14, 7:00 pm – DHS Band Room Pre-Band Camp Meeting

July 17, 2:00 pm – Oxford College (Covington, GA)

Band Camp – **Leadership, 11 am**

July 18-22 Band Camp

August 5 – 8 pm – 8 am, Location TBA Band Lock-In

Fall Schedule

Rehearsals below are TENTATIVE.

Monday – 3:15-5:30

Thursday – 4:30-6:30 (**3:30-5:30 in September, due to field availability**)

Friday – run-through rehearsals before every game (if needed)

Percussion Rehearsal – Wednesdays, 3:45-5:30

Color Guard and Drill Team – Tuesdays, 3:45-5:30

We will have full band rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 21 due to a Thursday game at Therrell High School

Important Dates to Remember

Band Competition #1 – 10/1/2011

Band Competition #2 – 10/8/2011

Fall Band Concert – Thursday, November 3

Winter Band Concert – Thursday, December 1

First Round All State Auditions – Saturday, December 10, Location TBA

Second Round All State Auditions – Saturday, January 7, Houston County High

January High School Band Festival – January 19-22, UGA (selected students only)

District Band – February 10, 11 – Location TBA

Symphonic Camp – **Required for all concert members** – Saturday, February 4

All State Band – March – Dates TBA, Savannah, GA

Large Group Performance Evaluation – March 8, 9, 10 – KEEP DATES OPEN!

Spring Concert – May 10, 2012

Band Picnic – May 12, 2012

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2011 Decatur High School Football Schedule

All games at 7:30 unless otherwise listed.

August 26 – vs. North Springs

September 2 – vs. South Atlanta

September 9 – at Riverwood (required game, beginning of fall break)

September 16 – vs. Maynard Jackson (optional game, Fall Break week)

September 22 – **Thursday night game**, at Therrell High School – 8 pm kickoff

September 30 – at Buford

October 7 – at GAC

October 14 – OPEN WEEKEND

October 21 – vs. Twiggs Co. (Homecoming)

October 28 – vs. Clarkston

November 4 – Play In Game

All games are **required performances**. Decatur High School excused absences are the only excused absences from football game performances.

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Color Guard and Drill Team – Summer Dates

May

Tuesday, 3rd – 4pm to 5:30pm

Tuesday, 17th – 4pm to 5:30pm

June

Friday, 3rd – 5pm to 7pm

Friday, 10th – 5pm to 7pm

Friday, 17th – 5pm to 7pm

Friday, 24th – 5pm to 7pm

July

Friday, 1st – 5pm to 7pm

Friday, 8th – 5pm to 7pm

Friday, 15th – NO REHEARSAL (PLEASE REHEARSE ON YOUR OWN!)

Sunday, 17th through Friday, 22nd – Band Camp

****Check Emails and Phone Trees for possible changes and alterations!**

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