

2014 – 2015  
FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

**Spring Mini Camps, Drumline/Front Ensemble  
Camp & August Camp**

**What are “Spring Mini Camps”, “Drumline/Front Ensemble Camp”, and  
“August Summer Camp”?**

The “camps” are extended periods of rehearsal held during the spring and summer months to prepare the Friendswood Band for the upcoming Competitive and Football Season. We will spend time rehearsing marching and music fundamentals, as well as learning the material for our 2013 Field Show and Football shows.

Beyond rehearsals, the band camps serve as an opportunity for the students to come together to get to know the other members of the Friendswood Band Family. Bonding opportunities take place throughout the week, as sections will spend time eating together, working together, and ultimately performing together for the first time as part of the Friendswood Marching Band. Camp is always an enjoyable time and is a key ingredient for the success of the program.

**When and where are the May Mini Camps?**

The Spring Camps will be held at Friendswood High School and Friendswood Junior High School. The camps are for Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion sections only.

Grade 8 will attend these dates:

- May 13, 14, 15 - 4:00pm – 5:00pm @ Junior High
- May 19, 20, 21, 22 – 4:00 – 5:00pm @ Junior High

Grades 9,10,11 will attend these dates:

- May 19, 20, 21, 22 - 4:00pm – 5:30pm @ High School

**When and where is the “June Mini Camp” for this year?**

The June Mini Camp for Woodwinds and Brass will run Wednesday – Friday, June 4 – June 6, at Friendswood High School. Students will work on movement and have indoor music rehearsals.

Grades 8, 9,10,11 will attend these dates:

- June 4 – 2:00pm – 5:00pm
- June 5 – 2:30pm – 5:00pm & 6:30-8:30pm
- June 6 – 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:30pm-5:00pm

**When is Drum Line/Front Ensemble camp for this year?**

The Drumline and Front Ensemble camp is June 3 – June 7. Mr. Rick Rodriguez, former Snare Drummer with the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps, will be the feature clinician. Other instructors have been hired to round out the staff. There is a cost for this camp. The amount will be announced later. This camp is REQUIRED.

- June 9 – 13, 8:00am – 5:00pm

### **Are the camps in May mandatory?**

Barring emergency or academic conflict, all members of the Friendswood Band are required to attend all camps.

### **Friendswood Band 2014-2015 MARCHING EQUIPMENT ORDERS**

There will be a booster meeting in May for all parents of incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders to go over specifics about high school band and explain about marching equipment. Marching equipment includes:

- Tote bag
- Marching shoes
- Show shirt
- "Blacks" – the shorts and shirt worn under the marching uniform
- Water Bottle
- Lyre
- Flip folder

This equipment order for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders and returning students will be placed in May.

### **Friendswood Band REGISTRATION**

In August, Band Registration will take place at Friendswood High School. At this time all band member grades 9-12 (incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders are now 9<sup>th</sup> graders) will pay band fees. Parents will be asked to sign up to serve the band in various capacities. This band fee is in addition to the FISD extra-curricular fee. The FISD extra-curricular fee will be paid at high school registration.

### **Varsity Marching Band Auditions**

Placement into the Varsity Marching Band will be based off of the students Music audition in May of 2014 for band placement, as well as a movement audition and show music memory audition that will occur at the beginning of the August camp. The movement audition will be based off of ALL that the students learn during the May and June camps so everyone is on a level playing field.

## **Summer Band Events 2014**

- *Private lessons.*
- *Weekly rehearsals for percussion on Monday at the high school if you are in town. Schedule to be announced later.*
- *Weekly rehearsals on Monday at the high school for brass and woodwinds if you are in town. Schedule to be announced later.*

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

The Friendswood Band will march in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. There will be two days of preparation for the parade. These rehearsals will include marching and indoor playing. All incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders and returning students who will be in town are expected to participate. Students wear tennis shoes, shorts, the parade t-shirt (to be ordered in May), a hat and sunglasses.

- July 2 – 8:00am – Noon – Rehearsal at Friendswood HS
- July 3 – 8:00am – Noon – Rehearsal at Friendswood HS
- July 4 – 9:00am lineup
- July 4 – 10:00am Parade

## **August Summer Band Events 2014**

Students must attend all rehearsals to be considered for the Varsity Marching Band.

### **PRE-CAMP – Leadership and Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

July 31 & August 1, Thursday & Friday

8:00am-11:30am Leadership only

1:00pm-5:00pm – Leadership & Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### **WEEK #1 – August 4 – 8, 2014**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

7:00am – 11:00am

12:30pm – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, Friday

7:00am – 11:00am

12:30pm – 4:00pm

### **WEEK #2 – August 11 – 15, 2013**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

7:00am – 11:00am

12:30pm – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday, Friday

7:00am – 11:00am

12:30pm – 4:00pm

### **WEEK #3 – August 18 – 22, 2013**

Monday

7:00am – 11:00am

12:30pm – 4:00pm

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

4:30pm – 8:30pm

### **BAND PARENT SHOW AND LOCK-IN**

The date for this is TBD.

**SCHOOL STARTS:** Monday, August 25, 2014