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VERO BEACH HIGH SCHOOL FIGHTING INDIANS BAND

SIEZE THE MOMENT... THIS IS YOUR TIME!

Soon the thundering rhythms of drums, the crash of cymbals, brilliant fanfares of brass, the flourishes of woodwinds, and the brilliant colors of flags flying will signal that the **PRIDE of the TREASURE COAST**, *No Ordinary Band of Indians*... is **BACK IN TOWN** gearing up for the 2015 Fall Season of Friday night football and spectacular halftime entertainment. The exciting sounds of the Citrus Bowl and Fighting Indians fever can be heard for miles around on Friday nights, and you have the unique opportunity and privilege of being a part of something really big, the exciting Fighting Indians Band, tradition.

This year, we are taking a very different and exciting direction for our fall show titled "**America at War 1941-1945.**" This is a departure from previous shows featuring a dramatic mix of originally composed music, familiar themes, special effects, and the latest trends in marching band drill and visual effect to tell the story of a generation that noted commentator and author Tom Brokaw refers to as "The Greatest Generation". As Sept. 2, 2015 (VJ Day) marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II it is appropriate to recognize this import event in our nations history with this production dedicated to all those who served in the armed services and in the war effort on the home front.

The show is a story board of scenes beginning with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Off to War, Industrialization, Invasion, Battle, Remembering the Fallen, Celebration in the Streets, and the Homecoming Victory Parade. We are planning special costuming and effects to tie it all together to tell this important story to Citrus Bowl fans at halftime.

In addition to our dramatic football show we are looking forward to cool stands music, friends, and fun during our band camps. In order for our show to come alive musically and visually, we must first master our fundamentals and learn our show. During our first week of camp we will be focusing on the fundamentals of music and marching performance building a solid foundation for the application of our music to drill. Attendance at week one is essential for our success and each student must earn their final position in the show during this critical week. During week two, we will learn our field show and attendance during this time is required. Please refer to our attendance policies regarding camp participation in this newsletter.

We expect everyone to work hard during camp but also to play hard too. Some of the special fun activities of band camp including the Family Picnic, Skits, Bowling, Themed Dress Up Days, and our end of camp Theme Party and Dance complete with DJ and lots of good food.

Throughout this newsletter is information regarding the band camps, logistics, and other information. Students and parents are reminded take a look at the band website, the band calendar, and Charms to stay updated. **Medical forms, Drug Testing Form, and all contracts, and agreements must be on file by the beginning of camp. Also arrangements must be made for camp payment or scholarship assistance.**

We are also very excited to be attending the Kingdom of the Sun Band competition on November 7 in the Ocala area and our trip to the Chic-fil-a Peach Bowl in Atlanta December 27th - January 1 is sure to be a great experience for the band. **It is a great year to be a Fighting Indian Band Member.**

James M. Sammons, Director of Bands
C. Page Howell, Associate Director of Bands
and the
Fighting Indians Band Staff



Week One Band Camp Information**Monday, July 27th - Friday, July 31st**

All members of the band (**flags, percussion, and winds**) are required to attend camp each day. Participation this week is considered very important. Camp is held daily on the main campus of VBHS from **7:30 am until 3:45 pm Monday - Thursday and Friday from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm.** The Band Room opens at 7:00 am daily. Students are expected on campus no later than 7:15 am. Parent pick-up will be at 4:00 pm Monday, Thursday and at 12:45 pm on Friday. Positions in the football show drill will be finalized on Friday. All persons in regular attendance during camp, who demonstrate appropriate marching fundamentals, and musical progress during the week will be assigned a definite spot in the show. **Students not in attendance at Band Camp - Week One are not guaranteed a spot in the field show and may be assigned an alternate or understudy spot in the show. Any absences this week must be pre-arranged and approved in advance or due to an unforeseeable family or personal emergency.** Parent Pick-up: Staff supervision of students ends at 4:00 pm. or 15 minutes after the end of each days events. Please make sure all students are off campus each evening by this time.

The lunch break is from 11:40 am - 12:10 pm daily. Lunch will be on campus and students need to bring food with them in a cooler. Please do not depend on parents or others to deliver food as we may need to change the schedule around due to weather issues. **Students are not allowed to leave campus at any time during the day without advance approval from the Directors.**

Please dress in light loose fitting clothing and wear tennis shoes. All dress must meet the VBHS school dress code. Hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen are a must. Also please hydrate yourself and eat a healthy breakfast and lunch daily. Make sure to bring your official band cooler (new members will get their cooler on Monday at camp). Please fill water coolers before arrival at school. Health Forms, Drug Forms, and Band Contracts must be on file in order to attend band camp.

Band Activity Fee and Payments

The Band Activity Fee is \$200.00 per person. Please mail your checks to: Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc. at P. O. Box 5124 - Vero Beach, FL 32961. Please mail your payment coupon available on the band website with your check.

Pay Online: For your convenience, you will be able to make your FIBB Payments by credit or debit card on the band website.

Fitting / Sizing & Issuing Marching Uniforms (Winds & Percussion Only)

Sizings are 2:00 - 5:00 pm:
Wednesday - July 22nd Seniors / Percussion / Tubas
Thursday, July 23rd - Juniors & Sophomores
Friday, July 24th - Sophomores & Freshmen

Final Fitting and Issuing will be: Monday, July 27th - Thursday July 30th

Each student will be assigned a specific block of time for the final fitting and issuing of their uniform. It is very important to make this appointment. These will be posed to begin each day from 4:00 until finished. Please plan to attend on your specific time block and day.

Please understand that over 220 musicians have to be fitted for Uniforms. This is likely to take some time... your patience is appreciated.

Please wear shorts to both your issuing appointment that are similar to loose athletic / basketball type shorts. Also please bring your marching shoes. Students are asked to bring a parent to their issuing appointment in order to sign the uniform contract. **You are asked to pay all or at least 50% of the \$100.00 cleaning and maintenance fee at this time. You may also pay in advance online. Please make checks to Fighting Indians Band Boosters, Inc. (FIBB for short).**

Week Two Band Camp Information

Sunday August 2nd - Friday August 7th Band camp will be held on the Main Campus at Vero Beach High School each day. As per tradition and established practice, **attendance at band camp is mandatory for all students.** Attendance at camp is required each day for the full day as scheduled. With the exception of personal illness or family emergency, students who miss any portion of band camp field rehearsal time, may have to forfeit their spot in the show and be placed on the alternate or understudy list. We are unable to accommodate exceptions regarding attendance at camp, late arrival, or early departure. We ask that appointments or other distractions from rehearsals not be scheduled during camp. The rehearsal start and dismissal times for camp are as follows:

Sunday - 2:00 pm to 8:45 pm (Dinner Provided by Band, Family Picnic)

Monday & Tuesday - Daytime 7:30 am to 2:50 pm and Evening 6 pm to 8:45 pm

****Notice: students will be dismissed to go home at 2:50 until 6:00 pm on Mon. & Tues for rest and dinner on their own****

Wednesday - 7:30 am to 8:45 pm (Full Day , Bowling Off Campus & Dinner Provided by Band)

Thursday - 7:30 am to 8:45 pm (Full Day , Performance of Skits in PAC & Dinner Provided by Band)

Friday - 7:30 am to 10:30 am (Parent Pick-up at 11:00 am)

Note: Report and Sign In begins 30 minutes prior to start and parent pick-up is 15 minutes after dismissal

Students will be asked to bring their own lunch daily Monday - Thursday. Lunch will be at 11:00 am. Dinner Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be provided as part of the camp participation cost. The cost of recreational activities on Wednesday and Friday night are included in the camp cost.

On Sunday afternoon, August 2nd, we will have a Band Family Cookout, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm on the school grounds and cafeteria. Band families are invited to join their students and the band staff for a relaxed meal and get acquainted time.

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons students will be dismissed from camp at 2:50pm and allowed to go home for rest and dinner with rehearsals resuming at 6:00 pm. Students unable to leave campus are allowed to stay on campus to rest and will be supervised during this time. See below for additional information if you plan to stay on campus on these afternoons. Wednesday and Thursday are full days for everyone with Dinner provided. All students are required to stay on campus for the full day on Wednesday and Thursday.

Please refer continually to the VBHS Band Calendar, band website, facebook for updates.

Parent Pick-up: Staff supervision of students ends at 9:00 pm. Please make sure all students are off campus each evening by this time.



If you intend to remain on campus in the designated location (Mon. & Tues.) and take advantage of the , REST opportunity, you will need to bring a pad or blanket for the floor. The, REST option will be for the time (2:50-5:45 pm) and will be supervised. You may bring board games or electronic games. You will need to make arrangements for your own dinner on campus with your parents. Please sign up for Rest on Campus in advance during week one at the chaperone desk.

Chaperone Information

If you would like to chaperone band camp or any other band activity, contact Mary Putzke at 772-696-4786 or John Auger at 772-360-6585. You can also sign up to chaperone on Charms (www.charmsoffice.com.)



Emergency Phone - 772-532-9884

This number is for family emergency only! Example: family member in serious accident or medical situation or death in the family. Please do not call this number for matters that do not rise to this level of urgency. In the event your call does not go through, please leave a message and we will get back to you. We do check the phone at regular intervals.



Skits: Skits will be performed in the PAC on Thursday afternoon of Week Two at 3:30 pm. This is a change from previous years and is being made to allow for a more quality focused bonding and entertainment experience for students. Additionally moving skits away from the Friday evening party and dance will also help enhance that event as well. Skits will be themed and have a time limit. Each section will be assigned a specific theme to prepare and present. **The performance by the senior class of their Freshman show will be on Friday evening at the beginning of the Camp Party and Dance at 7:00 pm. Senior parents are invited to view the senior performance.**

Camp Party & Dance Information: The (Week Two) Friday evening camp dance is for current 2015-16 enrolled band members only and is intended as a bonding and celebratory activity for those students who have attended band camp. Guests, Alumni, and others are not admitted. Admission is by wrist band only. **The performance by the senior class of their Freshman show will kick off the evening at 7:00 pm. Senior parents are invited to view the senior performance.** Attire is to be business-professional dress. Club type dress is not acceptable and all attire must meet school dress code. Students are expected to conduct themselves and dance in accordance with accepted school standards for such events. This event ends at 9:30 pm. Students should be picked up no later than 9:45 pm

Contacting Band Directors and Staff During Camp Weeks

In general it is very difficult for the directors to be available during camp hours as they are conducting camp business related to the administration of camp, instructing students, or in meeting with staff. If contact with one of the directors is necessary, please leave a message on the band room phone or use e-mail. We will get back to you as soon as possible. For an emergency situation, use the band emergency contact phone number (772-532-9884).

VBHS Campus Closed

As a general policy, the campus areas and buildings used for band camp (including the practice field) are closed to visitors during the weeks of band camp with the exception of Friday morning of week two. We ask that everyone respect our camp hours and refrain from visits or interruptions of any kind during camp hours.

Conduct and Discipline

Exemplary conduct, discipline, attitude, and good manners are expected of all members of the band. In the rare event that an issue should arise where the actions of a student are in violation of school or band policy to the degree that disciplinary consequences are required by the school administration, the school Principal will be notified and the parent will be contacted to make arrangements for the student to go home. The student will not participate in any aspect of the band program until the Principal has settled the situation with the student, parent, and band directors.

Band Camp - Tips for Success (Weeks One and Two)

Visitors to camp are discouraged except on Week Two, Friday morning for the final rehearsal. Distractions from the business of camp are not allowed. Students are expected to remain at camp until dismissal of each day or evening.

Dress for rehearsals, light weight and color, cool, comfortable, and frumpy (big and loose), in good taste, must be covered for sun protection at all times. Shoulders should be covered for sun protection along with a hat or cap and sun lotion to prevent burns. Tennis shoes with athletic socks are also required for rehearsals.

Money for vending machine snacks is suggested. We suggest that you bring your own change. Snacks are provided during the morning rehearsal. This is included as part of your camp fee. Snacks for the afternoon and lunch each day are the responsibility of each student. You should bring a "good" supply of a variety of healthy items that you enjoy. **NOTICE: DO NOT BRING CAFFEINATED ENERGY DRINKS!**

Hydration & Nutrition is the overall responsibility of the student. Each student should hydrate each evening before going to bed and drink at least 16 ounces of water one hour before arrival at camp. A healthy breakfast with protein is important at least one hour prior to the arrival at camp. Lunches and snacks should be healthy with protein as well drinks should be limited to sports drinks and water (no soft drinks). Junk food and fast food are not recommended. If you have food allergies, please make sure these have been fully noted on your medical forms.

Prescription Medications needed during camp should be turned in to chaperones to hold for the student to use during camp. Please label all containers with your name, any instructions, and place them in a zip-lock bag. Please have your parent brief the Chaperone Coordinator(s) prior to camp regarding any special conditions or medical needs. We do not dispense any over the counter medication or prescription medication to students.

Camp Party & Dance will be on Friday evening of week two. Dress is to be "Business-Professional" dress. This includes ties for gentlemen and nice dress or slacks outfits for ladies. Please avoid jeans and tennis shoes and understand that while this is a dress up event, you may not wear "club type" dress. School dress code policy is expected. **Guests, Alumni, others,** are not allowed, as this is an event for current members .

Clothing should be selected with rehearsals, comfort, and heat / sun protection in mind. We suggest that you bring a change of clothes to keep in your locker or bag in the event we should be rained on or if you feel that you will need to change during the day.

Label and Mark all personal items such as bags, instruments, water bottles, folders, along with any item that can get mixed up with other similar items among your band peers.

Cell Phones: Only as allowed in cell phone policy.

Electronics: Be careful to keep these secure. The band is not responsible for lost items.

Courtesy and Respect for everyone is a band tradition.

School Policy and Band Rules are in force at all times (24 / 7) at all band activities. Follow them without exception!



What to Bring to Camp



Optional change of clothing and shoes for Bowling on Wednesday (Week 2) Also be ready with clothes daily in the event of rain.	Change of shoes or clothes in the event we are rained on or if you think you want to change before during the day. Keep these in your locker or a bag.	Spending Money for snacks or misc. during Bowling.
Sun Block 30 or up	Sun Glasses	Hat or Cap
Back Pack or Utility Bag for personal items	Lunch Each Day and Light Snacks	Band Water Cooler (This is the only cooler serviced by the chaperones)

Water Cooler

Each new student is being provided a water cooler for their personal use during camp at no cost.

Returning students will use their cooler from last year. Returning students who need a cooler must contact Marsha Patton immediately to order a replacement. Only the cooler provided by the band will be allowed in field rehearsal and only the cooler provided by the band will be serviced by the chaperone staff.

Cell Phone Policy

It is strongly recommended that cell phones not be brought to band events. The band staff, chaperones, and school will not assume nor accept any responsibility for loss or damage to cell phones. All school policies regarding cell phones apply to all band situations. Students may use cell phones in band situations as follows:

Breaks / Free time

Other as approved by the Director(s) or Chaperone(s)

Cell Phones may not be used as follows and must be turned off and out of sight:

During any field rehearsal, section rehearsal, or meeting situation

On busses except as approved by the Director(s) or Chaperone(s)

Any organized group activity of the band

Cell phone use and possession will be restricted for the group or for individuals when used irresponsibly or when the use of or possession of cell phones distracts from legitimate band activities or compromises the safety of the group or individuals.

Students may also be asked to turn in their cell phones to staff or chaperones to be returned to the student at the end of band activities.



Monday, August 10th - Band Pictures

Please eat a good **Breakfast** and **hydrate (Bring Water Bottles)** before you arrive for pictures!



Pictures are being taken by a professional company this year (portraits). You will get a handout from the FIBB with specifics during Wk Two of Camp.

- 7:15 am Report to the Band Room for Dressing
- 8:00 am Full Band Picture in the Citrus Bowl
- 9:15 am Sections, Groups, Seniors, Ad Pictures
- 10:15 am Individual Pictures, These must all be taken today!
(There are **NO** plans for retakes)

Pictures will be available for purchase. Details TBA

Attention Winds & Percussion Members: If you have not ordered from Scott's Sporting Goods your Band Shirts / Shorts, please contact Scotts immediately. Likewise, if you have ordered but not paid, please make arrangements with Scott's do so immediately. The deadline for taking care of this was July 1st. Please take action on these matters now.

Color guard members: only order your practice shirts ONLY from Scott's NOT your Rage Class C Shirts or Shorts. Color Guard see information on next page for further information about the new shirt.

Color Guard Pep Shirt: All members must order a new shirt from:

Generation Cotton @ 660 Old Dixie Hwy. / Vero Beach, FL 32962
772-257-6109

Deadline to order is: July 17th. You need to go to the store personally and pay for the shirt in advance. If you are out of town and will not be back by the 17th, You should call in your order.

Music Pass Offs: Each wind and percussion student will be expected to pass off their music from memory on Friday of Band Camp Week One. Music pass offs will be conducted by section leaders and supervised by band staff. Each student is reminded that they should be working on their music though out the remaining days prior to the start of camp.

Pre-Camp Rehearsal: Thursday July 23rd for all Percussion / Winds / Flag Corps .6:30 to 8:00 pm. Parent Pick Up is at 8:15. This will be a review of our Kick Off Camp Music and Flag Corps Basics, Please Bring Your Instruments, Music, Flags, and Other Equipment. Final Band Camp Payments, Drug Testing Forms, and Medical Forms / Contracts Will be Accepted.

Family Picnic and Cookout
Sunday - August 2nd - 4-5:30 pm
VBHS Cafeteria and Courtyard
Everyone Invited FIBB will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers and drinks. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. More details to come during week one of band camp.



We Are On Face Book

Log on and search for Vero Beach High School Band and Fighting Indians Band Boosters to stay in touch with the latest info.

