

Things You Need to Know

Band Booster Meetings:

Mark your calendar! Band Booster meetings are held in the band room at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The “Band Boosters” are you! We strongly encourage you to attend! It’s a great opportunity to hear updates from our directors and committee chairs, share ideas, and have questions answered. The Booster meetings are a great way to meet other band parents.

Band Camp:

This is a **mandatory** camp. Students prepare for the upcoming season as they rehearse marching techniques, formations, and music. **Bring instruments and water, wear hats, comfortable, cool clothes, bug repellent, sunscreen, and tennis shoes (no sandals, flip flops, boots).** Snacks are provided and water may be refilled during breaks. Students are not permitted to leave campus. Written excuses must be provided for absences from **any** band camp session.

Band Camp Photos:

Group photos will be taken in uniform at Band Camp (see band calendar at www.dchsband.org). Following the group shot, individual photos may be taken starting with seniors. Order forms will be available to students.

Band Uniform Fitting:

Please adhere to the class fitting schedule (see band calendar at www.dchsband.org).

Band Uniform:

Uniform Jacket, Pants, Baldric, & Gauntlets – Always wear your DCHS band T-shirt, with sleeves, under your jacket. This will keep it cleaner. Do not lay jackets on the ground where they may be soiled or on fences or places where they can be torn or snagged. Wearing lightweight shorts under your band pants allows you to change in public. (Baggy shorts look too bulky.) Keep track of your gauntlets. They are not attached to your uniform. Store them in your uniform bag. Uniforms are kept in numbered bags assigned to each student. **Know** your bag number. Check your band uniform after each event. If any part is heavily soiled or in need of repair, sign up on the band bulletin board. The Uniform Committee will pick it up and take care of it as needed. It will be returned to your garment bag before the next event. Moisture can damage the fabric. If your uniform is wet from rain or sweat, notify the Uniform Committee.

Hat & Plume – Store your hat in its box. Plumes are handed out before each performance and collected after. The plumes are very fragile. Always remember to turn in your plume.

Shoes, Socks, & Gloves – These belong to you. Shoes are ordered during the uniform fitting. Please put your name in permanent marker on the bottom or inside of your shoes. Your shoes should always be clean. **DO NOT** put shoes in the garment bag. Keep them in the cloth shoe bag provided and store in your trunk. You must have all-black socks that extend 3 inches above the shoe. White gloves are worn for the marching season. Store them in your hatbox, or inside pocket of your jacket.

You are responsible for your uniform! You will be expected to cover the replacement cost if it is lost or unreasonably and excessively damaged.

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Medical Information Form:

It is **imperative** that the Medical Information Form be completed and returned immediately.
Students cannot be allowed to attend Band Camp if their Medical Form is not on file.

Membership Fee:

The yearly Band and Color Guard membership fee is \$150.00 per student and will be mailed in to Dowling with Dowling registration fees. This fee covers things such as mailings, directories, T-shirts, awards, and general maintenance of the uniform.

T-shirt Order:

One band T-shirt is provided to each band student to be worn as part of the marching uniform. Additional T-shirts are also available to purchase for parents and siblings

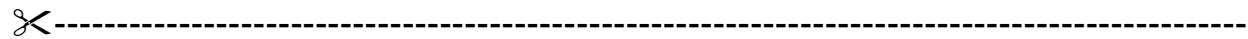
Band Website - Stay Informed:

You will need to use our website: <http://www.dchsband.org>! It has information you will need for dates, procedures, etc. This will be our primary vehicle of communication!

Your Student Account:

Each student will have a band account set up by the band treasurer. This is a personal account in which we track the student’s band related expenses and their individual fundraising income. Each student or parent has the option to pay for their expenses directly, or to participate in fundraising to cover all or a portion of those expenses. Students are responsible for costs associated with competitions, band trips, etc. Funds are withdrawn from the account as event expenses are incurred. It is important to maintain a positive balance in your student’s account at all times.

- The Band Booster Treasurer will provide a printed statement of your student’s individual account balance at regular intervals throughout the year.
- Expenses **MUST** be paid by check (payable to DCHS Band Boosters) and mailed with a deposit ticket to the Booster Treasurer (**except for first payment due July 15th at the time of band registration time - this is sent to the Secretary with required forms**).
- To preserve our tax-exempt status, there are **NO** refunds of excess account balances. Balances do roll over to the following year.
- A sample band account deposit form is shown below. Use this (in the future) when depositing money to your student’s account. Additional forms can be found at <http://www.dchsband.org>.



Dowling Band/Color Guard - Student Deposit Form

Mail to: *Joann Boylan*
4046 Adams Ave
Des Moines, IA 50310

Student Name _____ Amount of Deposit \$ _____

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