

Lewis Center for Educational Research Academy for Academic Excellence

**Mojave River Campus / Visual and Performing Arts Department
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July 1, 2011

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 4**. 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.

There will be a student/parent orientation night on **August 21 at 6:30 pm in C100**. This evening will familiarize parents, guardians, and students with band policies, requirements, the band boosters, fundraisers, donations, events, and activities. Information regarding the Wind Ensemble and their possible trip to Florida in March will also be presented.

NEW! Students who turn in ALL their required forms on the first day of class (August 1) 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. 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 Only standard concert/marching band instruments are permitted. 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 and pass the “Basic Skills” test.** *With prior permission, students may receive PE credit for Marching Band.*

Materials Needed: Please visit our website at <http://www.aeaband.com> and download the “Band Packet” for detailed information and requirements. **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, students will financially 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. Marching days will be posted on a weekly basis.

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.* **Eating, chewing gum, or using a cell phone in class will result in a “0” participation grade for the day.**

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.

Forms: Visit the website for more information and deadlines. Please make sure that all required forms, as described in the online “Band Packet,” are completed and turned in no later than August 4, 2011. Those coming in mid-year/semester have one week from their first class meeting do this.

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What You Need For Marching/Concert Band

Revised June 29, 2011

Expenses:

Although general fees are not collected for band, there are expenses that students are expected to pay. These include, but are not limited to: shared bus expenses, trip expenses, instrument rental/purchase, reeds, and ALL items listed under "You must supply." Donations are also accepted and are tax-deductable.

You must supply:

A water bottle on a lanyard for weekly marching rehearsals.

An Instrument (owned or rented)

Black Marching Shoes - **\$25.00**

Blue Band Warm-up Jacket - **\$40.00 or checked out as needed.**

Band T-shirt (New design each year beginning 2011-12) **\$15.00**

Black Dickie pants. (Like new: not faded!) NO BLACK JEANS!!!

Guys: White button-up dress shirt, long sleeve, with NO print or logo. Black long tie.

Girls: White blouse and floor length black skirt.

Black socks, no shorties.

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

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 \$702.00.

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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 administration.) 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 June 2011

Since we can no longer collect fees, the success of our program is dependent upon your generous, tax-deductable donations. Please contact Mr. Sockwell for more information.

The list below is constantly changing, so check with the director for current needs.

Donations in any amount will be accepted!

Here are the band's current 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 and supplies:

- 1 – Zylophone: \$1400 <1>**
- 1 – Chimes: \$4000 <1>**
- 2 - Yamaha Marching Bells: \$1,960 <2>**
- 1 – Flugelhorn: \$660 <3>
- 1 – Tuba: \$2200 <3>
- 1 - Quad Drums: \$800 <3>
- 1 - Marching French horn: \$1200 <5>
- 3 – Bass Drum Harness: \$438 <2>**
- 1 - Marching Bass Amp Rig: \$1,500 <4>
- 1 – Small Percussion instruments: \$150.00 <3>

Uniform Elements:

- 60 - New Band Jackets: \$18,000 <5>
- 60 - New Band Hats: \$6,000. <3>

Music Scores:

- 2 – Custom Band Arrangements: \$120.00 each <1>**

Other:

- 2 - Drum Major Tuitions 2012/13: \$800. <2>**
- 5 - Bus Sponsorships: \$500.00 - \$1,300 each <1> (This is VERY important!!)**
- 5 - Trip Sponsorships for Wind Ensemble: \$1000.00 each <1>**
- 20 - 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!

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

Thursday, August 4, at noon.

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required forms by third period
on the first day of school,
August 1, 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 2011-12 School Year

I, the undersigned, do hereby give my permission for _____
age _____ to **attend band parades, field trips, concerts and competitions** for the **2011 - 12 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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Concert Marching Band Photography Acknowledgment 2011-12 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

Prepaid Reeds

Beginning in August, 2011, single reeds will no longer be available for purchase in band. However, students may purchase a "Reed Card" which will entitle them to five reeds as needed in class and at parades. If a student does not have a playable reed in class, it counts against their daily grade the same as having no instrument.

Although students may take all five reeds upon payment, it is recommended that they take them one at a time as needed, in case a change in stiffness (reed number) is needed. Due to health issues, reeds can't be returned once they are given to a student. Mr. Sockwell will keep the cards and mark off when a reed is given to a student. At the end of the school year, the student will take any remaining reeds they are owed.

Additional orders of five can be made at any time. **Students may also buy reeds on their own from a retailer.** The "Reed Card" is being offered a convenience to our woodwind players.

Please use the order form below and return it to Mr. Sockwell if you want to take advantage of this offer. Prices will be evaluated every quarter and may be adjusted.

Student Name: _____ Hardness of Reed (number:) _____

Please place the number of Five-reed cards you wish to purchase. For example, if you want five reeds, enter 1. If you want 10 reeds, enter 2, etc.

_____ Clarinet:	\$10.00
_____ Alto Sax:	\$11.00
_____ Alto/Bass Clarinet:	\$15.00
_____ Tenor Sax:	\$15.00
_____ Bari Sax:	\$20.00
_____ Oboe:	\$10.00 per reed
_____ Bassoon:	\$20.00 per reed

Amount Enclosed: _____ (Cash, or checks made payable to AAE)

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

1. I have read and understand all information included in “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 one 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 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 payments, fines, forms, uniform returns, and instrument returns. A grade usually accompanies all deadlines.
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.