

6/29/2022

Greetings SOUNDPOWER Family!!!!

Hope your summer is going well. This is just a short letter to make sure you know where our information is. All of our information will be done through School email, Google Classroom and westbrookband.org. The Google Classroom code is 3tn4bvs. The name is Soundpower '22-23. We will use Google calendar as well. We have dates on the calendar and a camp schedule is attached. Check it out! Staying safe and being healthy are our first priorities.

Get your paperwork filled out in RankOne. You must have a completed physical turned in to Athletic trainers and/or Band directors. This must be done prior to camp (Link is on the band website www.westbrookband.org) and joining The Google Classroom for Soundpower '22-23 (3tn4bvs).

We will march in the morning and have playing/marching rehearsals in the afternoon. Use common sense, we will be outside, it will be hot. Dress appropriately. Bring sunscreen and hats. You will need socks and tennis shoes or MARCHING BAND SHOES for outside marching rehearsals. FLIP FLOPS, CROCS AND SLIP ON SHOES, BOOTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR MARCHING REHEARSALS. If you have to ask "Are these shoes ok?" They probably aren't. You may want to bring other shoes for other rehearsals, as YOU DON'T WANT SWEATY FEET ALL DAY! We will be moving back and forth between the practice field and the parking lot. It will be hotter on the parking lot. We will use the parking lot while the grass dries in the mornings. Be ready to switch inside and outside rehearsals in case of cool weather or rain.

Drum major and section leaders, I need you for flag and drum camp. We will meet ahead of time to go over marching fundamentals, prepare music and get ready for camp.

If you are unable to attend any part of band camp, you need to let us know as soon as possible so that we can prepare rehearsals. Work & Drivers Ed will not be excused absences. It also needs to be understood that if you miss you will not march in performances until we, the directors, feel you have made up, caught up and passed off what you need to be in the show.

We will do lots of fundamentals. We start the show when the fundamentals are right, NOT WHEN THEY ARE GOOD ENOUGH!

Please follow us on Social Media: West Brook Soundpower www.facebook.com/wbhsband/

Instagram: WBSOUNDPOWER

Twitter: @SoundpowerWB

You can also join the Soundpower Shutterfly website, www.westbrooksoundpower.shutterfly.com. This is where we upload pictures.

This is our website: www.westbrookband.org

Summer camp: We could also use some pop up tents for shade. Students will also want to bring water. We will have coolers to refill their bottles.

Dates for camp are:

FLAGS- JULY 18-22 TIMES TBA

PERCUSSION- JULY 18 - 22 1:00PM-4:00PM

Make sure you have YOUR marching sticks and/or equipment. Read below about school owned equipment.

ROOKIES & NEW MEMBERS- JULY 18-22 8 AM- NOON

This is for anyone who has not marched with Soundpower before.

FULL BAND- JULY 25-29 8 AM-5 PM

AUGUST 2-5 & 8 4 PM-6 PM

SCHOOL STARTS AUGUST 10

FULL BAND AUGUST 11 3 PM - 5:30 PM

FULL BAND AUGUST 15, 16, 18 3 PM -5:30 PM

FULL BAND - MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAY 3:00 PM- 5:30 PM

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGES

Rankone- Information is listed on the band website www.westbrookband.org Yes this is so important we listed it TWICE!

All parts of RankOne must be completed before you can attend camp. This includes your completed physical.

We also need you to go to <https://forms.gle/UQ38ftyyCEsNLp8N6> and fill this parent/student info sheet out.

There will be a roster uploaded to Soundpower Google Classroom which will tell you which part you play. If you don't sign in to Google Classroom you will get whatever parts are left.

School owned instruments:

July 19, 9AM-11AM. If you need a school owned instrument contact me soon so that we can get you one.

School owned equipment will be passed out BEFORE camp begins. If you wait to get one on the first day of camp, you won't get one! If you have a school owned instrument it should have been turned in!

BAND FEES

Our band fees are going up. They have not increased in over ten years!

Band fee will be \$80.00. As far as I know BISD is going cashless. Here is a payment schedule if you need it.

PAYMENT 1- JULY 29 \$20.00

PAYMENT 2- AUGUST 31 \$20.00

PAYMENT 3 - SEPTEMBER 30 \$20.00

FINAL PAYMENT- OCTOBER 31 \$20.00

We are in the process of updating the QR Code we were issued from BISD. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

This fee will cover band t-shirt, uniform cleanings and other items associated with marching band.

BAND SHOES:

We have some shoes left from previous years. If you are brave enough to find a pair that fits you, you can have them. If you need new shoes, go to www.bandshoes.com or www.bandshoppe.com, and order them. Please pick from Bando Classic, Dinkles Glide, Dinkles Vanguard, Drillmasters, DSI MTX, DSI Viper, Style Plus Athletic, Or Style Plus Plus One. **MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT ORDER SHINY SHOES** you will have to send them back! **Make sure you order BLACK!!**

They can be found at the following websites:

bandshoes.com

bandshoppe.com

and on Amazon

We have a small supply of new shoes in small and large sizes. First come first served.

OTHER STUFF:

Everyone needs a flip folder and lyre **BEFORE** camp. Take your instrument with you to the music store to make sure you get a lyre that fits. Flutes need to get the Flutists Friend. It is the one that straps to your arm. Now is also the time to get your instrument worked on if it needs work. Swicegood Music 409-833-8603. We do not have lyres or flip folders to supply you with. If you left yours from last year it is probably gone!

We are working on a plan for parents to be able to purchase meals for their students and have them delivered to the school for lunch. That information will be forthcoming as soon as details are finalized.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us, dmckinn@bmtisd.com or svidrin@bmtisd.com. We will be in and out of the bandhall all summer. If we don't answer the phone **409-617-5609**.....**LEAVE A MESSAGE!**

We are extremely excited about this year's Band and our show. We can't wait to get the band back together. Have a great and safe summer.

GO BAND!!!

Mr. McK and Mrs. A

P.S. GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, SPEND SOME TIME OUTSIDE....

AND PRACTICE!!!!!!