



St. Amant High School Bands

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2009-2010

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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 28 color guard. 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 Drums Across Cajun Field at Cajun File in Lafayette Stadium on July 20. 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 \$18, 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.



For the first time in the history of our school, the St. Amant Marching Band will be competing in a Bands of America regional event.

The dates of the trip have not yet been confirmed; however, 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/>

The Grand Tour of Italy, June 7-16, 2010

We are pleased to announce an exciting trip coming up during our 2010 summer vacation for current and former students, parents, friends, and relatives of the St. Amant Band. From June 7-16, 2010, we will explore the *Grand Tour of Italy* on an EF Educational Tour. In the past, our full band trips have been very exciting and musically rewarding, and I feel confident that this trip we be no exception.

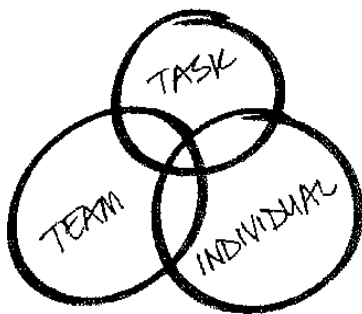
During our tour, we will visit many of Europe's most famous landmarks, such as

the Grand Canal in Venice, the leaning tower of Pisa and the Roman Coliseum! Local guides will give us behind-the-scenes looks at the Duomo museum, Vatican City and the historic Sistine Chapel. Besides being a trip-of-a-lifetime, we are also planning to have the band perform at select historical sites in Italy.

EF has been in business for over 40 years and guarantees the lowest prices for the highest quality. The cost of the 10-day trip is \$2927 for students, and

includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, a full-time EF Tour Director, breakfast and dinner daily, entrance fees to select attractions and guided sightseeing tours in Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pompeii, Sorrento and Rome.

We are nearing capacity of 45 travelers for this tour. So be sure to sign up soon. To enroll, you may either visit eftours.com/student and use the tour number **772349**, or contact either of the band directors for more information.



**2009-2010
Student Leaders**

Drum Majors

Kyleah Frederic
Rebecca Harris
Helen Templet

Flute

Alex Dubree
Amber Williams
Mitchell Courville

Clarinet

Alexis Lambert
Alexa Nickens
Ariel Savoy

Saxophone

Jamie Eunice
M.J. Firmin

Trumpet

Taylor Gilbert
Kelly Martinez

Horn

Anthony Ficklin

Trombone

Francis Steib
Zack Leleu

Low Brass

Matt Blanchard
Kayla Flenniken
Evan Rainey

Percussion

TBA

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, sunglasses, 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.



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 ULL's Cajun Field on July 20 at 7:00 PM. Tickets for this event are \$18 each and may be purchased at the time of the event.

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 PM and should return at approximately 12:00 PM.

Visit www.dci.org for more information.



The St. Amant Band will

Band Camp Schedule

Monday, July 27, 2009

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 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

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 AMBreak
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

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 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Thursday, July 30, 2009

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM.....Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AMBreak
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 31, 2009

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 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Monday, August 3, 2009

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM.....Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AMBreak
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 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 4, 2009

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 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 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 5, 2009

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM.....Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AMBreak
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal

Thursday, August 6, 2009

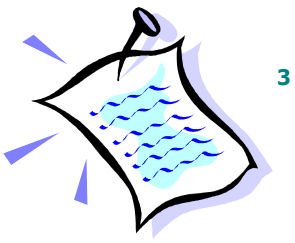
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 9:00-10:30 AM.....Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AM..... Break
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Sectional Rehearsal
 3:00-4:00 PM..... Full Band Rehearsal
 4:00-5:30 Dinner (Band Boosters)
 5:45-8:00 Marching Rehearsal (PIT)
6:15-7:00Exhibition Performance

Friday, August 7, 2009

All Band Members & Auxiliary Unit Members

8:30-9:00 AMMeeting in Band Room
 9:00-10:30 AM.....Marching Rehearsal
 10:30-10:45 AMBreak
 10:45-12:00 NoonMarching Rehearsal
 12:00-1:30 PM..... Lunch
 1:30-3:00 PM..... Photography Session
 8:00 – 11:00PMBand Party
 (In Band Room and Gym)



Prep Week Registration

In order to keep our band rehearsals on schedule during prep week, the following guidelines must be followed by all band members when registering:

- Seniors** –July 30 at normally scheduled time.
- Sophomores & Juniors** – July 31 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM.
- Freshman** – August 3 from 12:00 – 1:30 PM.

Band students will not be allowed to register at any other time during prep week.

Band Camp Notes

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.

During lunch breaks, all students are expected to stay in the area of the band rooms unless they are a car rider. No student should leave campus on foot.

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.

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Dr. Tim Leadership Camp

Capable student leaders can make the difference between a good ensemble and a great one. 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 23, 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 6, 2009 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 2009 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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We're on the Web!

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