



Santa Monica High School Viking Marching Band

2011 – 2012

Dear Samohi Marching Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to Samohi Marching Band 2011! We are excited to begin another year in the great tradition of the Samohi Band. Our marching band is well-respected throughout the southland, and we look forward to another rewarding year.

Attached to this email is the **“Marching Band Packet”**. In prior years, this packet was mailed to families. This year, we are sending it out as an email, with the information and required forms attached. Please complete the forms, and return them either through return mail, or have your student drop them off at their first marching band practice. It is very important that the EMERGENCY form be returned prior to the first practice you attend. We must have the completed form before you will be able to march.

Please be aware that we have the local **“4th of July Parade”** coming up next Monday. All band students are invited to participate. Freshmen are welcome to attend. We will have one evening rehearsal on Thursday, June 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Samohi Band Room. We will be playing the parade march we performed this year, “Glorious Victory”. Even if you did not march this past year, you are welcome to join in the fun, and march down Main Street with us.

As mentioned in the attached cover letter, we have VOLUNTARY marching band practices which occur every Thursday evening, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Samohi. These begin June 30, and end on August 4. You are welcome to attend any that you can. It is a great way to begin to meet people, and gradually learn more about marching and the music we will be playing next year.

The BAND CAMP in August is MANDATORY for all students participating in marching band. If you have a conflict on the listed dates (Aug. 15 – 19 & Aug. 22 – 28, from noon to 8:00 p.m.) please contact Mr. Corrigan at mcorrigan@smmusd.org.

We look forward to seeing all of you who can attend on June 30.

Sincerely,

Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Sakow



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June 27, 2011

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2011 Samohi Marching Band! We look forward to another year of great music, marching, and fun. Included in this email are the following items:

- 1) A tentative "SCHEDULE" for the upcoming season.
It is extremely important for all students to adhere to the rehearsal and performance dates. Any absence affects the group. Absences from performances greatly detract from our competitiveness. A "hole" in the pattern will make our formations unclear.
- 2) "EMERGENCY CARD"
This form must be returned prior to participation in rehearsal.
- 3) "OFF-CAMPUS PERMISSION"
This form gives permission for students to participate in marching band activities occurring off-campus *throughout the school year*.
- 4) "STUDENT AND FAMILY INFORMATION/PHOTO RELEASE FORM".
Please PRINT or TYPE legibly all contact information. Please sign Photo Release.
- 5) "DONATION FORM".
Marching Band has a number of operating costs not covered by the district, including: musical arrangements, drill design, visual design, instrument/uniform purchase and maintenance, transportation, music/marching instructors, competition fees, etc. A suggested donation of \$450 per student is requested to help offset the above listed expenses. Generous donations and fundraising events help defray the costs not covered by the suggested donations. No student is denied participation due to any financial concerns. We want all Samohi students to be able to participate in our Marching Band.
- 6) "VOLUNTEER FORM".
We need parent help throughout the year. Become an active member of the team.

Please return the EMERGENCY CARD, OFF-CAMPUS PERMISSION, and INFORMATION/PHOTO RELEASE forms as soon as possible (at or before our first rehearsal). Please return the DONATION FORM and VOLUNTEER FORM prior to July 15.

You may hand deliver all forms to a director, or mail them to:

SAMOHI MARCHING BAND
c/o Mr. Corrigan
601 Pico Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

No student will be allowed to participate in any rehearsal without a completed Emergency Card.

We invite new and returning students to participate in our Santa Monica 4th of July Parade. The rehearsal on June 30 (6:00 to 8:00 pm) will help prepare us for this hometown tradition. Please attend!

Sincerely,
Mike Corrigan (mcorrigan@smmusd.org)
Terry Sakow (tsakow@smmusd.org)
Band Directors

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