

June 28, 2018

Dear MCHS Band Students and Parents,

I am beyond excited to start my job as your band director at MCHS! I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. This band has great potential and participating in competitions and being competitive is a goal I have for us.

Mr. Bell has done an excellent job of getting everything set up for next year. Mr. Bell has also gone through the rigorous process of selecting a leadership team. Instead of choosing the leadership myself, I have decided to trust Mr. Bell's judgement. However, if during the first few weeks of summer band I do not agree with Mr. Bell's decision, I reserve the right to remove anyone from leadership. The 2018-2019 leadership team is as follows:

Flute/ Clarinet: Elisa DeWitt/ Savannah Brady  
Saxophone: Justin Burnett  
Trumpet: Alayne Kiaser  
Low Brass: Darien Alexander  
Percussion: Joyclynn Ford and James Fead  
Guard: Krystal Joseph  
Drum Majors: TJ Rodgers/ Kayla Reeves  
Band Captain: Alayna Kiaser

Summer band is right around the corner and I have a few changes to make to our schedule. I will be getting married June 30th and will be going out of the country for a few weeks with my wife on our honeymoon. I am scheduled to fly back on July 16th, which is our scheduled start date. We will instead start summer band July 18th. I appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

In addition to starting on July 18th, I would like to revise the time on the first day. From 8am-10am, I would like to meet with ONLY the leadership team. At 10am on July 18th, EVERYBODY will meet in the band hall. Starting July 19th, everybody will report to the band hall at 8am.

The dates for summer band will be July 18th-20th/ July 23rd-27th from 8am-5pm. There will be an hour break for lunch each day between 12pm-1pm. Please make appropriate accommodations to bring your own lunch to eat during this time.

Also, we will be outside for good portions of the day, and it will be HOT. Please make sure to bring plenty of water, sunscreen, as well as appropriate footwear. Lastly, get plenty of rest and stay hydrated!

I hope everybody is enjoying their summer vacation and I will see you all in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

*Mr. James DeLuca*