

June 3, 2009

Dear Freshman Band Students and parents,

First, I would like to welcome you to the RCHS band. I hope that your summer is going well and that you are looking forward to this fall. We are expecting a great season this year, and hope that you still plan on being a part of it. If you are not, please call me at my home or school phone numbers and let me know Before June 12th. Also, if you are considering a fall sport (Girls' Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country) please contact me immediately as we will need to discuss this with you.

If you received a letter, we assume you are going to be in the band. If you do not let me know before June 15th if you will drop, you will be responsible for the \$40 Band Fee for the fall. This fee pays for the show design and t-shirts, etc. that are custom designed for the show, and are ordered based on enrollment.

Second, I am sorry for the delay in getting this information out to all of you. I did not have all the addresses for you, and didn't want to send some out, and miss other students. On the back, you will find our information letter with some general information you will need. I will include a calendar and sample cost/needs page as well.

Also, we are posting our music this year on the web. I will post the parts as soon as I can get them. The web site they will be on is CHARMS (<http://www.charmsoffice.com>). This site has all the band data on it, and your school ID number is your password. If you don't know it, the ID number is on the mailing label of this letter.

Our show is entitled *Seasons of Hope*. The show is based around 3 songs from the 60's and 70's;

1. Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In,
2. Joy to the World (Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog)
3. Turn, Turn, Turn

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT HOW HARD SOME OF THE PARTS SEEM. You will have time to learn it if you start now. We will work on this music quite a bit when we get together for band camp. If you need a school instrument to practice this summer, please contact me and I will try to work out a delivery or pickup for you. The school has only larger/more expensive instruments available.

Finally, please read the information in the Band Camp Letter carefully. Most questions will be addressed in it. If you have further questions, please feel free to call me at the numbers below. I will try to get back to you as quickly as possible. You may also send an e-mail to me through our band information web site. It is at the following address:

<http://band.ferrellweb.com>

* I will try to post sound files this year for you to practice with. If I can get them, they will have 2 versions: one slow (practice) and one fast (performance speed).

Again, we look forward to meeting with you on July 22rd.

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