

May, 2019

Dear St. Charles East High School Band Member and Parents:

We hope this letter finds you excited not only for the end of this school year, but for the start of the 2019/2020 school year. We are really looking forward to another tremendous year with the best students at East!

With the early start of the school year, we have decided to change our normal summer rehearsal schedule. We will not be starting until Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. We know this will bring on some conflicts with athletic teams starting at the same time, but we will work those out. Expect another letter this summer with further details about this and other possible conflicts. All students are expected to be at these rehearsals.

Another change is that we will be auditioning all sophomore, junior and senior percussionists and any freshman who would like to as well for placement on bass drum, snare or tenors. It is not required of freshmen-you will automatically be placed on cymbals if you choose not to try out or do not qualify for a spot on a drum. There will be one piece for everyone and a separate piece if you want to be considered for snare or tenors. These auditions will be held at 5 PM on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Music will be sent via email or snail mail at the beginning of July. **ANYONE WHO DOES NOT AUDITION ON OR BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE PLACED ON CYMBALS, REGARDLESS OF YEAR IN SCHOOL**

Here are the dates for the entire first quarter:

Monday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM-auditioning drummers only, 6:45-9:15 everyone
Wednesday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9 PM
Thursday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-9 PM
Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:45-9 PM
Tuesday, August 20 <sup>th</sup>	7-9 PM
Thursday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7-9 PM
Tuesday, August 27 <sup>th</sup>	7-9 PM
Friday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	HOME FOOTBALL GAME, 5:30 PM Call
Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Small Games Homecoming Assembly, 6:15 Call
Friday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	HOME FOOTBALL GAME, 5:30 PM Call (Homecoming) Parade at 1 PM
Thursday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	7-9 PM
Friday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	HOME FOOTBALL GAME, 5:30 PM Call
Tuesday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	ILMEA auditions (selected students only)
Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	HOME FOOTBALL GAME, 5:30 PM Call
Tuesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	MARCHING BAND CONCERT, 7:30 Start, Main Gym
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	HOME FOOTBALL GAME, 5:30 PM Call (Senior Night)

Please get these on your calendars now to avoid conflicts. Again, we will work with athletes to make sure that you are able to try out for your sport. We pride ourselves in the ability to have students participate in more than just band.

**Rehearsals end promptly at the given time-please be on time to pick up your band member. Games are typically finished between 9:15 and 9:45. Enter door 48 for all rehearsals.**

Also, please e-mail us if you are in need of a school instrument to use for band so we can have it ready for you. Rental fees will be collected during our August rehearsals. Rentals are \$150, and the percussion fee is \$75. These will need to be paid before our first performance on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to St. Charles East HS and please put the student ID number on the memo line.

Thank you for reading, and we are looking forward to the start of the year!

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