

Dear Parents and Students,

What an incredible year it has been for the Dawson Eagle Band! We have enjoyed moving into our new campus, a hugely successful marching season, our performances at the State Marching Contest and the National Concert Band Festival, TWO UIL sweepstakes awards, ANOTHER Catalyst Color Guard State Championship, and many outstanding individual performances all year long from our students. 2009-2010 is a year that we will never forget!

That being said, we are INCREDIBLY excited for what 2010-2011 has in store for us. We just concluded our May Marching Camp, and are pleased with the progress that the students have made both musically and visually. We are much farther ahead at this point than we have ever been! Keeping that in mind, we wanted to remind you of several things that are going to be important to your student's success next year.

- On June 10th, the Catalyst Color Guard will host their own Showcase event to finish off their June Guard Camp. All DHS Band students who are in town are expected to attend. Please keep in mind that the entire guard was at our Showcase event last week, so we need to be there to support them as well. Attendance will be taken so please arrive on time.
- If your student plays a school owned instrument, there will be several dates during the summer that you may come and check out your child's instrument. Instruments MUST go home so students can practice and prepare for the upcoming school year. The dates are:

Wednesday, June 9th from 10 AM to 12 Noon

Thursday, June 10th from 10 AM to 12 Noon

Friday, June 11th from 10 AM to 12 Noon

Friday, July 9th from 10 AM to 12 Noon

If you are unable to make it to DHS at any of these times, please email Mr. Heath to make alternate arrangements.

- The percussion camp will be from July 19th – 23rd at DHS. This is mandatory for all students who will be playing percussion instruments during marching season.
- We will be taking our annual trip to the Drum Corps International show at the Cy Fair Berry Center on Friday, July 23rd. More ticket information will be available on the DHS band website in June.
- Our Summer Band Camp will begin on Monday, August 2nd. Please see the website calendar for the exact times. It is **very important** that all students be in attendance for all camp dates. We will begin learning the drill for our 2010 production, "Cathedral" the second week of camp. Students with perfect attendance will be given highest consideration for primary marching spots.

- Leadership Team members will have their Leadership Camp here at DHS on July 28th and 29th. The cost for the camp is \$111, and can be dropped off at the band office next week, or at the Guard Showcase event next week. This money is due by the first day of August Camp.
- *Students: remember to practice over the summer! Do not show up to camp this year without having played your instrument. Primary marching sports will be very competitive in EVERY SECTION this year, so plan ahead. Also remember that the All State music will be available at the end of July on the TMEA website, www.tmea.org.

Please remember that you can always go to www.dawsoneagleband.org for the latest news and information. We hope you have an incredible summer, and look forward to seeing all of you in August!

Sincerely,

DHS Band Staff