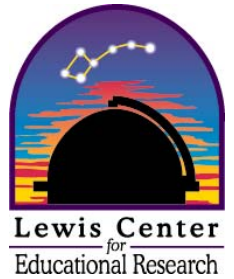


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July 1, 2010

Welcome to the Marching Knights Band!

Included in this online packet is required information regarding participation in this year's band. This information is only available online and will not be passed out in class. Also included are forms that need to be filled out and returned no later than **Thursday, August 12**. These forms include:

1. Acknowledgment of requirements
2. Field Trip Permission Slip
3. Permission to dispense medication... (Fill out ONLY if you need it.)
4. Photo Release / Email Request

Please ALSO make sure that you have turned in the "Emergency Information Card" for this year to the attendance office.

Current information can always be found at www.aeband.com, including our performance schedule. Attendance is VERY important at events, as each student is an essential part of the team. The band also has a very active booster club. Membership is only \$10.00 per year per family. Visit our website for more information. We are also in need of parents who will help out on parade days. Please contact the Booster Club at boosters@aeband.com for information.

A PowerPoint presentation will be available August 2 on the band website home page to familiarize parents, guardians, and students with band policies, requirements, and activities. Please watch the presentation at your earliest convenience. Students will watch the presentation during class.

NEW! Students who turn in ALL their required forms and fees on the first day of class (August 2) will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$20.00 gift cards of their choice! Be early!

Respectfully

Mr. Sockwell

Keep for future reference

Syllabus

Class Title: Concert/Marching Band	Instructor: Mr. Sockwell Assistant: Miss. Chavez
Class time: Period 3 / Room O101/102	Phone/ext: 242-3514 ext 222
Class Commitment: One Year	E-mail address: ksockwell@lcer.org kchavez@lcer.org

Program Overview and Purpose: Concert/Marching band is an opportunity for students to perform instrumental music, while sharing rewards of working together musically. The students will learn to recognize musical terms and forms and further their music reading ability. Students are required to participate in **all** performances, parades and festivals. Instruments being offered are Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion, as well as other concert band instruments. Fulfills UC and CSU requirements and AAE graduation requirements. ***This is a performing AND marching group.*** This course satisfies music standards 1.1 and 1.4 in applicable grades. **Members should have at least ONE YEAR experience on their instrument prior to being in Concert/Marching Band! Drummers must audition before placement.** *With prior permission, students may receive PE credit for Marching Band.*

Materials Needed: Please visit our website at <http://www.aeband.com> and download the “Band Packet” for detailed information and fee requirements. if needed. **You must provide your own instrument by the THIRD day of school!**
NOTE: Students are required to provide their own transportation to local parades and events. This includes transporting their instruments as well. Also, the Band Fee does NOT cover travel or field trip expenses.

Assessment and Grading Procedure: Students will be assessed through concert participation, ongoing preparation, marching, playing a basic skills evaluation, and quizzes. Grades will be updated on a weekly basis and can be checked through the school’s homepage. 50% of the grade is on class participation, in the form of daily grades, which includes bringing your instrument and music to class AND participating in a positive manner. 39% of the grade is based on performance participation and quizzes. ***This IS a performing group. Attendance at ALL performances is mandatory!*** If you miss a performance due to illness, please see the “Band Packet” for the absence policy. The remaining 11% of the grade is awarded when you pass a “Basic Skills” test. Details of this playing test will be given during the second week of school and can be taken any time before December when a student feels ready.

Lettering: High School students may also earn a Varsity Letter for band participation. Basic requirements are: (1) Be in grades 9 – 12 (2) maintain an 85% or better in band (3) Participate in ALL concerts/parades (4) Do 10 hours per year of community service in a related field (5) Attend one AAE performance that the student is not participating in (drama, dance, choir, etc.)

Band Leadership: Section leaders are determined by the instructor(s) based on musicianship, leadership ability, and being a positive role model. Section leaders may be challenged on a quarterly basis. **Drum Major** is chosen by audition each spring and is open to students who will be in grades 10 – 12 the coming year. The **Student Director** is chosen by the director and is an individual who will pursue a music degree after graduation.

Marching Days: On days when we will/may be marching it is required that ALL students bring a water bottle and have it filled BEFORE coming to band. Hats are also recommended. Most weeks we will march on Tuesday and Thursday.

Classroom Behavior: Classroom rules are posted. Infractions will affect your daily participation grade. After 3 verbal warnings further action may be taken by the Dean of Students. Tardies will not be tolerated! **NOTE: Students with consistent behavioral issues may not be allowed to participate in off-site band activities. An alternative assignment will be given.**

Absence and Excusals: Please carefully read the Absence and Excusal Policy from the “Band Packet” for important information regarding missed events and excusal from playing and/or marching.

Fees and Forms: A \$150.00 fee is due at the beginning of each school year for materials, jackets, t-shirts, shoes, and transportation offset. The fee for returning students is \$75.00. The fee is prorated for those entering band during the spring semester. Visit the website for more information and deadlines. Fees can not be waived. Please make sure that all required forms and fees, as described in the online “Band Packet,” are completed and turned in no later than August 12, 2010. Those coming in mid-year/semester have two weeks from their first class meeting do this.

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2010 -11 Band Fees

NEW MEMBER Band Fees for the **2010 -11 School Year** will be **\$150.00**, due Thursday, August 12, at noon. The fees cover materials for the year, band jacket, band t-shirt, band shoes, and partial transportation expenses. Fees for returning band members who do not need to purchase shoes, jackets, or T-shirts is **\$75.00**, also due on August 12. Please turn fees in to Mr. Sockwell or Miss Chavez.

We strive to keep fees as low as possible. This year's fees are lower than listed in the student handbook. For reference, here are a few examples of band fees from other Southern California schools:

Redlands High School: \$250.00 (does not include any items)

Los Gatos High School: \$775.00 (includes a t shirt)

Serrano High School: \$450.00 (does not include any items)

If replacement items are needed at any time, the costs are as follows (must be special ordered):

Marching Shoes:	\$25.00
Band Jacket:	\$35.00
Band T-shirt:	\$15.00

We realize that there are many expenses at the beginning of the school year. Please contact us BEFORE fees are due if there is a problem paying fees. NOTE also that the above fees do not include performances that require additional expenses, such as Disneyland, or other unscheduled band trips. Band fees cannot be waived. See the A.A.E. Parent/Student handbook for policies.

Jazz Band Fees are NOT included in Marching/Concert Band fees.

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What You Need For Marching/Concert Band

Pay:

\$150.00 for new band members (DUE no later than August 12)

\$ 75.00 for returning band members that do not need to replace anything. (DUE no later than August 12)

\$100.00 Estimate for Disneyland Performance in Spring. (DUE in November, date TBA)

You must supply:

A water bottle on a lanyard for weekly marching rehearsals.

An Instrument (owned or rented)

Black Marching Shoes*

Blue Band Warm-up Jacket*

White Band T-shirt*

Black Dickie pants. (Like new: not faded!)

Guys: White button-up dress shirt, short or long sleeve, with NO print or logo. (NO Polos.)

Girls: White blouse and black skirt.

Black socks, no shorties.

Optional: Please bring a case of water (12 – 18 oz, 24 – 36 count)

*these items are included in the \$150.00 annual band fee.

School will supply:

Marching Uniform (hat, jacket, bibbers, cape, plume, gloves.)

Note: Uniform must be returned in good condition at the end of the school year, or if the student leaves the band for any reason. Dry Cleaning is the responsibility of the student. Replacement cost for the uniform is \$550.00.

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Parade / Concert Absence Policy

AAE Marching Knights/Concert Band

Adopted August 2003

Unexcused Absence: Any absence from a band event where the director is not given prior notification is considered unexcused and can not be made up. In emergency situations, please leave a message at (760) 946-5414 ext 222 as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours. Upon approval, the absence MAY be changed to excused. (See below.)

Excused Absence: Illness is the only excused absence. However, the student must do an alternative assignment. An acceptable assignment is a research paper on a band instrument or other band related topic. The paper MUST follow MLA standards and include ALL works cited information. (Plagiarism will result in a "0" grade and consultation with the Dean of Students.) The paper should be 1 page for every 100 points that the event was worth, with a maximum of 5 pages. A report must be written for EACH excused missed event and turned in within five class days. NOTE: The maximum grade given for an excused absence is 70%.

Absence for Religious reasons: If a student/family consciously objects to an event on religious grounds, the student may make up the entire grade by doing an alternative assignment. An acceptable assignment is a research paper on a band instrument or other band related topic. The paper MUST follow MLA standards and include ALL works cited information. (Plagiarism will result in a "0" grade and consultation with the Dean of Students.) The paper should be 1 page for every 100 points that the event was worth, with a maximum of 5 pages. A report must be written for EACH event missed and turned in during the next class meeting following the missed event. Note: This does not include optional or regularly occurring religious events that conflict with a band event.

Excusal from Marching or Playing Policy

Adopted August 2009

Excusal from Marching: A student may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from marching for medical reasons with a note from the parent on the FIRST day of excusal. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any excusal lasting more than 3 days requires a physician's note. Refusal to march will result in a "zero" for the day. Students requiring excessive excusals should consider dropping band. *Note: No more than ONE 3 day excusal will be granted per semester.*

Excusal from Playing: A student may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from playing for medical reasons with a note from the parent on the FIRST day of excusal. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any excusal lasting more than 3 days requires a physician's note. Students may be excused up to 3 consecutive days from playing if their instrument is "in the shop." An estimate or receipt must be shown to the director on the first day the student is without his/her instrument. *Note: No more than ONE 3 day excusal will be granted per semester.*

Marching Knights Band “Wish List” – Revised July 2010

Here are the band’s needs, prioritized from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest.) Anyone wanted to help with an item may purchase it outright, or donate towards it. Please contact Mr. Sockwell for more information at ksockwell@lcer.org.

Instruments

- 1 – Zylophone: \$1400 <1>**
- 2 – Timpani: \$2300 <1>**
- 1 – Flugelhorn: \$660 <3>
- 1 – Soprano Sax: \$550 <3>
- 1 - Quad Drums: \$800 <3>
- 2 - Yamaha Marching Bells: \$1,960 <3>
- 1 - Marching French horn: \$1200 <5>

Uniform Elements:

- 60 - New Band Jackets: \$18,000 <5>
- 60 - New Band Hats: \$2,000. <5>

Training:

- 2 - Drum Major Tuition 2011/12: \$800. <2>

Marching Equipment (non instrumental)

- 3 - BD Harness: \$438 <2>
- 1 - Marching Bass Amp Rig: \$1,500 <4>

Music Scores:

- 10 - Band Music: \$40 - \$60 per score <1>**

Other:

- 5 - Bus Sponsorships <1> (This is VERY important!!)**
- Trip Sponsorships <1>**
- 24 or 36 count cases of water <1>**
- 1 – Equipment Van <3>

Notes: Items in **Red** are priority 1 or 2. **Green** is priority 3 or 4. **Blue** is Priority 5. Listing with multiple items are totals. Please divide to get the cost per unit.

Donations to the Band are TAX DEDUCTABLE!

Keep for future reference

Forms following this page must
be printed out, completed,
signed, and returned with fees
no later than

Thursday, August 12, at noon.

Students who turn in ALL
required forms and fees by third
period on the first day of
school, August 5, will be
entered into a drawing for one
of two gift cards AND also
receive extra credit.
(double points.)

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Concert Marching Band Permission/Medical Release Form 2010 - 11 School Year

I, the undersigned, do hereby give my permission for _____
age _____ to **attend band parades, field trips, concerts and competitions** for the **2010 - 11 school year**. Responsibility for and my permission in regard to any first aid and/or other medical treatment, should the need arise, is given to (name of caretaker) **Kenneth Sockwell, Katie Chavez or A.A.E. Staff**. Also, in signing this I acknowledge that the Academy for Academic Excellence, it's staff and faculty can in no way, financially, legally, or otherwise be held responsible for my child during these events.

Signature of Parent

Date

Is child on medication?(circle) Yes No

If yes, Child's name and what kind of medication or dosage? (please fill out "Permission to Dispense Medication" form if necessary.)

Is child allergic to any medications, etc.? (circle) Yes No

If yes, Child's name and what is he or she allergic?

**Note: A list of scheduled events, subject to change, is available from
www.aeband.com**

Complete, sign, and return

PERMISSION TO DISPENSE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____

To be completed by the physician:

Reason for medication (either prescription or over-the-counter): _____

Name of the medication (one form per medication): _____

Form of medication/treatment:

Tablet/capsule Liquid Inhaler Injection Nebulizer Other _____

Dosage: _____ Time(s): _____

Length of time medication is to be administered: _____

Restrictions and/or important side effects: None anticipated Yes Please describe _____

This student is both capable and responsible for self-administering this medication.

No Yes - Supervised Yes – Unsupervised

This student may carry this medication on campus (must be age 10 or over) No Yes

It is necessary for this medication to be taken during the school day at the time(s) indicated above and medically untrained personnel may administer the medication.

Date: _____ Physician signature: _____

Physician's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address: _____ Fax Number _____

To be completed by parent/guardian:

I authorize school personnel to administer the above medication to _____ as ordered by the physician. My signature also indicates that I have read and understand the guidelines of the Apple Valley Unified School District regarding the administration of medication at school.

Date: _____ Parent/guardian signature: _____

Address: _____

Telephone --- Home: _____ Work: _____

Date form received by the school: _____ - Date reviewed by RN: _____

This form must be updated whenever the prescription changes and each school year.

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Complete, sign, and return this ONLY if necessary.!

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Concert Marching Band Photography Acknowledgment 2010 -11 School Year

During the course of parades and concerts, photos are often taken of the band and its members. Since our performances are public, the Academy for Academic Excellence has little or no control over this. Signing this form acknowledges that you are aware that your son/daughter may be photographed at an event or during class, even if they are on the schools "Do Not Photograph" list.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that _____

May be photographed in uniform at public parades and events on and off campus. By signing this form I give permission for the above student to be photographed and/or interviewed by the press for printed or televised purposes, and for school use.

Signature of Parent

Date

Email Address Request

Please provide your email address so we may keep you informed. Your address will not be given out and will be hidden in "all band" emails. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: _____

Complete, sign, and return

**A.A.E. Marching Knights Band
Acknowledgment of Information**

1. I have read and understand all information included in the online “Band Packet,” including the class syllabus and absence/excusal policy.
2. Band is a one-year course. Students will commit to staying in class for the entire school year. Also, band is a marching and performing group. Students agree to participate in all concerts, parades, and band activities that are not covered under the absence/excusal policy.
3. Students will be required to memorize music for marching and concerts. At least two weeks notice will be given for each piece that must be memorized.
4. Fees of \$150.00 for new and \$75.00 for returning band students are due by August 12. All requests for a payment plan or deferral must be presented in writing to Mr. Sockwell prior to the due date. Band fees cannot be waived.
5. All checks returned as “isf” will be subject to bank fees. Replacement funds must be paid within 7 days. Students will be pulled from all events until the their account is made current. ALL future payments to the band must be by cash or money order.
6. A Basic Skills Test is required of all band students and is worth 11% of the final grade each semester. It is the student’s responsibility to schedule this test no later than two weeks before the end of each semester. Once a student passes the quiz, he/she will not be required to take it again in future years. Information regarding test requirements is available in the band room.
7. Students are responsible for maintaining all school property, including instruments, uniforms, and music. A replacement fee will be charged for all lost or negligently damaged property. Music must be checked out before taken home.
8. Students will adhere to all deadlines, including fee payments, forms, uniform returns, and instrument returns. Failure will impact the daily grade.
9. Students will show respect to all band leadership, including directors, section leaders, drum major, assistant drum major, and student directors. Failure to do so will be reflected in the daily grade.
10. Students will participate in fund raising as planned by the Boosters and/or the band itself.
11. Students are responsible for bringing all handouts home the day they are distributed in class. Failure to do so will affect the daily grade. Parents AND students are responsible for checking the band website (www.aeaband.com) on a weekly basis for updates to the calendar and other important information.

Parent or guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date

Complete, Sign, and Return. Keep a copy for your records.