

PSLHS 2016 Band Camp Newsletter



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To the members of “The Pride of PSL”:

I'd like to personally welcome you all to this most exciting time of year, MARCHING SEASON, where we come together as a team and work our absolute hardest to accomplish fantastic things! “Band Camp” is a very special, and unique aspect to the high school band experience. It is our version of “pre-season training” in which we will set the tone for a productive and successful season. Much like athletes (which we totally are), we will sweat, we will work hard, and we will improve every single day. I hope you are as excited as I am to get started! In this Newsletter, you will find a schedule for each day, what to expect and how to prepare for Band Camp, and information on your Band Camp staff and clinicians. Please remember that band is a team effort and every single person, instrument, and part is important. That being said, attendance is absolutely mandatory and VITAL for the success of our season and program. The only exceptions will be for serious illness or family emergencies. Should one of those unfortunately happen, please notify me as soon as possible. Again, I look forward to seeing you all!

Sincerely,

Mr. Wiley

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Your band fees and forms are due on July 26th if you have yet to turn them in.

Band fees:
\$175 for the year
\$40 if you need shoes

Forms:
Medical Release
Parent Permission

Band Camp Schedule

Week 1

The first week of Band Camp will be from July 26th to July 29th. Rehearsals will start PROMPTLY at 8 am and go until 4 pm every day. We will focus mostly on music and fundamentals during this week.

Week 2

The second week of Band Camp will be Spirit Week (details to be given later) and will start on August 1st and end August 5th. These rehearsals will also be from 8 am to 4 pm. This week will be dedicated to music and drill for our MAN OF STEEL SHOW! We will conclude this week with a Potluck for the students and their families, as well as a "Sneak Peek" show.

Attention Leadership!

YOUR first day of band camp will be on **July 25th**. It will take place from 9 am to 1 pm in the St. Lucie West Centennial High School Band Room. Dr. KC Crocco will be hosting a joint leadership workshop for both schools' leadership teams. All leadership members are **REQUIRED** to attend. This will be a fun and valuable experience to carry you through the school year! Plan to arrive by 8:45 am.

WEEK 1 ITINERARY (July 26-July 29)

7:30 am: Band Room opens

8:00 am-11:20 am: Marching Fundamentals on the Practice Field

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Lunch

12:00 pm- 12:30 pm: DCI viewing/downtime in Band Room

12:30 pm-1:50 pm: Sectionals

2:00 pm-4:00 pm: Full band music rehearsal

*Staff and Volunteers will only remain on site until 4:30 pm, please plan your rides accordingly.

WEEK 2 ITINERARY (August 1-August 4)

7:30 am: Band Room opens

8:00 am-11:20 am: Marching Fundamentals and Man of Steel Drill

11:30 am-12:00 pm: Lunch

12:00 pm-12:30 pm: DCI viewing/downtime in Band Room

12:30 pm-1:50 pm: Sectionals

2:00 pm-4:00 pm: Full band music rehearsal

*Staff and Volunteers will only remain on site until 4:30 pm, please plan your rides accordingly.

AUGUST 5TH ITINERARY

12:00 pm: Band Room opens

12:15 pm-2:00pm: Music Rehearsal

2:15 pm-4:00 pm: Drill at Practice Field

4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Band Family Potluck

6:30 pm: Sneak Peek

*Staff and Volunteers will only remain on site until 7:15 pm, please plan your rides accordingly.

MEET YOUR BAND CAMP STAFF AND CLINICIANS!

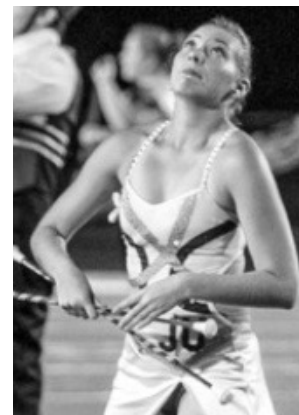


Mr. Braga will be the Percussion Instructor for this upcoming season. He is an alum of Port St. Lucie High School and has since been pursuing a degree in Music Education at Florida Atlantic University after receiving his AA in music at IRSC under Dr. Southall. He has worked band camps with Sebastian River High School, Port St. Lucie High School, and IRSC. He is extremely talented, knowledgeable, and hardworking. Our drumline, pit, and the whole band in general, is lucky to have him working with us for the entire season.



Mr. Lebon will be the woodwind instructor. He graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Music Education. He has been a band director for 34 years, having plenty of experience in both High School and Middle School settings. Because of his continuous involvement with our band program and the fact that both of his sons have been members, Mr. Lebon holds this band very dear to his heart.

Ms. Alyshia Hogan will be the Color Guard Clinician for Band Camp. She is a PSLHS alum, serving as Captain her senior year, and has been involved in twirling and Color Guard since she was little. She currently is the Feature Twirler at Jacksonville University, and helps to choreograph the J.U. Color Guard as well as an independent Color Guard in Jacksonville.



Mr. Saul Benitez will be the low brass instructor. He has graduated from Florida State University with Bachelor's degrees in Tuba Performance, as well as Business. He recently auditioned for the United States President's Own Marine Band and was invited to Washington D.C for the second round. He is currently planning to pursue his Master's in Music Administration after spending this next year practicing and participating in local Symphony Orchestras.



Mr. Mario Riviaccio will be the high brass instructor. Don't be fooled by the trombone in this picture, while it is his primary instrument, he is highly skilled and knowledgeable in all brass instruments. Mario graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Trombone Performance. He was accepted into the very competitive Master's Program at the New England Conservatory but has ultimately decided to continue his education in Trombone Performance at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. Mario has played in numerous symphony orchestras throughout the state, such as the Ocala Symphony Orchestra, Gainesville Symphony Orchestra, and Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra. And to top it off he has marched Baritone in DCI with the Boston Crusaders.

The "Do's and Don'ts" for Band Camp

DO!

- Come to camp in dress code everyday
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Start getting your body ready for band camp now. This means hydrating, being active and getting used to the heat.
- Show up on time and with a good attitude every day.
- Bring a small hand towel/ washcloth/T-shirt to use as a cooling rag.
- Treat all staff and volunteers with the utmost respect, they are here to help YOU.

DON'T!

- Do not skip breakfast, and try to stay away from dairy!
- Do not order food, or leave campus for lunch.
- Do not pack sugary or energized drinks.
- Do not disrespect school property or our **privilege** to be here. Stay within band camp boundaries.
- Do not be intimidated or afraid, we are all excited that you are here and part of the PSLHS band!

Things to bring to Band Camp:

- SUNSCREEN
- WATER
- YOUR INSTRUMENT
- A **HEALTHY** lunch and snacks
- Flip folder and lyre
- Hat and/or sunglasses

IMPORTANT

We will be spending a lot of time outside, if at any time you feel over heated or sick, **PLEASE** speak up and/or sit down immediately. **DO NOT** push yourself past your breaking point! Your safety and well-being is the number one priority.

STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE INHALERS OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

Your prescription must be current and is to be used by you **only**. Please label it and give it to the designated Parent Volunteer at the beginning of camp each day.

Need an Instrument?

We will begin checkouts for school owned instruments at the beginning of each pre-camp rehearsal and as needed in the mornings during Band Camp.
*Instruments will be checked out on a first come, first served basis. Keep in mind our inventory of WORKING instruments is limited.

DRESS CODE

- Everyone must wear a shirt at all times
- No tank tops
- Avoid dark colored clothing
- Appropriate length, loose-fitting athletic shorts. (No volleyball/cheerleading shorts)
- Tennis shoes! No flip flops!

*Remember, this is a school related activity, so please come dressed appropriately.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Volunteer during Band Camp OR throughout the school year please contact:
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If you have any questions regarding Band Camp, please contact me at mr.wiley.music@gmail.com