



Lewis S. Mills High School SPARTAN BAND

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Dear Spartan Band & Color Guard Parent,

Included in this packet you will find the band camp schedule and related info such as the uniform distribution schedule and any other info that I currently have relating to band in the coming school year. If you visit our website (<http://www.region10finearts.org>) you will notice that I have posted the packet on the marching band page in the band camp section. All of the information that I am giving you now is currently on the website. In addition, I am currently updating the calendar section of the website and all of the info that I am sending you now is currently posted there.

Although summer has just begun for all of you and your families, the race is on for those of us trying to organize and plan for the 2008-09 Spartan Band year. As you all know, over the past couple of years we have instituted an email network that gives us the opportunity to communicate with you in a quick, inexpensive, and environmentally friendly way. As an extension of this, we have taken our database and put it online so that you can keep information for your son/ daughter current and so that we can contact you and your son/daughter as is needed. This year we plan to continue communicating with you this way. Recently I sent you information regarding the updating of the database. If you haven't already done so, please update it now.

Please remember that band camp is required of all students participating in band at Lewis S. Mills. There are some rare and extreme circumstances that may prevent a student from participating in some or all of this week's rehearsals. If this is the case, I need to be notified by you in writing (email is fine) by no later than August 1, 2008 for it to be considered an excused absence.

Your role in the success of our program is crucial. By taking the time to make sure that paperwork and database updates are completed in a timely fashion as well as keeping the kids on track when it comes to practicing and getting to and from rehearsals and performances on time, the job of moving this mammoth program forward will be just a bit easier on this end.

Thanks again for all of your help and support and, although I'm still looking forward to a little



bit of down time with my family, I'm excited about the coming school year and honored to work with each and every one of your high school students.

Have a fun and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

John A. Deeb

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Coordinator of Fine Arts
Director of High School Bands
Regional School District #10

2008 SUMMER BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday, August 18, 2008	
Color Guard	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Color Guard & Percussion	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19, 2008	
Freshmen and New Members	10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
Full Band indoor music practice	7:30-9:00 p.m.
Color Guard	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Percussion	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, August 20-22, 2008	
Band/Color Guard Outdoor Practice	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (Friday until 1:00 p.m.)

2008 FALL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

- Seniors, Juniors & Sophomores** - Monday, August 18, 2008 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Freshmen** - Tuesday, August 19, 2008 - 9:00-10:30 a.m. (*any freshmen not finished by 10:30 will be finished between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.*)

(Color Guard uniform distribution to be announced at first practice)



2008 FALL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Tuesdays - 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)
Thursdays - 9/4, 9/11, 9/25 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

2008-09 PARADE PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Sun., September 7, 2008	Tavern Day (Burlington)	10:30 a.m.
Wed., September 17, 2008	Big "E" CT Day Parade	12:15-9:30 p.m. (tentative)
Sun., September 28, 2008	Bristol Mum Parade	1:00 p.m.
Sat., October 4, 2008	Harwinton Fair Performance	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sun., October 5, 2008	Fall Foliage Parade, N. Adams, MA	All Day
Sat., May 23, 2009	Burlington Memorial Day Parade	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 25, 2009	Thomaston Memorial Day Parade	10:00 a.m.
Mon., May 25, 2009	Harwinton Memorial Day Parade	2:00 p.m.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE MADE.

2008-09 CONCERT PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Fri., December 12, 2008	Holiday Concert (W. Ensemble & Concert Choir)	7:30 p.m.
Thur., February 5, 2009	LSM Winter Concert (Sym. Band & Jazz Band)	7:30 p.m.
Thur., May 7, 2009	Big Band Bash (Sym. Band)	7:30 p.m.
Fri., May 8, 2009	Big Band Bash (Wind Ensemble)	7:30 p.m.
Sat., May 9, 2009	Big Band Bash (Wind Ensemble)	7:30 p.m.

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2008-09 OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Sat., November 15, 2008	CMEA Northern Region Auditions	Time TBA
Sat., December 13, 2008	NEMFA New England Auditions	Time TBA
Sat., February 7, 2009	CMEA All-State Auditions	Time TBA



**Lewis S. Mills High School
SPARTAN MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD**

UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Uniforms for both marching and concert bands will be issued in the following order:

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Freshmen - Tuesday, August 19, 2008 - 9:00-10:30 a.m.
(any freshmen not finished by 10:30 will be finished between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.)

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ALL STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Band

1. Black shoes.....\$45.00
2. White gloves.....\$5.00
3. Black socks
4. One Tuxedo Shirt (Concert Band)\$22.00
5. One LSM Spartan Band Garment Bag (freshmen & new members only).....\$25.00

Color Guard

1. White color guard boots.....\$45.00
2. White grip gloves\$7.00
3. Long sleeve white oxford
4. One pair of thick white socks
5. One LSM Spartan Band Garment Bag (freshmen & new members only).....\$25.00

ALL ABOVE ITEMS EXCEPT SOCKS AND OXFORDS WILL BE PURCHASED THROUGH MR. DEEB.

All band and color guard members who are buying shoes or boots must come to the first practice with their shoe size. We will prepare an invoice for each student and a payment can be made at the end of the week.

Cash or checks made out to "Friends of the LSM Band" will be accepted.