

Dear Students and Parents,

The Viking Marching Band will start out the school year with an enrollment of 220 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 on-line handbook of rules, schedules, and miscellaneous information necessary to keep you informed for this year's activities. We have not printed this off in an effort to stay green.

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.

There are a few forms in this handbook that are to be filled out and returned to Ms. Eaverson. There is an in box in the Band Office that all forms can go in. 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" and "Sponsor Opportunities", (also available @ Aug. 5th meeting outside auditorium). These forms are due no later than Friday, September 2nd.

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

2011-2012 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: Gregg Bahr (tfdfire125@cox.net) 246-0524

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Treasurer: Annette Romick (amromick@gmail.com) 246-3666

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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.Eaverson 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) including any delinquencies from the previous year. 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 2011-2012 year, then after applying the \$20 band fee, the student's account balance for the 2011-2012 school year would be \$30.

Marching Apparel

- Uniforms have been professionally dry-cleaned and will be checked out to students during camp. Freshmen will finish checking out 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 5th**.

- 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 September 2nd. All **drum line** members will be charged a \$20 fee to help maintain drum line 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 has already been taken out of the student's Viking Band Account)

\$22.00 black marching shoes (Showstoppers)

\$10 Band T-Shirt

\$2.00 white marching gloves

***All accounts must be level by Friday, September 2nd**

Performances

- For 2011/2012, we are scheduled for: five band concerts, several parades, four 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 **September 2nd**. 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.

SEAMAN VIKING BAND

2011 1st Semester Schedule

****Tuesday night rehearsals at SHS 7:00-9:00 p.m. on game field
- 6 p.m. Wind Sectionals/Percussion and Color Guard rehearsal**

August - 16 - (Tues.) First Tuesday Night Rehearsal
19 - (Fri.) Cookie Dough Orders and money due (checks to Seaman Bank)

September - 02 - (Fri.) All forms due and accounts above negative
09 - (Fri.) Football vs. Hayden/6:00 pm band room
28 - (Wed.) Centennial League Exhibition at WU/5:00 pm band room
29 - (Thurs.) Homecoming Bonfire (Drum Line only) 8 pm
30 - (Fri.) Homecoming vs. Manhattan (Parade 2:00 pm 6:00 pm band room)

October - 05 - (Wed.) Fall Concert 7:00 pm auditorium
07 - (Fri.) Football vs. WRHS (Mass Band night w/SMS)
08 - (Sat.) Natoma Parade (10 am SHS load, 11 am Parade, 12:30 pm back)
12 - (Wed.) Capital City Marching Festival @ Washburn (evening – times t.b.a.)
15 - (Sat.) Central States Marching Festival @ KSU (afternoon/evening)
28 - (Fri.) Football vs. Shawnee Heights – Senior Night (6:00 band room)
29 - (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 4th, Sectionals 11th, Sub State 18th, State 25th)**

November - 12 - (Sat.) District Honor Band Auditions @ Baldwin H.S. (8 am meeting)

December - 03 - (Sat.) Honor Band Convention @ Blue Valley H.S. (8 am meeting)
07 - (Wed.) Band/Jazz Holiday Concert (6:40 warm-up)
09 - (Thu.) BB vs. Lansing
13 - (Tue.) BB vs. Shawnee Heights

January - BB vs. JCHS
07 - (Sat.) Live Instrumental State Auditions @ Salina Central HS

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

GRADES:

-Band is a performance-oriented class an unexcused absence from any Tuesday night rehearsal or performance will result in a **reduction** from the "Performance Grade" in the current nine weeks report.

-Starting September 2, each member will be graded on the memorization of the assigned music for Marching Band. (Recorded as "Daily Participation Grade" – 40%) This category also includes participation, a positive attitude, continuous improvement, and respect for the School and others.

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***In the event that a student is not able to perform and will be absent, a written letter two weeks prior to the absence from a parent or guardian **and** a phone call will excuse the absence and not effect the student's grade in Band.

SEAMAN VIKING BAND

2nd Semester Schedule

February

04 - (Saturday) Band Booster Club Auction - SHS commons
4:00 Jazz II
4:50 Jazz I
5:45 Drum line

March

*** 8 – 10 Spring Musical - SHS aud.

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

April

*** 14 - (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

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

+ 26 – (Thursday) Symphonic Band performs W/ KSU Band @ KSU 7:00 pm

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

May

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

20 - (Sunday) SHS Graduation – 2:45 pm meet at SHS (go to Expo)
Ceremony at 4:00 pm
Back at SHS around 5:30 pm

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

** *Jazz Ensemble only*

+ *Symphonic Band only*

Seaman Viking Pep Band

2011/2012 Schedule

- There are two Pep Bands – those enrolled in a 5th hour band (5), and those enrolled in 7th hour (7).
- Attendance is required and will be part of current nine weeks grade.
- Same rules apply as Marching Band / Band Shirt is required to play.
- You must be set up and ready to play by 6:15 unless otherwise noted.
- We will 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:

- 02 - Fri. vs. BVSW (5)
- 09 - Fri. vs. Lansing (7)
- 13 - Tue. vs. SHHS (5)

January:

- 03 - Tue. vs. JCCH (7)
- 06 - Fri. vs. WRHS (5)
- 18 - Wed. vs. THS girls only (7)
- 27 - Fri. vs. THS boys only (5)

February:

- 07 - Tue. vs. TWHS (7)
- 17 - Fri. vs. Hayden (5) Snowball
- 24 - Fri. vs. Emporia (7)

*Feb. 29, March 1,2,3,7,8,9 - Sub state/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 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_____

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| 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

Seaman High School Band/Jazz Ensemble Travel Permission Form 2011-2012

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. Eaverson 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, September 2nd

2012 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 28)
- 5:15 load, 6:30 show at Washburn University

Capital City Marching Festival (Wed. evening, October 12)
- Early evening (tba) at Washburn University

Central States Marching Festival (Sat., October 15)
- Early afternoon load for Kansas State University

Neewollah Marching Festival (Sat., October 29)
- 7:00 am to 11:00 pm in Independence, KS

