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Pep Band  
Jazz Band  
Flag Line

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Dear 2023 Marching Band Family,

Many of your questions about marching band will be answered as you read through this packet. Please post the calendar received in class in your home and keep it handy so that you can refer to it as situations arise during the summer months and during the 2023 marching band season. Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is vital to the success of our season and overall experience in band. The first marching band rehearsal is after school **Wednesday, June 3rd, 5:30-8:30, your music and school owned instruments (tenor sax, bass clarinet, marching baritone, mellophone, sousaphone) will be available prior to the music rehearsal.**

***Band Camp Schedule*** [A calendar was passed out last week.](#) Your attendance at camp is essential to having a successful season. Each rehearsal builds on the previous one. Be responsible and notify the directors of any conflicts to the camp dates. The drill will be ordered for the marching band according to the current class list and the June 3rd attendance. Your spot on the field is not guaranteed, so if you are not at rehearsals, the spot may be given to a person who is at rehearsal. When possible, we will work you into the show later, poor attendance on your part should not hinder the learning process for the entire band.

***NEW Uniforms!*** Thank you to the students and parents who helped fit half of the band last week into their new uniforms! Remaining students will have opportunities to be fitted the last week of July during office hours. Please make an effort to accomplish this prior to camp as any adjustments will need to be made before picture day on Aug. 19.

***Athletes*** The policy for those involved in a fall sport is simple. Be equitable and fair. We are fully aware of the practice schedules for the fall sports. My understanding is that coaches, administrators and teachers are supportive of students being committed to multiple groups. General expectations of conflict resolutions are: practice vs practice - share equitably, practice vs game - go to game, practice vs performance - go to performance, game vs performance - try to make both with unique transportation support. Rarely, the student may have to choose.

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**Percussionist** It takes many players to make a percussion section...it's a team. If you have any issue with attendance, please communicate with staff to avoid loss of opportunities. Each percussion instrument on the field or in the front ensemble has a vital role in the shows. You will have some summer sectionals, Mr. Anderson will be contacting you when he has the schedule ready.

**Private Summer Lessons** Private lessons are a great time to take summer lessons on your instrument. One-on-one instruction can be very beneficial, even if it's only a few weeks in the summer. Call your local music store, many offer in-house lesson programs.

### ***Summer sectionals and playing assignments***

This summer I will be assigning three video assignments for you to submit to our marching band google classroom. Section leaders may call you to come to a sectional over the summer, however, it is hard for everyone to make it on a given day and time. To make sure we are looking at some of the music prior to band camp, I will be assigning you small sections of the music to submit. You will only have to depend on yourself and your family's schedule to work on the music. We will have some videos and recordings of the music for you to listen to and help you along the way. Both recordings and assignments will be located in the google classroom.

### ***Band Information Locations:***

There are a number of locations to find out information about the marching band and the season. Please never start a conversation with "I didn't know".

- 1: Revere Music Parent Association Webpage - [www.reveremusic.org](http://www.reveremusic.org)  
***At some point you will be asked to sign up for CHARMS-that is the parent information, email and fee payment system.***
- 2: Facebook – like us: Revere Marching Minutemen Band  
We post reminders and other short notes to the students and families. You also will see many pictures of events that occur during the year.
- 3: **Parents should join REMIND app  
text to: 81010 message: @793b969 for updates.**
- 4: Students will receive the student REMIND app code on the marching band google classroom, please sign up for reminders.
- 5: 2023 Marching Minutemen Google Classroom  
<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzA4NTE2ODc0OTky?cjc=hszj6xc>

Important:

- 6: You will also receive information in the US postal service.  
***You will receive a mailing after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It will contain an emergency medical form, a band fee information sheet and other information you will need for band camp. Keep a lookout for it.***

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Chiera