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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

May 5, 2014

Dear 2014-2015 EGHS Band Student and Parent,

I hope you have enjoyed another school year and are looking forward to a relaxing and enjoyable summer. For the incoming freshmen, the next school year will bring some exciting changes, challenges, and responsibilities. For everyone, the next school year will be another exciting one in the Music Department.

Most of the information should be up on the website by the time you receive this mailing. Please go to the site and fill out the **Registration Form** as soon as possible so that we can write the show. In addition, please fill out the **Medical Travel Form and 214 Artist Permits**. The participation fee is **\$125.00** per student. Please note that this fee is not covered under the fee waiver from the school. This payment covers the cost of additional staffing, instructional materials, theme shirt, etc. Checks should be made payable to the Elk Grove Instrumental Music Assn. (EGIMA) and mailed to: EGIMA, P.O. Box 148, Elk Grove Village, IL 60009-0148. Payments are due by July 24th. Please do not send cash. Please indicate the student you are paying for. You may use your student's account to pay for all or part of this expense and payment plans may be available. Contact Grace LoBianco, at grace0309@comcast.net if you have any questions. The band fee is not covered under the fee waiver. Your student will not be able to pick up their schedule if band fees are unpaid.

Who is EGIMA?

EGIMA stands for Elk Grove Instrumental Music Association and is our parent booster organization. The organization provides financial and moral support to the band/orchestra programs and helps minimize the cost to the student. EGIMA achieves this goal through its many fundraising efforts throughout the year including the annual Fall Festival of Music, car washes, Christmas tree sales, etc. Since the band program benefits from their support, your participation in these events is highly encouraged.

What is the Marching Band Camp?

Band Camp is mandatory. Missing camp will result in a "shared" position. As with any ensemble or team, we are only as strong as our weakest member. At camp we learn the majority of our pre-game, junior high full band night, and regular half time/competition show music routines, and drill. These camp activities are essential to our success. Camp is also a great way to get to know your band mates and develop *esprit de corps*. Please plan around these dates. When one person misses a practice, the entire group suffers. If you have a job, please share this schedule with your employer. **Work is not an excuse for absence.** If an emergency occurs, please contact the band office at 718-4498 or send an email to ron.fiorito@d214.org. As stated above if an absence must occur (such as a planned family vacation that cannot be changed), please fill out the appropriate absence form and turn it in within the time frames indicated on each form. Any missed time from camp will require a makeup sessions scheduled with Mr. Fiorito on an as needed basis. In addition, absence from camp will result in a shared position within the ensemble for the marching season. **Every** member is an important part of the Band!

Once the school year begins, we will have a night rehearsal once a week for the entire Marching Grenadiers on **Wednesday nights from 6:00-9 p.m.** until the middle of October. These rehearsals allow us to put all the wind players together with the percussion and Color Guard. The Marching Band is actually 2 separate instrumental classes and the Color Guard. Additional staff members and clinicians, who are only available during the evenings, will assist us. **Please follow the Google Calendar** that you will find online. No additional evening rehearsals will be scheduled. This will help you to plan your other activities, and I do encourage you to stay involved in other school activities.

Where can I get more information?

In addition to the www.eghsband.com, our boosters maintain a website at www.eghsbandandorchestra.com which is full of information on our music program. It is updated on a regular basis and the answers to many frequently asked questions.

What is the “show” that keeps getting mentioned?

Typically a marching band will have one show that is used for most halftime performances and any competitions during its season. This involves complex music, intricate drill maneuvers, and colorful flag choreography. Usually this show will have a theme that runs throughout the music, the colors of the flags, the shape of the formations, and all other design elements of the performance. Trust me, it is a lot of hard work, but it is also a great deal of fun! By using this total show concept, marching bands has a greater challenge, more visual appeal, and a greater audience interest level. This year's show is *The Insanity of an Imaginary World*. In the show, there will be many theatrical visual effects, anger poses, lunges, dance, props, soloists, and many more fun and creative effects to enhance the musical program. The staff and students are very excited about the show!

What equipment do I need?

- *Marching Band Shoes - \$28.00 - It is imperative that we all have the same shoes. Returning members who still have shoes that fit and are in good condition will not need to purchase new shoes. All new members (and anyone needing new shoes) will be ordering Drill Masters Marching Shoes through the Band Department (see enclosed form). Once we get into the season, students will be required to wear these shoes to all Wednesday Night practices. Everyone must wear the proper shoes to avoid injuries and improve marching technique.
- *Black Polo Shirt- \$22.00- this shirt is used throughout the year as our uniform for trips, Pep Band, Jazz Bands, Jazz Combo, and Jazz Ensemble. We also use this as an alternative “hot weather” uniform for the Marching Grenadiers. Therefore, shirts will need to be ordered early.
- *Black Socks
- *Color Guard members may have additional uniform expenses as yet to be determined.

I know this is a great deal of information to cover; hopefully I explained it thoroughly. If at any time you have questions, please call **847-718-4498** or send e-mail to ron.fiorito@d214.org. We are excited about the 2013-2014 school year. The band program at EGHS continues to grow in quantity and quality! I guarantee being a part of the EGHS Bands will provide some of your fondest high school experiences, memories. On behalf of the entire Music Department Staff, I welcome you and look forward to working with you this summer and next year. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

Freshmen Fundamentals- June 9, 10- 6pm-9pm

Full Band Fundamentals- June 11- 6pm-9pm

Hometown Parade- All Members- June 14 (time tba)

Drumline

-Tom Leddy will send info to the drumline about upcoming rehearsals

Pit and Colorguard

TBA- Please check your email as the colorguard and pit directors will email you with specifics.

Full Band Camp Schedule

Monday, July 21= 1pm-9pm

Tuesday, July 22= 1pm-9pm

Wednesday, July 23= 1pm-9pm

Thursday, July 24= 1pm-9pm

Monday, July 28= 1pm-9pm

Tuesday, July 29= 1pm- 9pm

Wednesday, July 30= 1pm-9pm

Thursday, July 31=1pm-9pm

Follow up rehearsals:

Tuesday, August 5=5pm-9pm

Wednesday, August 6= 5pm-9pm

Thursday, August 7= 5pm-9pm

Tuesday, August 12= 5pm-9pm

Wednesday, August 13= 5pm-9pm

Thursday, August 14= 5pm-9pm-**Performance and BBQ for Family and Friends**

Yearbook Photo:

TBA

*****What is the fall performance schedule for the 2014-2015 Marching Grenadiers?**

Friday, September 5

Home Football game vs. Barrington

Saturday, September 6

Drill Rehearsal (Full Marching Band) 1pm

Saturday, September 13

LAKE PARK LANCER JOUST(CONTEST)

Sunday, September 14

GRAYSLAKE MARCHING FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20

CHICAGOLAND MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL(@WHS)

Friday, September 26

Homecoming Football game vs. BGHS

Thursday, October 2

Home Football Game(Jr. High Night) vs. WHS

Saturday, October 4

KNIGHT OF CHAMPIONS MARCHING FESTIVAL(@PHS)

Saturday, October 18

ILLINOIS MARCHING BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (@U of I)

Friday, October 24

Home Football Game vs-PHS (Senior Night)

Saturday, October 25

Fall Showcase of Music (formerly Pops&Pizza)

2014 Marching Grenadiers Staff:

Tom Leddy-Percussion Caption Head

Brandon Brown-Drumline Tech

Nicole Fiorito-Color Guard Instructor

Larissa Kowal- Woodwind Tech

TBA-Brass Tech

Mike Holzkopf- Visual/Marching Instructor

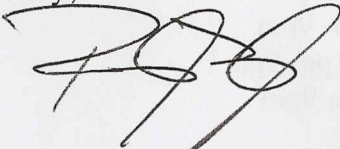
Brian Ratay- Visual/Marching Instructor

Rachel Lundstrom- Front Line Instructor(camp)

Additional staff will be named at a later date.

EGHS band alumni and college students will also assist us.

Sincerely,



Mr. Ron Fiorito Jr.

Director of Bands

Fine Arts Coordinator

Elk Grove High School

ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A BINDER WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) The Insanity of an Imaginary World (marching show music)
- 2) TBA(parade song)
- 3) National Anthem (Star Spangled Banner)
- 4) EGHS Fight Song

Freshmen and new students will get their binder at the uniform fitting on May 27 after school.