

St. Amant High School Bands



Summer 2008

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2008-2009

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Immortal

The numbers are in, and this year's band promises to be the largest in the history of St. Amant High with over 220 winds and percussion and 25 colorguard. In large part, this is due to the incredible number of new members we will be receiving from our feeder schools, and the return of the many fine players who were with us last year.

This year's musical and visual production is entitled *Immortal*, and was written by Aaron Guidry. This show combines a great balance of legit material with an emotional feel to provide the maximum in overall effect. Built on themes of the music of the Rock Band Evanescence's "Hello" and "My Immortal," the music is innovative and modern, and

is a new direction for the St. Amant Bands. Mr. Guidry's compositions have been featured many times in the Bands of America Grand Nationals Finals.

This year's custom marching show is being designed for the band by Brian Youngblood, another BOA veteran, and we have hired a great summer band camp and weekday teaching staff.

We are also *asking* this year that all students attend the Red Stick Thunder Pageant of Champions at Memorial Stadium on July 16. Student leaders will be contacting every student to confirm whether or not they will be attending so that we can reserve enough seats on the buses. The cost of each

ticket is \$15, and students must have cash with them on the day of the event. Students will also need spending money for concessions.

The St. Amant Band will have several buses that will travel to the event for all band students free of charge. The buses will depart St. Amant High at 4:00 PM. Only students who travel with the band on the buses will be the responsibility of the band.

For more information, please visit our website at www.staband.com.



BOA

BAND TRIP AND PERFORMANCE

For the first time in the history of our school, the St. Amant Band will be competing at the Bands of America Super Regional competition at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on November 1, 2008.

The dates of the trip are October 31-November 2. And more information will be presented as it becomes available.

We will hold an informational meeting to discuss the details in August.

For more information:
<http://www.musicforall.org/>

Summer Practice Schedule

The schedule for summer rehearsals has been set this year in hopes of having the entire show learned before school starts. It is very important, however, that everyone attends ALL scheduled practices during the summer. Because of the amount of work involved and the expense of hiring a full staff for the summer, students who do not attend will be assigned the position of alternate for competition.

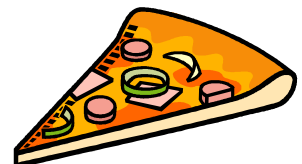
If for some reason a student cannot attend all rehearsals, the band department *must* be notified in advance so that arrangements can be made.

During summer rehearsals, no students should leave campus without their parents' permission. For safety reasons, any student who leaves must do so by vehicle. All others are expected to stay in the band

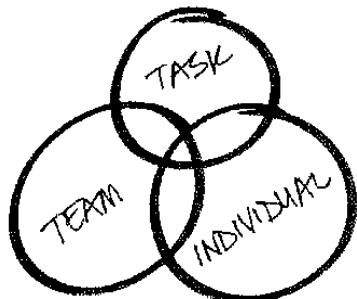
room during lunch.

On the days that the band booster club provides dinner for the band, all students are required to remain on campus, and eat with the entire band.

For daily schedules, please see page 3.



Dress for Comfort and Safety



Most of the marching practices will be held outside on the band practice field. While we try to schedule these rehearsals at times when it will be the coolest, there are unavoidably times when the heat becomes severe. In order to best survive the heat, the following guidelines have been devised:

- Tennis shoes and socks should be worn at all marching rehearsals. Because these practices

involve intricate marching maneuvers, no sandals, flip-flops, etc. will be allowed. Likewise, no one will be allowed to march barefoot.

- Wear comfortable shorts and light-colored t-shirts.
- Hats and sunscreen are recommended for all outdoor rehearsals.
- While water will be provided, students are encouraged to bring water bottles, Powerade, etc. to all

marching rehearsals.

Remember, your safety is our main concern. No student will be forced to remain in the sun if they become weak, or experience signs of heat exhaustion. Following these guidelines will help you to have a more enjoyable summer band experience.



2008-2009 Student Leaders

Drum Majors

Kyleh Frederic
Rebecca Harris
Helen Templet

Flute

Alex Dubree
Kristina Kling

Clarinet

Brooke Breaux
Taylor Smith
Leah Guillory
Alexis Lambert

Saxophone

Dexter Rousseau
Thomas Wimberly

Trumpet

Amanda Anderson
Taylor Gilbert
Kelly Martinez

Horn

Camryn Denham
Christian Berthelot

Trombone

Francis Steib
Justin Diez

Tuba/Euphonium

Justin Bihm
Cody Powers
Gregory George

Drum Line

TBA

Front Ensemble

Justin Breaux

Game Day Fridays

A typical home Friday night football game can be a confusing and frustrating scenario for any new band student or parent. The following outline will hopefully detail some of the things you can expect, and will allow you to plan for these days well in advance:



Typical Home Game Schedule

5:45PM	Students Arrive at "The Pit"
6:00 PM	Inspection Near Middle School Gym
6:20 PM	March into Stadium
6:30 PM	Warm-up and Tuning
6:45 PM	Pre-game Performance
7:00 PM	Game Begins
9:15 PM	Game Ends
9:30 PM	Students Dismissed

*Game end and dismissal times may vary. All times subject to changes or additions.

Drums Across Cajun Field

Make plans now to attend the Annual Drums Across Cajun Field, which will be held at the ULL Stadium on July 16 at 7:00 PM. Tickets for this event are \$15 each and may be purchased at the time of the event.

The St. Amant Band will have several buses that will travel to the event for all band students who are interested free of charge. The buses will depart St. Amant High at

approximately 4:00 and should return at approximately 12:00 AM.

Visit www.dci.org for more information.



Band Camp Schedule

Monday, July 28, 2008

Section Leaders and Drum Majors Only

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AMMarching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM.....Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon.....Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM.....Sectional Rehearsal
 (Band Room)
 3:00-4:00 PM Full Band Rehearsal
 (Band Room)

Tuesday, July 29 & Wednesday July 30, 2008

All **New** Band Members & New Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AM..... Meeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon..... Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 (Band Room)
 3:00-4:00 PM.....Full Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 31, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AMMarching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM.....Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon.....Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM.....Sectional Rehearsal
 (Band Room)
 3:00-4:00 PM Full Band Rehearsal
 (Band Room)

Friday, August 1, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AM..... Meeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon..... Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM.....Full Band Rehearsal
 4:00-5:30 Dinner (Band Boosters)
 5:45-8:00 Marching Rehearsal

Monday, August 4, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AMMarching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM.....Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon.....Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM.....Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM Full Band Rehearsal
 4:00-5:30 Dinner (Band Boosters)
 5:45-8:00.....Marching Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AM..... Meeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon..... Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM.....Full Band Rehearsal
 4:00-5:30 Dinner (Band Boosters)
 5:45-8:00 Marching Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 6, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AMMarching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM.....Break
 10:45-12:00 Noon.....Marching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch on Your Own
 1:30-3:00 PM.....Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM Full Band Rehearsal
 4:00-5:30 Dinner (Band Boosters)
 5:45-6:15.....Marching Rehearsal (PIT)
6:15-7:00 Exhibition Performance
 8:30-11:30 PMBand Party(Band Room)

Friday, August 8, 2008

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

2:45-4:30 PM..... Pictures

This will be held after school in the Band Room.

All students are expected to attend this session so that everyone is featured in the football program and newspaper articles this year.



Prep Week Registration

In order to keep our band rehearsals on schedule during prep week, all students will register on their assigned day at their assigned time.

This schedule has been approved by the principal in order to maintain the integrity of our practices. Band students will not be allowed to register at any other time during prep week.

Adopt a Chair

Our Band Booster Club's Adopt-A-Chair campaign is a huge success, having had over 50 chairs sponsored already. Our goal is to have 250 chairs adopted by the end of August. We have sent hundreds of letters to area businesses and alumni, and look forward to a huge response.

Enclosed is a flyer for our campaign. Please consider adopting a chair for yourself, or pass it on to someone who you may feel is can help us. All donations are tax deductible.

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Dr. Tim Leadership Camp

Capable student leaders can make the difference between a good ensemble and a great one. They can motivate their peers, instill pride, and inspire outstanding performances.

This exciting workshop will teach them how. Led by a nationally acclaimed expert, Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser, the Leadership Training Workshop will teach leadership skills that

can take your music program to the next level. Ensemble officers and section leaders will gain valuable insight that will help them excel in every area.

This year's clinic will be held at Lafayette High School on July 15, and the St. Amant Band will provide free transportation. Students will

receive a T-shirt and lunch with their paid registration.

All student leaders are required to attend, and all others are strongly encouraged to attend this life-changing event.

For more information, please visit their website at www.vivaceproductions.com

"Immortal" Marching Exhibition

We will host our annual marching exhibition on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 6:15 PM at "The Pit."

At this time we will perform selections from our school

songs, stands tunes, and we will also premiere for our parents and supporters our 2008 marching band show, *Immortal*.

Everyone is invited to attend

this yearly event that has grown into a truly special time to highlight the hard work of our students during band camp week.

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