

Dear Students and Parents,

The Viking Marching Band will start out the school year with over 200 students and very high expectations. We have many exciting activities that involve a lot of work and organization and there are several details to keep track of. Therefore, we have compiled this handbook of rules, schedules, and miscellaneous information necessary to keep you informed for this year's activities.

The key to success in the Seaman Band program involves teamwork and taking pride in everything we do. Success is not merely defined by top ratings at music festivals, but by the dedication and effort to accomplish the musical goals we set out to achieve each day. Each year students from this band have proudly represented our community in District Band, State Band, District Jazz Band, State Jazz Band, Topeka Youth Wind Ensemble, Topeka Youth Jazz Ensemble, and Solos and Small Ensembles at the district and state levels. The Band travels to multiple locations in Kansas for music festivals every year. In 2010, the Marching Vikings will be heading to New York City in November to march in the Veteran's Day Parade.

There are a few forms in this handbook that are to be filled out and returned to Ms. Seago. The parent(s) or guardian(s) signature on these forms confirms that you and your student have read and comprehend all the information contained in this manual. We ask that parents fill out and sign the sheet that has the "Travel Permission Form", "Sponsor Opportunities", and "Instrumental Rental Agreement" on each side. These forms are due no later than Friday, August 20th.

Senior students are encouraged to use our staff as a resource when seeking information about colleges and musical scholarships. It is in the student's best interest to start thinking about preparing for auditions and making contacts with universities they are interested in attending. This process is made easier if the senior enrolls in the "College Prep Music" course offered in the Spring Semester.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
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Seaman Viking Band Web Site

Designed and maintained by band parent Dewayne Christensen
- for updated information about the Band's schedule, to view and order pictures, and for a copy of the band handbook, visit us at www.seamanvikingbands.com.

Band Staff

Please feel free to contact any of us:

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Band Booster Club

Who: anyone wanting to support the band students and the program

What: organized group composed of parents for the purpose of supporting the band by sponsoring and financing band activities and by funding transportation for an out of state band trip every other year.

Where: Seaman High School Band Room

When: 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month during the academic school year

2010-2011 Officers

Our department is fortunate to have this group of parents for officers. Any one of them would be happy to answer your questions or let you know how to help the cause:

President: Randy Perkins (jrperk@swbell.net) 286-1577

Vice Pres: Gregg Bahr (tfdfire125@cox.net) 246-0524

Treasurer: Cindy Mullinix (shuggybopper@yahoo.com) 286-4734

Secretary: Beth Harrison (harrison7303@sbcglobal.net) 246-4334

Band Fundraising Accounts

- Each student has his or her own individual fundraising account through the Viking Band. To pay a fee or make a deposit, all checks should be payable to the Seaman Bank and deposited with SHS bank, not the band department. Please be sure your payment to Seaman Bank gets posted to the "Viking Band" account and that the purpose for the deposit is written on the memo of the receipt. Forward the receipt to Ms. Seago to ensure that the money gets recorded properly in the student's band fundraising account. **The band department maintains students' accounts, not actual cash or checks.**

- All accounts begin each school year with a negative \$20 (see Band Fees). If the student ended the prior school year with a positive account balance, those funds will automatically count towards the required \$20 beginning balance. For example: if a student had a \$50 balance at end of 2009-2010 year, then after applying the \$20 band fee, the student's account balance for the 2010-2011 school year would be \$30.

Marching Apparel

- Uniforms have been professionally dry-cleaned and will be checked out to students during camp. Freshmen will check out their uniforms the first week of school.

If the uniform becomes dirty during the course of the year, it is the responsibility of the student to make sure it is clean (dry cleaned only) for the next performance. Minor alterations may be made, but please do not cut the material and remember to let out the alterations at the close of the year. **Pants are checked at each performance – do not let them drag on the ground!** *A mandatory cleaning fee is charged at enrollment.

- Each member of the band must have a pair of white marching gloves, black marching shoes and a band t-shirt, which should be ordered through the band department. Cost is \$22 for the shoes and \$2 for the gloves will be charged to each student's Viking Band Account. Payments to the account can be in the form of a check payable to the SHS Seaman Bank. There is a sign up sheet to order the shoes and gloves with sizes at the front of the band room. As the students were informed at the start of marching camp, the deadline to order gloves, shoes and band shirts is Friday, August 6th.

- Band shirts will be worn under the uniform at all **performances** and for **Pep Band**.

Band Fees

- Uniform cleaning - \$10 mandatory cleaning fee to be paid at enrollment.

- Instrument rental - Any student playing a school instrument is required to fill out an instrument rental form and the parent signs the agreement that states you agree to have the instrument cleaned professionally by a local music store when the student turns in the instrument after his or her year(s) using that instrument. The student is also responsible for any repairs to the instrument that was not noted when it was first checked out. This form is due August 20th. All **drumline** members will be charged a \$20 fee to help maintain drumline equipment. This charge will be taken out of the student's band account upon enrollment.

- \$20 deposit required (all band members) - This fund pays for equipment, sheet music, supplies, school instrument repairs, festival entrance fees, contest, solo, and small ensemble performance fees that are not covered by the band budget. Typically, these expenses exceed \$4,000 annually. Therefore, we require each student to have a minimum **\$20 balance**.

Summary of financial obligations:

- **Upon enrollment: \$10.00 Uniform dry-cleaning fee**

(below will be taken out of the student's Viking Band Account)

- **Wed., Aug. 25: \$22.00 black marching shoes (Showstoppers)**

\$9 Band T-Shirt

\$ 2.00 white marching gloves

- **Wed., Sept. 1: Trip Balance of \$565 due in accounts (pending actual transportation costs) or positive balance if not participating in the trip.**

Performances

- For 2010/2011, we are scheduled for: four band concerts, several parades, five half-time shows, three marching band contests, and several solos and small ensemble groups. It is imperative that all members of the Band attend all performances as this is a performance-based class. An unexcused absence from a performance automatically results in a reduction of the "Performance Grade" on the current nine weeks report. A parent note and phone call to a director **two weeks prior** to the absence is required to allow the absence to be excused. A death in the family or student illness will be the only exceptions. **Tuesday night rehearsals are an integral part of the class as we are a competitive Band. We need extra time on the playing field outside school hours and need to get used to performing at night under the lights. These rehearsals will be graded as performances.

- We encourage parent groups to plan on following the Band to marching performances to help support us. You may do this by following the departure schedule. Please be sure to stay behind the busses and box trucks, not in between.

- If you are interested in **sponsoring** a trip, select an event on the "Sponsoring Opportunities" page at the end of this handbook and submit it with the "Travel Permission Form" by **August 20th**. In addition to the directors, we need four to five sponsors on each trip. All sponsors are admitted to festivals free of charge. We ask that all sponsors wear a Band Shirt when assisting on trips.

Grades

Band is a performance-based class. The student will be held accountable for attendance at rehearsals and performances, as well as their behavior and attitude while at those events.

- 40% of the grade is based on Daily Participation (attitude, preparation of assigned material, play tests, etc.)
- 60% of the grade is based on Performance (attendance at concerts, contests, and all rehearsals)

When you visit Powerschool, you can view updated grade information, but will not see a change or update of your student's grades if the grade remains the same. You will see two categories "Daily Participation" and "Performance" with the combined percentage resulting in the final grade.

Schedules

- Please review the Fall, Pep Band, and Spring performance schedules. We suggest providing a copy for your student's employer. The majority of the dates on the schedule are set, however, the dates of certain events may change due to unforeseen circumstances.
- When there is more information available, a more detailed schedule of marching festivals and times will be sent home with the student and available on our website.
- Jazz Ensemble members will receive the jazz performance schedule during class.

Drum Majors:

Melissa Sauls: Head

Jordan Parker: Right podium

Tina Nguyen: Left podium

Jessica Hinkle: Alternate/Parade

Emmily Schrock: Parade/Back Podium

Section Leaders:

Flutes: Kristen Sumpter, Randi Moszeter, Abby Dittberner

Clarinets: Rebecca Manis, Abigail Baeten

Altos: Riley Propps, Jacob Isaacson, Tanner Foster

Tenors: Casey Artzer

Trumpets: Caitlyn Priddy, Allie DiDio, Taylor Dunham

French Horns: Bree Dowd

Trombones/Baritones: Kathryn Brooks, Mark Johnson, Abbey Harrison

Tubas: Jacob Neiman

Percussion: Jessica Hinkle, Skyler Hendrix, Nick Shaw, Caroline Kabus, Molly Pisocki

SEAMAN VIKING BAND

2010 1st Semester Schedule

****Tuesday night rehearsals at SHS 7-9 pm****

(under the lights on game field throughout the season)

- 6 pm Percussion and Color Guard rehearsal and sectionals as needed

August - 06- (Fri.) Marching Band Barbeque and Demonstration
06- (Fri.) Cookie Dough Sales Kick-off
17- (Tues.) First Tuesday Night Rehearsal
20- (Fri.) Cookie Dough Orders and Travel Permission Forms Due

September - 01- (Wed.) New York Trip money due
03- (Fri.) Football vs. Bonner Springs 6:00 pm band room
17- (Fri.) Football vs. Topeka High 6:00 pm band room
22- (Wed.) Centennial League Exhibition at Hummer 5:00 pm band room
23- *(Thurs.) Homecoming Bonfire (Drum Line only) 8 pm*
24- (Fri.) Homecoming vs. Junction City (Parade 2:00 pm 6:00 pm band room)

October - 09- (Sat.) Natoma Parade (10 am SHS load, 11 am Parade, 12:30 pm back)
13- (Wed.) Fall Concert 7:00 pm auditorium
15 - (Fri.) Football vs. Topeka West - Mass Band Night (6:00 pm in Band Room)
20 - (Wed.) Capital City Marching Festival @ Washburn (evening – times t.b.a.)
22- (Fri.) Football vs. Highland Park – Senior Night (6:00 band room)
23 - (Sat.) Central States Marching Festival @ KSU (afternoon/evening)
30 - (Sat.) Neewollah Marching Festival in Independence ,KS (7 am - 11 pm)

**-- Be prepared to play for the team if they make it to Sub-State and State Playoffs
(Fridays [November] – Regionals 5th , Sectionals 12th , Sub State 19th , State 27th)**

November - 02- (Tues.) Last Tuesday Night Rehearsal
06 - *(Sat.) District Honor Band Auditions @ Baldwin H.S. (8 am meeting)*
07-12 *New York City Trip*

December - 04 - *(Sat.) Honor Band Convention @ Blue Valley H.S. (8 am meeting)*
15 - (Wed.) Band/Jazz Holiday Concert (6:40 warm-up)

January - 08 - *(Sat.) Live Instrumental State Auditions @ Salina Central HS*

events underlined/Italics are **not required for everyone*

Seaman Viking Pep Band

2010/2011 Schedule

- There are two Pep Bands – those enrolled in Symphonic Band “S” and those enrolled in Concert Band “C”
- attendance is required and will be part of current nine weeks grade
- same rules apply as Marching Band / Band Shirt is required to play
- must be set up and ready to play by 6:15 unless otherwise noted
- play for girl’s half through boy’s game
- Rock bands (with pep band members) may audition to play “fillers” & second half of boy’s games (on “both” nights)

December:

- 07 - Tue. vs. Free State (C)
- 17 - Fri. vs. Hayden (S)

January:

- 11 - Tue. vs. Topeka High (S)
- 14 - Fri. vs. Highland Park (C)

February:

- 04 - Fri. vs. Junction City *Snowball* (S)
- 11 - Fri. vs. Manhattan (C)
- 15 - Tue. vs. Washburn Rural (S)
- 22 - Tue. vs. Shawnee Heights *Sr. Night* (C)

*March 2,3,4,5,9,10,11 - Substate/State at ExpoCenter
(each band will take turns performing at games
-this is required)*

***Riser crew will set up at 6:00 on game nights and will tear down after the last song**

Seaman Viking Bands

Spring Schedule 2011

February

12 - (Saturday) Band Booster Club Auction - SHS commons
4:00 Jazz II
4:50 Jazz I
5:45 Drumline

March

*** 9 - 12 Spring Musical - SHS aud.

14 - (Monday) District Band Concert - 7:00 pm SHS gym (6:40 warm up)

April

*** 9 - (Saturday) Regional Solo/Sm. Ensemble Festival- Shawnee Heights - all day

13 - (Wednesday) Festival Prep Concert – 7:00 pm

14 - (Thursday) State Large Ensemble Festival - Washburn University - TBA

** 20 - (Wednesday) District Jazz Night - 7:00 pm - SHS aud.

*** 30 - (Saturday) State Solo/Sm. Ensemble Festival – Newton – all day

May

11 - (Wednesday) Spring Awards Concert – 7 pm SHS aud. (6:40 warm up)

15 - (Sunday) SHS Graduation - 2 pm meet at SHS (go to Expo)
Ceremony at 4:00
Back at SHS at 5:30

*** *not a required performance for the class - sign up only.*

** *Jazz Ensemble only*

2010 Viking Marching Band Sponsor Opportunities

Sign your name(s) and phone number(s) under specified festival if interested in sponsoring one of these trips. You are offering to ride one of the busses, wear a band shirt, and help with loading/unloading (entry into the festivals will be free to sponsors). You will receive a phone call one week prior to the trip if you are selected.

Centennial League Marching Exhibition (Wed. evening September 22)
- 5:15 load, 6:30 show at Hummer Sports Complex

Natoma North Topeka Parade (Sat., October 9)
- 10:00 load, 11:00 parade, 12:30 back at SHS

Central States Marching Festival (Sat., October 23)
- early afternoon load for Kansas State University

Capital City Marching Festival (Wed., October 20)
- early evening - at Washburn University

Neewollah Marching Festival (Sat., October 30)
- 7:00 am to 11:00 pm in Independence, KS

Seaman High School Band/Jazz Ensemble Travel Permission Form 2010-2011

I give my student, _____,
permission to ride school transportation for the purpose of
performing with the Seaman Bands. In case of an accident and
medical treatment is necessary, I give permission for Mr. Stahly,
Ms. Seago or another SHS sponsor to authorize treatment. I
understand that students must travel on the school bus to and
from performances. If it is necessary that my student ride with a
parent, I will need to fill out the appropriate school form at least
one week before the performance.

Name of Parent (print)

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Signature of Parent

~ Return to the Band Staff by Friday, August 20th

Seaman USD #345 Instrumental Rental Program

Students enrolled in Band in the Seaman School District have an opportunity to play specialized instruments that are not normally purchased when a student starts band.

In lieu of charging a yearly rental fee, the Seaman district simply requires all instruments that belong to the school be returned in the same playing condition that they were checked out. In order to help keep the instruments clean and in good playing condition, each student using a school instrument is required to have their parent/guardian sign this form agreeing to turn in a receipt for the professional cleaning of the instrument by a music store when the student turns in the instrument after his or her year(s) using that instrument. The student will only be responsible for any repair to the instrument that was not needed when checked out. A student using more than one school instrument is not required to pay double, but merely repair and clean the instrument that needs it the most. The student will also be responsible for any damage or repair (not including old age) to the instrument while renting it.

The following information needs to be filled out, signed by a parent, and returned to the building Band Director.

School_____

Student Name_____

Instrument Name_____

Serial # (on instrument)_____ **School I.D. #** _____

Repair needed when checked out_____

Parent/Guardian Signature_____

Date received_____ Director Signature_____

Date returned_____ Director Signature_____

**staple receipt to form when received

Seaman Viking Band Lettering System

You will receive points for each of the following:

Students are responsible for keeping track of their own points

Name_____

Point Total_____ (75 points needed)

Award Needed_____

Viking Band Camp	2 points per day
Any other Band Camp	5 points
Member Viking Band	5 points per year
Audition Youth Wind Ensemble	10 points
Member Topeka Youth Wind Ensemble	20 points
Audition Topeka Youth Jazz Ensemble	10 points
Member Topeka Youth Jazz Ensemble	20 points
Band Staff	10 points
Drum Major	15 points
Audition District Band	15 points
Member District Band	30 points
Audition District Jazz	15 points
Member District Jazz	30 points
Audition State Band	30 points
Member State Band	50 points
Audition State Jazz	30 points
Member State Jazz	50 points
Regional Solo/Small Ensemble Festival	10 points per perf. *
I Rating at Regionals	15 points per *
State Solo/Small Ensemble Festival	15 points per perf. *
I Rating at State	20 points *
Pit Orchestra	20 points
Uniform Manager	15 points
Any other musical ensemble	5 points per
Any other solo instrumental performance	2 points per

*If you receive a I rating you will get points for the I rating, not the performance(s)