

Dear IL Band Parents,

It is that time of year again. With the spring come preparations for next years marching show. We are close to announcing the show and it promises to be a very exciting and rewarding show for all involved. The music has been arranged, we have secured a drill writer, and are in the process of hiring percussion and color guard instructors. The calendar has been set and we are off and running. Your child should be hearing announcements concerning leadership applications and guard and drum line auditions each morning and afternoon. Our next step is finalizing our roster for next year.

It is hoped that every student involved in the band program would be a part of the marching band. This family oriented art/sport is the competitive outlet of the Indian Land music program. We work during the summer and fall of each year, rehearsing and competing across the state. This year we will be competing in one exhibition and 5-6 competitions including Upper-State and State Finals. Along with this we will be attending football games and other events to show our school spirit and support our community.

Attached to this letter is the master schedule for next year as well a "letter of intent". This letter of intent reserves your spot in the Indian Land Warrior Marching Band. If your son or daughter marched last year or will be a 9th grader next year, he/she automatically received this letter. If your son/daughter will be an 8th grader next year, he/she was chosen by Mr. Nix and me to be invited to join the marching band.

Along with membership in the marching band come two fees necessary for the success of our program. The first fee is a \$130 Marching Fee or \$200 Color Guard Fee which we use to hire staff, help pay for show design services, etc. throughout the season. The second fee is a \$75 school fee for members of the marching band class (horn line/percussion only) that is paid at registration in August. Like last year, we have decided to require a \$50 deposit by May 3rd. This deposit will be deducted from the Band Camp Fee and secure your son/daughter's spot in the Indian Land Warrior Marching Band. The remaining balance will be due the first day of Band Camp, on July 26th.

I can't begin to tell you how excited Mr. Nix and I are about next years show. We are going to be creating a unique and exciting product and we hope you will join us in carrying on the traditions of family, excellence, and education that have made Indian Land the band it is today.

Sincerely,

Mathew D. Willis
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