

2009-2010 Dance Guard,



Summer is here and we hope you are all enjoying the time away school and homework. We are so excited to have you in our program for the upcoming school year! I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you and give you some information about this summer and next year. As you are already aware, Band Camp officially kicks off on **Wednesday, July 29th at 8:00am in the Anderson theater.** Camp will be an exciting experience! We will spend time getting to know each other and focus on learning our field choreography for the 2009 band show. Please make sure you have blocked off your calendar and plan to be in full attendance at all of the following rehearsals:

- * **July 27th: 5:00pm – 6:30pm** - Dance Guard Kick-Off Event,
AHS band hall (dinner provided)
- * **July 29th – July 31st: 8:00am – 12:00pm**
- * **Aug. 3rd – 7th, Aug. 10th – 14th: 8:00am – 5:00pm**
- * **Aug. 17th – 21st: 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

As you will read in the band packet information enclosed, much of this rehearsal time will be spent outside. Please plan to wear light colored, breathable clothing: t-shirts, tanks tops, shorts, and supportive tennis shoes. Please refrain from clothing that shows your midriff and ultra- short shorts or “hot shorts.”

Please take time to read through all of the essential information enclosed. It is important for you to know that you are a welcome part of the Trojan Marching Band family! Since we will all work together and perform together in the fall, our events, rehearsals, and communications will all funnel through the Anderson Band faculty and Booster Club (a.k.a. “ABBA”). While some information in the packet pertains to musicians only, it is important that you record all of the dates for performances (football games and Saturday contests), provide your information for the band directory, order t-shirts and food for game/performance days.

If you are receiving this packet, you are currently enrolled in the Dance Guard class period during the school day. Many have inquired, “Do I need to be enrolled in Marching Band too?” The answer is YES, but we will take care of adding that class to your schedule for you once the new school year begins. You do not need to contact your counselor over the summer. “Marching Band” is a zero hour class that will appear on you fall schedule only. This is the course that

gives you credit for the rehearsal time spent outside of the school day during marching season.

During the school year, our class time during the school day will be spent on stretching and strengthening, advanced jazz technique, equipment skills, and performance preparation. We will rehearse with the band during marching season each day before school: 7:30am – 8:30am and after school on the first day of the school week (usually a Monday, but on Tuesday after Labor Day, etc.) from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. These rehearsals are required as part of the program. Please keep them in mind when scheduling your fall semester!

Please consider the following two opportunities to enhance your summer training:

- 1) Belles Summer Dance Camp (registration form enclosed) – This camp focuses on advanced dance technique, high kick and dance team prep.
- 2) Colorguard Spin Camp at Vista Ridge High School (registration form enclosed) – This camp will focus on equipment skills including flag and rifle work and is a great way to hone your existing guard skills or pick up the basics!

Finally, please look at the attached Dance Guard Measurements Info. Sheet. We need this information by Friday, June 12th for ordering our performance costumes in time for August!

Again, we are very excited to have each of you joining us for a great year of dance and performance! Enjoy your summer – see you July!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Winter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Erin Winter
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Anderson High School