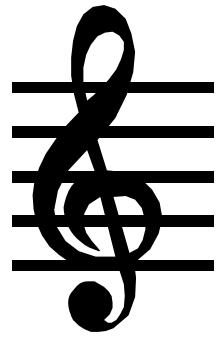


# Titan Thunder Regiment Summer Newsletter



Greetings,

A very successful year for the Temescal Canyon Music Department has just concluded and it is time to look forward to a new and even better year. I am quite excited by what we are going to accomplish in the coming year. We have an incredibly strong group of returning vets and what looks to be a very strong rookie class as well. Despite the fact that the overall number of students in the school is declining, the number of students in the band has increased considerably. In fact we will probably be moving from the A to AA category in marching band.

I am sending out this letter to give you some information about next year and various other topics. This is also to provide our incoming ninth graders with some important information before they arrive.

Within this newsletter you will find information regarding:

- Marching Band
- Band Camp
- Expenses
- Spring Trip
- Jazz Band
- Tentative 2008-2009 schedule

If you feel that you are receiving this letter in error please call me, as I need to know firm numbers for next year as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me. My email is [tyler.smith@leusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:tyler.smith@leusd.k12.ca.us) and is usually the best way of reaching me. I will be in town most of the summer and look forward to speaking with everybody.

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Smith', is written in a cursive style.

Tyler Smith  
Temescal Canyon High School



## Marching Band

Why Marching Band? For those of you coming into the school that haven't experienced marching band yet, you are going to have a great time. This is one of the most rewarding activities in which you can participate. This last year we had a very successful year of marching band competition. We took first place in our division in four out of five competitions, including being named the Division 1 California State Band Champions.

This year's show is entitled *Polovetsian Dances* and features the music of Alexander Borodin. Quite exciting for us is that we are having our music written specifically for us this year. Brad Pearson is the name of the arranger that is writing our show. For rookies you will find a copy of the music that we have received with this newsletter.

We will have a change in the marching band class this year. Students will still get credit, but the class will no longer be zero period. Instead, we will meet twice a week in the evenings. We will keep the Thursday rehearsal from 6-8 as we did in the past. We will be adding one rehearsal from 5-8 on either Monday or Tuesday. We will need to work around the football schedule to determine which day.

Marching Band season begins with band camp on July 28 and could end as late as December 6 if we qualify for the SCSBOA Championships. For vets that need to take the SAT's in the fall. Please do so on October 4<sup>th</sup>. I have left that test date clear. We will probably have performances on the other fall test days.



## Band Camp: **July 28-August 1** **and** **August 4-8**

To help us prepare for our fall marching season, we hold band camp at Temescal Canyon High School. This is a mandatory camp where we will learn a large portion of our field show drill and music for the fall. This camp is for both band and color guard. Missing any portion of this camp hurts not only individual musicianship, but will severely inhibit our ability to perform at a high caliber once school starts. Please take note that there will be a performance (we call this an *informance*) for all parents on August 8 followed by a barbeque and our first booster meeting.

The band camp structure will be slightly different, so please look closely at the schedule. If transportation is a problem please call me so that we can work something out.

### **Week 1**

Monday July 28: 5-8 pm Rookie Camp (rookies and student leaders only)

Tuesday July 29: 5-8 pm Music only (all report)

Wednesday July 30: 5-8 pm Music only

Thursday and Friday July 31 and August 1: 3-8 pm Music and Marching Fundamentals

### **Week 2**

Monday August 4: 3-8 pm

Tuesday August 5: 3-8 pm

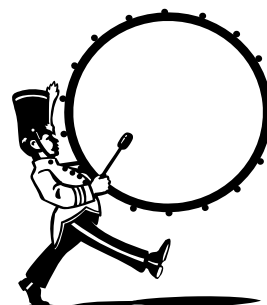
Wednesday August 6: 3-8 pm

Thursday August 7: 3-8 pm

Friday August 8: 2-5 pm

5 pm: Informance for parents

6 pm: Barbeque and booster meeting



Things to bring to camp:

- Food – sack lunch or \$5 to buy dinner from boosters
- Water bottle (mandatory)
- Sunscreen (we will be outside a lot)
- Instrument (Please call me prior to camp if you need an instrument)

## **Expenses**

Running a high-quality band program is very expensive and, unfortunately, the burden of providing funding falls primarily on students. To that end, we have a very active parent booster organization that raises money for the program. There are multiple fundraisers throughout the year to help students raise money that we need to function. Here are the estimated costs that we have for the coming year.

- \$300: Fair Share Tax-Deductible Donation. This is the amount that each student is asked to raise in order for the program to meet our financial obligations. As we are a non-profit organization, all payments are tax-deductible donations.
- \$36-\$150: Concert attire. The cost is dependent on the needs of the student. For boys that have a black suit, they will only need to purchase a shirt, bow-tie and cummerbund for \$36. Rookie boys and girls will need to purchase the appropriate concert attire, which will range from between \$75 and \$150 depending on what the student wants.
- \$30: Marching shoes. These only need to be purchased by rookies or vets who need new shoes. We have a limited number of used shoes available if needed.
- Spring Trip: The cost of this trip will be determined by the number of students attending, but will be around \$800

## **Spring Trip**

Each spring we take a full band trip. All band, color guard and jazz ensemble members are eligible for this trip. This year we are planning on a large trip to San Francisco. This trip was actually the second choice of band students with Seattle as the first choice. With the quickly rising costs of both plane fare and fuel, however, the Seattle trip would be quite cost-prohibitive. The final cost is still to be determined, but Lakeside paid \$800 for a similar trip to San Francisco this year. There will be a deposit of \$100 due on September 1<sup>st</sup>, with regular installments being due monthly after that. This trip is optional and does not have an impact to your student's grade in class.

## **Jazz Band**

As anyone who saw our jazz band this past year can attest, this ensemble is on its way up in a big way. This class will meet during zero period and is open to saxophone, trumpet and trombone players. Additionally, there are a limited number of rhythm section spots available for piano, guitar, bass and drums. If you are interested in this ensemble, please let Mr. Smith know as soon as possible. Spots are limited.