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SAURA BANDMEMBERS & PARENTS

I hope this letter finds you relaxing and enjoying your various summer activities. Summer vacation is in full swing, but it is also time to begin preparations for our 2016 marching season. We need everyone's cooperation to have a successful marching season. This letter is a reminder about band camp, rehearsals, and fall performances.

- **Everyone report:**

Mon. 8/15	8:30a to 4:30p
Tue. 8/16	8:30a to 4:30p
Wed. 8/17	Report at 7:30a
Fri. 8/19	1:30p to 9:30p

Please mark these dates on your calendar **NOW** and plan on being together for some quality work. **Band camp is a requirement** for all Marching Band members. **Just signing up for Band class does not reserve a space in the half-time show! Please make necessary arrangements to attend.** Those of you with summer jobs need to give a copy of this schedule to your boss or manager **now** so they can schedule around you. **Don't wait, request off today!** Band camp is necessary to get a head start on the year.

Freshmen should try to get a music lyre and flip folder before camp. Percussionists do not need a lyre, but do need a flip folder. Those of you that will be using school owned instruments should wait until camp to get your lyre. Some upperclassmen may need to replace these items. These can be purchased at any of the music stores in Winston-Salem. All band students are required to buy a pair of **white band** shoes to go with the uniform. Kathy Lippo from "Lippo's Music Mart" will be at camp to take your shoe orders. Shoes will be in the \$30-\$40 range. We also have some extra shoes left behind by graduating seniors that will be available. I will let you know definite pricing information and which day shoes can be ordered as soon as I have confirmed with Lippo's. Wind players will also need to buy white cotton gloves to wear with the uniform. **You will need to pay for shoes and gloves when you order them.**

Our half-time show for the 2016 marching season is still being decided, but will be challenging as well as entertaining. All members must be in band all year unless you have a **required** class conflict or you are a **varsity** football player or **varsity** cheerleader.

Performance Dates: (You will get a confirmed list of dates with your handbook when school starts.)

- **AUG. 19 (Fri) EAST WILKES GAME (H)**
- **SEP. 2 (Fri) North Stokes Game (A) (Yes, we will travel to North)**
- **SEP. 9 (Fri) ALLEGHANY GAME (H)**
- **SEP. 10 (Sat) STOKES STOMP PARADE & MINI CONCERT**
- **SEP. 30 (Fri) EAST SURRY GAME (H)**
- **OCT. 14 (Fri) SURRY CENTRAL GAME (Homecoming)**
- **OCT. 21 (Fri) WEST STOKES GAME (H)**
- **NOV. 4 (Fri) CARVER GAME (H) (Senior Night)**
- **NOV. 21-22(Mo-Tu) STOKES ALL-COUNTY BAND (South Stokes)**
- **Dec. 2 (Fri.) Walnut Cove Tree Lighting**
- **Dec. 3 (Sat.) King Christmas Parade**
- **Dec. 10 (Sat.) Walnut Cove Christmas Parade**
- **Dec. 11 (Sun.) Christmas Concert**

Please add these dates to your family calendar now to avoid any potential conflicts.

Band Leadership Team members are listed below:

- * **Drum Major: Jordan Zeigler**
- * **Woodwind Captain: Brandon Jay**
- * **Brass Captain: Macayla Tucker**
- * **Drum Captain: Emily Hill**

This letter has been emailed to returning students if I have your parent email. It is also being mailed to students who are on a band class roster and address labels were provided by our guidance department. Check with your band friends to be sure they have received their letter. If not, have them email me at kevin.reigle@stokes.k12.nc.us or call me at the number listed below. All members must be in band all year unless you have a **required** class conflict.

If you or your parents have questions, please email me. If you or your parents need to speak with me, call me at **(336) 891-BAND**. Please leave a message if I am not available when you call. I am in and out of town a lot over the summer and I will call back as soon as possible so please be patient. I will post information on the website (sauraband.weebly.com), Twitter (@sauraband), Instagram, and Remind. Freshmen, please join the Remind.com text message group with the included instructions.

Looking forward to our time together on August 15th!

Musically yours,

Kevin J. Reigle,
Director of Bands