

June 1, 2013

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that you are having a very enjoyable summer and are excited about the new marching season that is under way. **The Dresden Parade is on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. The Frazeysburg Parade is on Saturday, June 22 at 6:00. The Adamsville Parade is Wednesday July 10 at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone needs to provide their own transportation to these parade performances. I am sure some people will be able to carpool if this is arranged prior. Please refer to the attached itineraries for arrival and performance times. Please check the Tri-Valley Band Website <http://teachers.tvschools.org/ablevins/> for any updates or changes to the summer homecoming parades.

All of you will receive a letter or check list from your squad leader about needs for pre-camp and band camp. **Water bottles and good tennis shoes are of the utmost importance.** Pre-camp is the week of (July 15-18) 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **The squad leaders and seniors will have leadership training on Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

There is a **Mandatory parent meeting on Tuesday night, July 16, at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss pertinent information, set-up committees, answer questions, and get the handbook and forms in order. The two medical forms that we have need to be notarized. We will try to supply a few notaries at next week's practices. **I need to have all forms turned in by Monday, July 15, 2013. Any forms that you can turn in prior to this date would be appreciated.** Good parent support is essential to a successful program.

As you know the band will be attending Rio Grande College, in Rio Grande, Ohio for band camp the week of July 21-26, 2013. The students are to arrive at Tri-Valley High School at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 21 and promptly load. They will be riding the bus to camp and back to school. The bus will be leaving at 10:00 a.m. You will be limited to the amount of things that you may try to stuff onto the bus. Please enclose the sleeping bags or sheets and pillows in a garbage bag and bring only one large suitcase. Please write your last name on all of your luggage items. You may need to sit on some of your things, therefore do not pack in trunks. We will take some items on the equipment truck. On Friday the students will be returning around 4:30 p.m. to the High School.

Please find enclosed a checklist of items to bring to camp, camp rules, and another copy of the summer parade itineraries.

The camp fee is \$220.00 and is due by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013. Please make checks payable to the Tri-Valley Band Boosters.

Students do not forget your show shirt designs are due on Monday of Pre-camp. We will vote on these later in the week!!

I hope that you are as excited as I am about the upcoming marching season. Summer rehearsals will be held at the high school and on the band practice field. We are also very fortunate to have Mrs. Karen Hand as the Drill Writer, Mandy Walton and Katie McMullen with us as the Auxiliary Instructors this year. The key to having a great year is communication, teamwork and dedication.

Sincerely,

Amanda G. Blevins
Director of Bands