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**Happy Summer!!! It's the letter you've all been waiting for! THE SUMMER BAND LETTER!!!!**

I am so excited to begin this year! Band Camp begins soon. We will have camp from July 22-25 and July 29-30 from 8am-noon each day. Band Officer Planning Day is on July 18 from 8am-noon. Our band preview show for our parents is July 30 at 7pm in the middle school gym. We will also perform the national anthem at a Carolina Mudcats Game on August 10. (More about that later.)

So.... If this is your first year performing with the high school band - **DON'T PANIC!!!** It will all be good and is lots of fun. You will have a blast! I am here to help you any way I can.

As you can see above, our show is entitled (drumroll please!) "Bond 007" All the great music and visual possibilities from over 50 years of Bond movies! The high school class read through the music in the spring of last school year and loved it. Below is some important information to help us get started this year.

**BAND CAMP:** Band camp will be held this year July 22-25, and July 29-30. Band camp will be from 8am-12pm each day. Each high school band student is expected to attend. If you have family vacation conflicts please let me know so I can plan accordingly.

During band camp the band does everything necessary to get off to a great start! We will spend most of our time learning music for this year's marching show and football season. Some of the time will also be spent learning basic marching skills. We usually spend about an hour working on basic marching first thing in the morning before it gets really hot outside.

**JULY 30 PARENT NIGHT AND PREVIEW SHOW:** On July 30 at 7pm in the middle school gym we will have a parent night and preview show. This will last about 45min. During this meeting the band will perform a sample of our show and parents will be given information about band. (We usually have a treat at the end of the program too!) Please plan to bring at least one parent to this meeting.

**BAND FAIR SHARE \*\*\*\$150\*\*\*** (Your band T-shirt is paid for by your fair share. Hopefully this will be of help and encourage you to pay part or all of your fair share at band camp.)

**ONLY \$125 if paid or raised by Labor Day!** The band fair share is usually paid by students during band camp. **CHECKS FOR FAIR SHARE ARE MADE TO BULLDOG BAND BACKERS.** This year the band will have a special “59 minute sale” during band camp. Any money raised will go toward each student’s band fair share first (if it has not already been paid), then marching band shoes (if those are needed), and then the spring band trip. I have included a “prospect sheet” for each student in this letter. Each student should have at least 25 prospects. We will call each of these prospects during the 59 minutes. The product that we are offering for support of the band is cookie dough through the company Great American. Please come to band camp with your prospect list filled out.

**\*\*\*Please do not ever let any concerns about payment issues keep your child from participating in band. (Mr. Heller is a parent too. He understands.) This is exactly why the fundraising efforts are arranged by the Band Backers. We can do this together!**

**MARCHING BAND SHOES\*\*\*\$40\*\*\* due Sept. 4.** We use a marching shoe called Super Drillmasters. During camp we will size students for these shoes. The Super Drillmasters will protect your feet and make it safer for your to march. Guard shoes are the same price but a different style and brand. If you already have a pair of marching shoes you do not need to buy new ones. **CHECKS FOR THE BAND SHOES ARE MADE TO PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL.**

**SPRING BAND TRIP\*\*\*\$700\*\*\***

The band has tentative plans to travel to the via charter bus on March 26-29, 2020. The band will participate in the Orlando Heritage Music Festival with performances on Friday and awards ceremony on Saturday at Universal Studios. The tentative cost of this trip is \$700 per student and adult. We will raise money for this trip throughout the year. The final payment will be due in February 2019. It is possible that the cost of the trip will be adjusted downward based on Bulldog Band Backer group fundraising projects and final charter bus costs.

Parents - WHEW! I realize that is a lot of information. I too am a parent and realize that school costs go up every year. However, I think that those of you who have been in band before realize the costs have been kept as reasonable and as low as possible for band at PHS. Please **NEVER** let these costs keep your child from participating in band. You can always contact me and we can work out what is best for every student.

**Students - I will see each of you at band camp! PLEASE BRING A CASE OF BOTTLED WATER. Please also bring a hat, sunscreen, a pencil, and your band instrument. WEAR TENNIS SHOES!!!!WITH SOCKS!!!! - no sandals or barefeet, etc!!! I am extremely honored to have each of you as a member of the Bulldog Marching Band. I will see you on July 22!**

**Mr. Heller: 919-920-1414: Feel free to text me or call me with questions.**

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!! Everyone going to the Carolina Mudcats game on August 10 - including performers and parents - must have a ticket. Tickets cost \$10. The Mudcats will give the PHS Band a portion of the ticket proceeds if we sell enough tickets. So invite your family, friends, and everyone!!! We need a big Princeton crowd on August 10. Tickets for this night must be ordered through this link for the PHS band to get credit:**

**<https://www.etix.com/ticket/c/0A01279822EF0F83F473D5A42AB26D5E/princeton-high-school-band>**

**The link is also on the princetonband.weebly.com website and will be sent out on the 2019 Fall Band Remind.**

**PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!!! Join the PHS 2019 Fall Band Remind - To do this text @2019fallb to 81010. This is very important for students and parents because this is the main way that I communicate with you about band matters.**

**STUDENTS!!! Join the 2019 Fall Band google classroom. The class code is 2ppkoyz. This is how I post and communicate class specific information - especially once school starts.**

**EVERYONE!!! There is a dedicated PHS Band Website. It is found at princetonband.weebly.com. This is where I post all band information that needs to be accessed by everyone. This includes letters (like this one), schedules, forms, and any information about band that you may need to refer to from time to time. For example, a copy of the band schedule through Christmas is at princetonband.weebly.com.**

