



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

Welcome to the 2010-2011 Skyview High School Band and Dance program. This year's theme is The Raven (based on the poem by Edgar Allan Poe). 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 will 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 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> AND Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, August 26<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 few 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 (a physical is required every 24 months and the form is available on the website) as well as the \$35 Activity Fee for Band Students or the \$50 Activity for Dance Students AND the purchase of an ASB card for \$30. 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. Free Sports Physicals are available:

Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Hudson's Bay HS from 1:30-4:30 pm

Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Skyview HS from 1:30-4:30 pm

Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Fort Vancouver HS from 1:30-4:30 pm

**Please note: Activity packets can be picked up in the Skyview Business Office starting August 11th. Turn these packets into the business office and pay the Activity Fee and ASB fee between August 11<sup>th</sup> and the morning of August 16<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 on Monday August 16 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 paid the Activity and ASB fees and completed the Activity packet, all band/dance paper work filled out completely (forms are on the website) and the required fairshare and payments for things such as gloves, shoes and extra t-shirts as described on the other forms on the Band/Dance website.

**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.** 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, which is what keeps the fairshare lower than most of the other area schools.

**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 into 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 Roni Kline at 360-546-0357.

**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 contact one of us. We look forward to meeting you at band camp on August 16, 2010.

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