

Penncrest High School Band

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Dear Band Member and Parent,

On behalf of the Roaring Lions Staff, I am excited to welcome band members and parents alike to the 2018 marching season. Our staff and student leadership has been working to prepare for the upcoming season: equipment is ordered, music, drill and guard work is written, and our game plan is in place. PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER CAREFULLY as it describes how you can best prepare for August 20.

What You Need to Know for Band Camp:

- **Location:** Band Camp will be held at Penncrest. Daily specifics will be on the band room board.
- **Paperwork:** Bring your completed medical form and the Co-Curricular Agreement to your uniform fitting, or to band on August 20. Retuning members do not need a new medform unless your medical situation has changed. Forms can be downloaded at www.penncrestband.org.
- **Pre-Band Camp Preparation:** If the first day of camp is the first time you get up before 8AM, you are going to have a rough morning. Start getting up early and being physically active if you are not already. Begin drinking more water each day around August 6 for proper hydration. If you are driving to camp, please do not park in the numbered spots that are reserved for Penncrest staff.
- **Early = On Time:** 7:50 is a good time to arrive to be on time at 8:00. Give yourself time to drop your cases in the band room and make it to the attendance block before the whistle blows. Put on your sunscreen before you leave the house, not at 8AM, so it has time to work into your skin.
- **Parent dropoff and pickup:** Parents can drop off and pick up their children in the bus lane outside of the band room. We do our very best to start and end our practice at the scheduled time, however due to the distance we need to walk to return, amount of equipment, and individual walking pace, your departure times may vary. Feel free to observe the end of the practice day, as we usually run what we know before we go home.
- **Lunch:** Generally 12-1. Most people bring a lunch and eat in the music suite area. You are expected to clean up after yourself. You are welcome to leave and come back if you wish. Lunch is not provided by the Penncrest Band.
- **What to Wear:** Comfortable athletic clothing and comfortable athletic shoes. RTM dress code is in effect during camps; please follow all guidelines. Wear sunglasses and a hat or visor to protect you from the sun. Above all else, wear SUNSCREEN and apply it before you leave the house. Check forecasts as sometimes temperatures are cool in the morning, and we will march in the rain.
- **What to Bring:** Bring your instrument or equipment, lyre and flip folder containing all your music. Download, print and put your drill in a binder along with your coordinates. Bring two dot markers that are unique to you. Bring a gallon water jug filled with ice and water or a sports drink. Everyone is to have water! Bring medical supplies such as inhalers, epi-pens, and allergy meds. You may keep these in your pocket or in a “fanny pack.” Bring sunscreen so you can reapply. Bring a lunch unless you plan on buying or leaving and coming back. Don’t wear lotions that attract bees. You will get a name tag for day one – wear it until you are told not to.
- **If You Are Playing a Fall Sport:** Let your coach know you’re in band, and let me know the sport you play NO LATER THAN two weeks before your camp begins. Athletes will split their time between sports and band each day, except for Monday 8/20 when rookies will be required to be in band the entire day. During the second week there will be a few conflicts during the evening practices, which we will work out individually. Talk to other band members that will be playing the same sport to work out schedules and carpooling. See page two of the calendar for more information on working out conflicts. We have all done it – the key is flexibility.
- **Download your drill, coordinates and music:** You will be notified when drill is finalized and available. At that time, go to the Marching Band group in Schoology and print it out, along with your music, and have everything in a binder with protective sleeves. Your section leaders will help you make your binder. Decorate the outside so your binder is unique to you!
- **Bring your best attitude!** This IS NOT boot camp. This IS going to be the most fun you have ever had working hard. Take it one step at a time and be the best version of yourself.

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Camp Schedule

(Full schedule is on the Google calendar at www.penncrestband.org)

Uniform Fittings

8/9	5-8 PM	Senior and junior winds and percussion
8/16	5-8 PM	Sophomore and freshmen winds and percussion
8/22	12-1PM	Color guard

Week One

8/20	8AM – 5 PM	All band members will report to the practice field at 8AM. Make sure you have your drill in your drill binder and two dot markers. Rookie athletes are requested to spend the first day with no sports split. If you missed your uniform fitting, we will take you over lunch or after 5PM.
8/21-23	8AM – 5PM	Regular camp schedule. Sports splits begin. Thursday is Section Spirit Day!
8/24	8AM – 3PM 6PM	We will dismiss early to prepare for the football game that evening. Report back to Penncrest in informal uniform to play as a pep band for the game vs. Sun Valley. We will not march, but will perform in the stands.

Week Two

8/27	7:30 AM	Report to band room in uniform (no shako, gauntlets or gloves). Hair can be worn down as we will not wear our shakos. Performance for RTM staff, pictures thereafter. Bring completed order form. You may go home after your pictures.
	3 – 7 PM	Evening Camp.
8/28-29	3 – 7 PM	Evening Camp. Freshmen will be excused early on their orientation day.
8/30	3-7 PM	Evening Camp
	7 PM	Parent Preview Performance in the stadium. All are invited to see our 1 st show!
	8 PM	First Parent Meeting. Information, chaperone and committee signups
8/31	5:00 PM	Report to the attendance block in informal uniform to play as a pep band at our first away game vs. Harriton.

CONFLICTS WITH BAND AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

All band activities are mandatory for every band member. Band members are to arrange their personal schedules so as not to conflict with camp. It is expected that senior portraits, medical appointments, jobs and other conflicts be scheduled so as not to interfere. Unexcused absences from activities will result in no credit towards a band member's grade and shows a lack of commitment which can result in a reduced role with the band, up to and including dismissal from the group. Band members who are unable to attend band camp in its entirety are not guaranteed a spot in the show. Inclusion in the halftime show will be determined by the amount of time missed, as well as how quickly the show can be learned by the band member.

If your school sport and band practice schedule conflict, you will split your time in a way that is agreed upon by both your coach and your band director. You will not miss a game or performance for a practice. Email me and I will help you come up with a split schedule that works.

The key to avoiding and working out conflicts is COMMUNICATION. Band members are expected to handle this responsibility and honor their commitments to all organizations of which they are a member. Giving as much advance notice as possible is a courtesy that you will offer to your activity directors. Do it as early as possible, and ask for excusals as seldom as possible. Requests for excusal must be submitted at least one week in advance to be considered, and must include the specific reason for the request. Strive for a "win-win" where you are able to honor your commitment and make your contribution to both groups.

Questions? Email me at csnyder@rtmsd.org. GET EXCITED about the upcoming season!



August, 2018

Discipline Policy/Co-Curricular Agreement

We developed this document in our continuing efforts to communicate expectations at Penncrest High School with students and families. This document contains information from the Parent/Student Handbook this school year as a result of changes or school focus. Please read the document, sign, and return to the school as described in the letter. The ***Parent/Student Handbook*** and ***Student Discipline Code*** are accessible on the PHS website. Students participating in fall sports or activities, including band, may return this signed document to the athletic, guidance or main office at PHS any time prior to the start of practices which begin for all sports and band on August 13. **DO NOT SUBMIT TO YOUR COACH OR BAND DIRECTOR.**

****PIAA requires JV and Varsity Football to begin August 6, for an acclimatization period. Please note the following:**

Attendance Policy

The student must provide a written note from a parent/guardian to the appropriate grade-level office upon return from an absence.

- Notes with a parent's signature may be submitted via e-mail, fax, or handwritten. E-mails must contain an authentic parent signature, not a computer-generated signature.
- All absences will be treated as unexcused until the school district receives a written excuse explaining the reason(s) for an absence. **Parents/guardians must provide the written explanation within three (3) days. If a note is not submitted within 3 days, the absence will be considered unexcused.**

Family Trips and Educational Travel with Prior Approval

1. Family trips during school days are considered as unexcused absences unless a ***Pre-Planned Trip Request Form*** is completed and pre-approved by a building administrator. (Form is on the PHS website)
2. Written requests must be submitted to the grade level principal or designee **at least 5 days prior to a planned tour or trip** that will result in your child's absence from school.
3. No family trips or educational tours will be approved during state-required testing.

Late Arrivals

Late arrivals are accrued for each marking period individually and not carried over to the next marking period. Students begin each marking period with 0 late arrivals. Please see the handbook for definitions.

- **First and second late arrivals:** Verbal warnings with valid, written excuse.
- **Third and fourth late arrivals:** After school detention for each occurrence.
- **Fifth and sixth late arrivals:** Saturday School Assignments for each occurrence with possible co-curricular sanctions. Students with parking permits will have a 5- day suspension of parking privileges for each occurrence.
- **Seventh late arrival:** 1-day out-of-school suspension, mandatory parent conference.
- **Eighth late arrival:** 1 day of out-of-school suspension and a required parent conference before readmission to classes. Thereafter, each late arrival will result in a day of out-of-school suspension.

Vaping

The act of inhaling vapor produced by a vaporizer or electronic cigarette. The vapor is produced from a material such as an e-liquid, concentrate, or dry herb.

Possession and/use of nicotine products on school grounds including vaporizers, cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products

- Minimal 3-day out-of-school suspension
- Automatic referral to STAR program
- Students who use/possess a vaporizer that contains THC will be disciplined according to the Drug and Alcohol Policy

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Any student who violates the district drug and alcohol policy will be subject to a minimum 10-day out of school suspension and referral to our Student Assistance Program (STAR). Please reference the student handbook for a full description of the policy.

Cyberbullying Policy

Any student who violates the district cyberbullying policy will be subject to an out-of-school suspension. Please reference the student handbook for a full description of the policy.

Dress Code

Please reference the student handbook for a full description of our dress code policy and its implementation. A “3-finger rule” for tank tops does not, and never has existed. Tank tops are not permitted to be worn in school.

Co-Curricular Policy

The Rose Tree Media School District believes strongly that students representing the district through co-curricular activities must behave in a manner that is aligned with our educational mission and goals. It is required that all students involved with co-curricular activities throughout the district abide by all regulations and expectations outlined in the student handbook, especially in regard to academic standing, attendance, substance use and abuse, behavior and conduct issues. Since **co-curricular activities are a privilege**, failure to abide by the District’s rules and regulations at all times, on or off campus, may result in penalties that may include suspension and/or removal from co-curricular activities.

A participant in a co-curricular activity must sign this agreement prior to participation in any co-curricular activity. By signing below, you are indicating that you have read the Penncrest High School Parent/Student Handbook. It is therefore understood that a coach or co-curricular advisor may take action should you violate any policy statements of this handbook.

A committee consisting of some or all of the following, building administrators, the athletic director, the co-curricular advisor or coach, an education center administrator, and a faculty member may review a violation of this agreement.

The collective goal of this team of teachers, staff, administrators and parents is student success. Let us all continue to work together to achieve this goal. The Penncrest High School administrative team thanks you for your support and help in maintaining the high standards that are expected within the Rose Tree Media School District and Penncrest High School.

I am aware that the 2018-2019 Penncrest High School Student/Parent Handbook and the Rose Tree Media School District Student Discipline Code is available on the PHS website. I am responsible for reading through the Parent/Student Handbook and Student Discipline Code. I am also responsible for reviewing and discussing this publication with my family. If I need clarification for any part of this publication, I will contact a school administrator for assistance. In particular I have read and understand:

- *Chromebook Loan Agreement - Fee Structure Change for 2018-2019*
- *Policy 815 - Responsible Use of Network Resources*
- *The PHS Co-Curricular Agreement*

Printed Student Name _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____

Home Room Teacher/Grade: _____

** Students participating in fall activities or sports must return the signed form to the main, guidance or athletic office any time prior to the start of camp. All other students are to return this form to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school or no later than Friday, September 14, 2018.*

MEDICAL INFORMATION

PENNCREST HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Student Name: _____ Date _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance company _____ Policy number _____

Health History: (Check)

- _____ Diabetes
- _____ Orthopedic Problems
- _____ Asthma
- _____ Epilepsy
- _____ Cardiac Problems
- _____ Migraines

Allergies: (Check)

- _____ Aspirin
- _____ Penicillin
- _____ Sulfa
- _____ Insect Stings
- _____ Tetracycline
- _____ Food Allergy (Specify _____)
- _____ Other (Specify _____)

Do we have permission to administer the following to your child? (Check)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Acetaminophen (Tylenol) | _____ Ibuprofen (Advil) |
| _____ Sudafed | _____ Dramamine |
| _____ Benadryl | |

Has your child had a tetanus shot current to within six years? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you know of any health factor that makes it advisable for your child to follow a limited program of physical activity or from participating in any activities? Explain.

Does your child have permission use the pool? ___ Yes ___ No
(Swim areas may not be staffed by lifeguards. Trip participants swim at their own risk)

Please list any medications your child is currently taking or will be bringing:
Prescription medications must be kept by a chaperone, with the exceptions of epi-pens, inhalers, and insulin pumps.

I give permission to the physician or hospital to secure proper treatment for and to order medications, injections, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above. I also understand that this medical information will be used on all music department functions throughout the year. If there are any additions or changes, I will notify the director in writing. I give permission for my child's medical information to be shared with the director, chaperones, and medical personnel if necessary, under HIPPA regulations.

Signature of Parent of Guardian

Date