

July 11, 2017

Dear Parent(s) of Band Members:

As you are all aware, the summer is passing by and the next school year is quickly approaching. It is now time to start thinking about summer band and marching season!

Summer band will begin the week of July 31 and will run for three weeks until August 17 with a performance the evening of August 17 that all students are expected to attend if they are in Manhattan and not on vacation. The band kids will meet a few times a week during this time. I have posted a schedule for your convenience on our band website so you know when your child will have to attend.

If your child wants to participate in band (concert and marching) this school year, they must attend summer band. I do understand that families take vacations and this is not a problem. I just ask if your child is in town that they attend summer band at their designated day and time. I don't have a problem with students coming and going during summer band as long as they attend. If your child must miss any day, I ask that you please send a note with them stating when they will be absent.

The fee for summer band this year will be \$75.00 per student. You can pay with check or cash. All checks must be made payable to "Manhattan School District 114" and must be paid by the first day of your child's band camp if your child wants to participate in summer band. If the camp is not paid for on your child's first day, they will not be permitted to attend camp until the fee is paid. The money is to be turned in directly to me which I will turn in to district office. When you turn in your fee, please make sure it is in an envelope with your child's name and grade level written on the outside. If you are having difficulties paying this fee, please feel free to contact me so we can make any necessary arrangements. **All checks should be made payable to "Manhattan School District 114".**

In addition to the summer band fee, students will be responsible for purchasing a blue band t-shirt. The shirts are the same as last year, so if your 7th or 8th grade student's shirt still fits, you will not need to buy one. **All incoming 6th graders must buy a t-shirt. The cost of the shirt will be \$10.00. 6th graders will also be responsible for obtaining a pair of all black marching band shoes for approx. \$22.00.** There are forms to order the shirts and shoes on our band website. If your child has out grown their shoes and you want to get rid of them, please feel free to donate them to the band. You may end up helping out another child who may not be able to afford to buy a pair of their own marching shoes.

I am very excited about this year and am looking forward to seeing your child in the near future. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at cpedziwater@manhattan114.org. Also, please feel free to check out our band website at manhattanbandboosters.com. This website contains very important information that will be helpful to you throughout the summer and school year.

Thank you and I will see you all in a few weeks.

Sincerely,
Carleen Pedziwater, Band Director