



*Skyview Band/Dance Parents  
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Dear Band/Dance Parent,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Skyview High School band and dance program. This year's theme is Vertigo. The following information may help with some of the questions you have as we start the new season.

**What is band/dance camp?** Band/Dance Camp is an intensive nine day camp in which the students learn the music and drill for the upcoming marching season. They also get to know the other students they will be in class and marching with. Camp runs daily from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> AND Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Water breaks, lunch breaks and dinner breaks are included during the day.

**Why is camp so long and is it required?** The Band/Dance team will perform their field show during half time at all home football games at Kiggins Bowl. The first game is usually the first week after school starts. It is simply too much material to learn in the first three days of school. The students need to be at camp in order to learn their music and their drill. It is during this camp that the finishing touches are put into the drill based on the students attending camp. The show is customized for the size of the band/dance team.

**What do I need to do to get my student cleared to participate?** The school district requires that all students participating in band/dance to fill out an Athletic/Activity Packet and turn it in at the Skyview business office, prior to participating in camp. This requires a doctor's physical as well as the \$50 Athletic/Activity Fee and the purchase of an ASB card for \$35. These fees are set by the school district and fulfill the district's requirement. These funds do not directly provide funding for the band/dance program. **Please note: Activity packets can be picked up starting August 12. Turn these packets in to the business office between August 12<sup>th</sup> and the morning of August 17<sup>th</sup> (the first day of camp).**

**What do I need to do next to have my student registered for band/ dance camp?**

Plan to accompany your student to the band room Monday August 17 between 8 am and 9 am. Parents must make sure all paperwork is completed and all fees are paid before their child can participate. Bring the receipt from the business office that shows your child has the athletic fee and paper work completed, all band/ dance paper work filled out completely and the required fairshare and payments for things such as gloves, shoes and extra t-shirts as described on other forms included in this packet. Students who are cleared in full will receive their tee shirts.

**What is Band/Dance "fairshare"?** Fairshare is the amount each student is asked to pay to help fund the cost of running the band/dance program throughout the year. It is important that everyone pays the full amount of their fairshare on or before the first day of band camp. **This**

**year as per the standing rules, if the payment is not made, or arrangements for grants or scholarships have not been turned in, the student will not be allowed to participate until either the required forms are completed or the amount is paid in full. If needed, payment may be made by credit card.** The fairshare covers the cost of one themed t-shirt which is a required part of the uniform, outside instructors (necessary for student achievement but who are not paid by the school district), meals at the football games and competitions, and props used during the field show. These are just a few of the expenses incurred on behalf of the students. Four major annual fundraisers help to raise more of the needed funds.

**What if I can't afford the fairshare?** The band/dance parents offer several opportunities throughout the year for students to earn points that can be used to pay for fairshare and cleaning fees. Students, who participate in individual fundraisers such as the butter braids or payback books, earn money that goes in to their personal scholarship account. A limited number of financial assistance grants are provided to students who need the help, but have no points in their scholarship account. It is expected that students who are given grants participate in the general fund fundraisers such as the Jazz Festival, Reign Review and Skyview Percussion Invitational (SPI). Parents are also expected to help with concessions at football games and the three other fundraisers. For further information on grants, please contact Peggy Lazo at 360-600-5273.

**What is not covered by fairshare?** In addition to the fairshare, students are asked to pay \$12 to pay for the end of the year cleaning of the uniform (band students only). For the dancers, the cost of the dance costumes is not included in the fairshare cost. In addition to the fairshare paid in the fall, an additional fairshare will be collected at a later date for the students participating in winter percussion and winter Reign. Fees for buses may be required.

**How can I help?** It takes many talents to run a successful band/dance program. We need carpenters, painters, seamstresses, accountants, secretaries, cooks, chaperones, hosts/hostesses, organizers and truck drivers to name a few. If you have a unique talent, you can be sure that it will be well-valued and appreciated in a group such as this. Remember the 4 major fundraisers for band/dance (Football concessions, Jazz Festival, Reign Review and SPI) will need your volunteer support throughout the year so that the band/ dance program is fully funded. There are many opportunities that are fun and interesting and help with support of band/ dance. Please watch for requests for help from our volunteer coordinators.

**Where can I get more information?** [www.SVBD.org](http://www.SVBD.org) is the official website of the Skyview Band/Dance Parents. There you will find all the forms necessary to register for band/dance camp, district volunteer clearance forms, contact information for all the officers, calendar of events, and fundraising information.

If you need additional information please feel free to email director Steve Robertson at [steve.robertson@vansd.org](mailto:steve.robertson@vansd.org), dance director Pattie Allinger at [pattie.allinger@vansd.org](mailto:pattie.allinger@vansd.org) or camp Co-Chairs Teresa Moeller @ [Teresa.moeller@hotmail.com](mailto:Teresa.moeller@hotmail.com) or Mary Heid @ [stampergirl@comcast.net](mailto:stampergirl@comcast.net) or Pam Dickinson at [pam@pamdickinson.com](mailto:pam@pamdickinson.com)

We look forward to meeting you at band camp August 17, 2009.

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