

May 16, 2009

Dear Band Members and Parents:

You are receiving the following packet of information because you have signed up for the 2009-10 Caledonia High School Band. It is a great honor for me to welcome you back to this prestigious group for the upcoming school year.

Enclosed you will find all the information that you need for the 2009-10 edition of the Caledonia Fighting Scots Marching Band and Concert Band program including: Payment information, the 09-10 band calendar, band camp information, travel release forms, a student pledge, and a wealth of other important information. When you have a few moments, please sit down together and familiarize yourself with the information contained in the packet, as it will provide you with all the information you need for the 2009-10 year.

Please refer to our website [www.caledoniabands.com](http://www.caledoniabands.com) often for important updates throughout the year. We will post information on the board in the band room, and on the website so that both students and parents can be kept updated. You can also find information about our latest fundraising efforts for the boosters and individual student accounts on the website.

Please, do not be afraid to contact me in the High School Band Office with any questions, or concerns.

It is a great honor to be,  
Musically yours,

Kyle Wellfare  
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Enc: 09-10 Marching Band Hand Book

CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

2009-2010

CONCERT BAND  
&  
MARCHING BAND  
CAMP

HANDBOOK

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW  
ABOUT THE 2009-2010  
BAND YEAR

Dear Student and Parents:

This past school year has seen tremendous musical growth in our band program. We have many students dedicating their time and energies to seeing that our band becomes the pride of Caledonia and the State of Michigan. I cannot express how excited I am for the coming school year. Last year the Marching Band demonstrated huge gains on an almost daily basis, which allowed us to improve our competitive scores from week to week. We have already begun to plan for next year's show, which we will be performing at home football games, area festivals, MSBOA district festival, invitationals and competitions. **Practice and preparation will be the two most important factors in obtaining the skills needed to perform well.**

Marching Band Camp provides the opportunity for us to polish our skills and address the pressing issue of learning the show. It is at Band Camp where we "put it all together" with hard work, and fun. At no other time during the season will we have the privilege of having so many rehearsals in such a short time span. As you can see, the success of marching band camp foretells the success of the band for the entire year.

For those of you who are new members of the band: Band Camp also provides us the opportunity to get to know one another. We work very hard at learning our show and being a great band, but we also work hard at having fun and becoming a caring responsible group of musicians. Lincoln Lake Camp has many activities for students to enjoy their free time including water skiing and swimming.

**Important reminders regarding camp this year:**

1. The Second Payment of \$90 is due on May 29
2. Each student will submit the remainder of the camp fee in two installments: June 30 and July 22
3. Each student and their parents will attend a pre-camp meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2008 at 8:00 PM in the HS Band Room. All final details for camp will be provided at this meeting (final payment also due).

Please make checks payable to: Caledonia Bands

Mail to: Caledonia Bands  
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Caledonia, MI 49316

Musically yours,

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## Pre-Camp/Camp:

Pre-Band Camp, and Band Camp are two vital components of our year. Pre-Camp allows us to focus on the basics of Marching and Music. This 4-day period gives us the opportunity to introduce ourselves to our new members and teach them the marching and musical basics that we all must have to be successful at Band Camp. Pre-Camp takes place in the Caledonia High School Band Room, and our practice field.

Band Camp Takes place at Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp in Gowen, Michigan. **Band Camp is a required activity for all students participating in the Caledonia High School Band Program.** Band Camp is an integral part of the high school band music curriculum. Students will return from camp having learned the necessary skills and a major portion of the fall marching program. The band performs, often before the official start of school. The camp routine from check-in through the exit performance is important. Requests to come late or leave early conflict with the successful operation of the camp. **The camp requirement is for the entire camp week.**

*Band Camp is a positive, historical, yet required aspect of the Caledonia High School Band. Therefore, financial need shall not be a reason for a student not participating. Cases of real and verifiable need should be directed to the directors and band boosters.*

## Instruments:

Please make sure that your instrument is in proper working condition before the start of Camp in July. Please contact the directors if you have questions regarding the conditions of your instrument. Marching Instruments may be checked out at the end of the 2008 school year.

## Music:

Music will be available to you as you come to pre-camp. Most of the music should be completed by summer vacation. Students will receive their music as soon as it is done.

## Health Forms/Permission Slips:

All health forms and travel permission slips must be turned in prior to or during the pre-camp parent meeting on July 22, 2008. These forms are required for your student to travel with the band to camp and other competitions. ALL INFORMATION ON THESE FORMS IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

## **Rehearsals/schedule:**

See the attached calendar for all dates and times of rehearsals, competitions, games, and other events. We have very little time to accomplish many tasks. Because of this, it is essential to the success of the group that each student is ready to play at the start time listed on the calendar. If the event starts at 7:00 please be early to get your instrument and other supplies in order. We cannot afford to lose time waiting for stragglers.

## **Uniforms:**

The Caledonia High School Marching Band has two uniforms for the season. The Summer Uniforms consists of our 2009 t-shirt, which students will receive during 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade rehearsals. Along with the t-shirt students will wear Khaki shorts, and tennis shoes.

The marching uniform consists of the following items which will be fitted to students individually during the summer: Bibs, Jacket, Sash, Shako, Plume. Students must provide the following items, which will be available for purchase during fitting: Uniform shoes, Black socks, Gloves, White t-shirt or Summer Uniform shirt (for under jacket).

Students who do not have the proper uniform pieces at a performance will NOT participate in the performance. Sections leaders, staff, and directors, will inspect all uniforms prior to a performance to assure that we all have the correct uniform.

Our Concert Uniforms consist of tuxedos for men and black dresses for women. These uniforms will also be fitted during summer uniform fitting.

All uniforms will be kept at the school. Prior to a performance, students will check out their uniform. When finished with it a band parent will inspect and return the uniform to its location in the uniform room.

## **Standards and Expectations:**

Members of the Caledonia High School Band are held to the highest musical and behavioral standards. Every student is expected to give 100% of their effort in all areas. All students will follow the rules and regulations stated in the Caledonia High School Student Handbook and those put in place by the Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp.

All students will follow the rules regarding curfew and lights out at night, and the rules regarding students in rooms. (no boys in girls rooms, and girls in boys rooms)

Violation of any of the attached rules, those found in the CHS Handbook, or those stated by Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp may result in disciplinary action as stated in the CHS Handbook. Actions can lead up to and include parent notification of the event, and the parents arranging, at their expense, the immediate transportation home of their child. Failure to follow the rules may also jeopardize the students' future participation in the CHS Band Program, and depending on the infraction, notification of school or state authorities for further disciplinary action.

The CHS Bands have a reputation of respect and responsibility. We have a great group of students and parents who will make sure that we continue this fine tradition of excellence.

## **PRE-CAMP DETAILS:**

**DATE:** July 20-23, 2009

**LOCATION:** Caledonia High School Band Room

**TIME:** 6:00 – 9:00pm

## **CAMP DETAILS:**

**DATE:** July 26 – July 31, 2009

**LOCATION:** Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp, Gowen, MI

**COST:** \$315.00 per person

**Please make Checks Payable: Caledonia Bands**

# **CAMP ITINERARY**

**July 26, 2009 – Sunday**

- 12:00 PM** Meet at the High School Band Room. Upon Arrival:
- 1. Check in at desk**
  - 2. Have luggage and Instrument inspected**
  - 3. Check in all medications**
- 12:30 PM** Begin loading all equipment, suitcases, and instruments. Each person is responsible for their own equipment.
- 1:00 PM** Depart for Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp in Gowen, MI.
- 2:00 PM** Approx. time of arrival at Camp, unload
- 2:15 PM** Free time to get rooms organized and learn camp layout
- 3:00 PM** Be on the field with your instruments
- 5:00 PM** Approx. time of supper with short meeting afterwards.
- 6:00 PM** Be on the field with your instruments
- 9:00 PM** Break and Planned Activities
- 11:00 PM** Curfew – Lights out (go to bed, you will need the rest)

**July 27 – July 29 (Monday-Wednesday)**

*This schedule may be altered on a daily basis due to weather conditions, etc.*

- 7:00 AM** Wake up (reveille), Clean Rooms
- 7:30 AM** Breakfast, Clean Rooms
- 8:30 AM** On the field with Instruments/music/etc
- 10:30 AM** Break (on the field)
- 10:45 AM** Sectionals Begin
- 11:45 AM** Dismissal for Lunch
- 12:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM** Full Group Musical Rehearsal
- 2:00 PM** On the Field with Instruments/music/etc
- 3:30 PM** Free Time until Dinner
- 5:00 PM** Dinner
- 6:00 PM** Musical or Field Rehearsal depending on needs of the day. After Rehearsal there is free time to practice and socialize.
- 10:30 PM** In Room
- 11:00 PM** Lights Out – GO TO SLEEP

**July 30 – Thursday**

**7:00 AM**            **Wake up (reveille), Clean Rooms**  
**7:30 AM**            **Breakfast, Clean Rooms**  
**8:30 AM**            **On the field with Instruments/music/etc**  
**10:30 Am**           **Break (on the field)**  
**10:45 AM**           **Sectionals Begin**  
**11:45 AM**           **Dismissal for Lunch**  
**12:00 PM**           **Lunch**  
**1:00 PM**            **Full Group Musical Rehearsal**  
**2:00 PM**            **On the Field with Instruments/music/etc**  
**3:30 PM**            **Free Time until Dinner (progress in rehearsals  
will determine if free time starts at 3:30 or  
later)**  
**5:00 PM**            **Dinner**  
**6:00 PM**            **Musical or Field Rehearsal depending on needs  
of the day. WEAR YOUR SUMMER BAND  
UNIFORM (band t-shirt, khaki shorts, tennis  
shoes)**  
**7:00 PM**            **PARENT NIGHT! – Perform show for the  
parents with music memorized**  
**8:00 PM**            **Our last night is reserved for special skits and  
casual entertainment. Now you can relax, you  
deserve it! Curfew will be extended.**

## **July 31 – Friday**

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Wake-up (reveille), clean rooms</b>
<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast, Clean rooms</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Load Trailer – Except for Instruments</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>On the field with Instruments/Music/Etc</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break(on Field)</b>
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Dismiss for Lunch</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Load Busses – Return Home</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Arrive at CHS Band Room and get picked up</b>

## **WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP in ONE SUITCASE ONLY**

Sleeping Bag & Pillow

Shorts

Sunscreen (IMPORTANT)

Towels

Personal Toiletries: Soap  
Toothbrush/paste  
Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Etc...

Rain Gear

Hat

Sunglasses

Tennis shoes (NO SANDALS ON FIELD)

One SMALL carry on bag

Swimsuit (girls, Lincoln Lake Camp Rules state that swimsuits must be one piece, or 2 with a t-shirt over it)

Undergarments

Socks

Bug Spray

Alarm Clock

Extra Reeds, valve oil, grease,

Pencils

Music/lyres/flip folio

Instrument

Water Bottle

1 Fan per room

# CALEDONIA HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## 2009-2010 BAND CALENDAR

***PARENTS! PLEASE READ! PUT THIS OUT IN THE OPEN!***

REMEMBER: ALL PERFORMANCES/REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED.

REVISED: 5/16/2009

HIGH SCHOOL BAND	
June 25-26	MB rehearsal 6-7:30 pm HS Band Room
June 27	MB PERFORMANCE 12:00 pm 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade
July 20-23	MB Pre-Camp 6:00-9:00 pm High School Band Room
July 22	Pre-Camp Parent Meeting 8:00 pm High School Band Room
July 26-July 31	MB BAND CAMP Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp
Aug 3	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 6	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 10	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 13	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 17	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 20	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 24	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 27	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Aug 28	MB PERFORMANCE 5:45-10:00 pm Football Game
Aug 31	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Sept 14	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Sept 21	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Sept 25	MB PERFORMANCE 5:45-10:00 pm Football Game
Sept 28	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Oct 5	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Oct 9	MB PERFORMANCE 5:45-10:00 pm Football Game
Oct 12	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Oct 13	Oct 14 MB PERFORMANCE time TBA MSBOA Marching Festival
Oct 19	MB Rehearsal 7:00-9:00 pm
Oct 23	MB PERFORMANCE 5:45-10:00 pm Football Game
*Oct 30	MB PERFORMANCE 5:45-10:00 pm Football Game
Nov 2	MB PERFORMANCE 7:00 pm Indoor Marching Show – HS Gym
Dec 4	Christmas Parade Evening time TBA

HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONT...	
Dec 15	Winter Holiday Concert 7:00 pm High School FAC
Feb 6	HS Solo&Ensemble
Feb 23	Winter Pre-Festival Concert 7:00 pm High School FAC
Feb 24-26	HS Band Festival Possible Dates
May 3-6	HS Band Festival Possible Dates
May 6	Spring Band Concert 7:00 pm High School FAC
May 31	MB PERFORMANCE 12:00 pm Memorial Day Parade

Please Note: This Calendar does not yet contain Invitational or Competition Dates. This calendar will be updated as soon as they are known.

[www.caledoniabands.com](http://www.caledoniabands.com) for news/updates/call times

ALL PERFORMANCES AND EXTRA REHEARSALS ARE REQUIRED BECAUSE THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR BAND. ATHLETIC CONFLICTS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED – ANY UNFORESEEN ATHLETIC CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE TAKEN CARE OF PERSONAL CONFLICTS. YOU WILL NOT BE EXCUSED FROM ANY PERFORMANCE EXCEPT FOR EXTREME EMERGENCIES SUCH AS A DEATH IN THE FAMILY. PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR SPECIAL FAVORS – THEY WILL NOT BE EXCUSED THIS YEAR. WE HAVE HAD TOO MANY “ONCE IN A LIFETIME” SITUATIONS AND WITH THE SIZE OF OUR BAND, THE ENTIRE BAND’S PERFORMANCE IS ALWAYS COMPROMISED. Thank you.

**BAND BOOSTER MEETING DATES –  
ALL MONDAYS 7PM – HS UPPER FORUM ROOM**

*Visit [Caledoniabands.com](http://Caledoniabands.com) for an updated booster meeting  
Schedule*

This calendar represents the entire Band Program. Students are only responsible for the dates that relate to the band in which they are enrolled. The directors and administrators will implement any additions, deletions, or changes to this calendar. Please remember that attendance is required at all performances and extra rehearsals. You will be given a minimum two-week written notice in-class if dates change. An excuse for absence from a performance or music event must be submitted to the director, in writing, at least three weeks before the scheduled event of concert for consideration. (please note that this is only for consideration) Only family emergencies will be excused (and you certainly cannot plan for that, nor could anyone). Every effort has been and will be made to help each student fulfill obligations to other school group activities, but we cannot work around outside events such as travel teams since they are not school groups. Excuses for

# STUDENT PLEDGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a member of the Caledonia High School Band Program will be responsible for the following while at Marching Band Camp or any other trip associated with Caledonia Bands during the 2009-2010 school year.

1. I will not complain about trivial matters. I will address any concerns I may have to my chaperone.
2. I will not bring valuables with me to band camp, i.e. rings, necklaces, etc.
3. I realize that my parents will pay for any damages incurred by my actions to the Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp. I realize that Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp does not have insurance to cover my mistakes even if they are not intentional. (*Parents, Lincoln Lake Baptist Camp does have insurance, BUT the deductible is extremely high*)
4. I will keep my money with me at all times and realize that I probably won't need more than twenty dollars for the week.
5. I will adhere to all school rules including the non-use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol and any other items that will impair my abilities.
6. I will not take articles that do not belong to me.
7. I will conduct myself as a lady or gentleman at all times, poor behavior will not be tolerated.
8. I will follow all instructions given to me by chaperones and directors.
9. I will be in bed at the designated time for lights out.
10. I will perform my music to the best of my ability at all rehearsals and performances
11. I will have my music memorized by the time band camp begins.
12. I will follow all rules and guidelines stated in this handbook and any rules instituted at camp.
13. I will not leave my room after curfew and will follow the rules regarding people in my room. (no boys in girls rooms, no girls in boys rooms)
14. I will be responsible for the uniforms I am assigned and realize that if I damage, destroy, or lose any part of the uniform I will be responsible for the replacement cost of \$330.00 for the Marching Uniform, and 150.00 for the Concert Uniform.
15. I realize that if any of the above items are violated I stand the chance of being disciplined and, depending on the infraction, being sent home at my parent's expense. I understand that the opportunity for future participation in the Caledonia Band Program may be jeopardized and that I may be subject to further discipline by the school administration upon the beginning of the school year.

Let's have a great year!!

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Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

# CALEDONIA MARCHING BAND FEES & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Return to H.S. Band Room or Mail to: Caledonia Bands  
P.O. Box 501  
Caledonia, MI 49316

The following chart lists the Fees for the 2009-2010 season  
Payment Dates: April 30, May 30, June 30, July 22

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt Size (for summer uniform): \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Marching Band Fee \$315.00

This fee includes Band Camp,  
Summer Uniform T-Shirt.

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## Marching Band

**Payment Coupon -Due: April 30 – Please return top of form with this coupon**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: **\$90.00**

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## Marching Band

**Payment Coupon -Due: May 30**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: **\$90.00**

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## Marching Band

**Payment Coupon -Due: June 30**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: **\$90.00**

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## Marching Band

**Payment Coupon -Due: July 22**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: **Balance**

# Caledonia High School Band

## Trip Release and Medical Information Form

My son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to accompany the Caledonia High School Band and to participate in all scheduled field trips by district school bus or chartered bus during the \_\_\_\_\_ school year. This form shall serve as a trip release and medical information form for the 2009-2010 school year.

### Student Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_ \*e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

If Unable To Contact Parent/Guardian, Contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### \*Medical/Insurance Information

Provide Copy of Insurance Card

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

**The following basic medical information is Necessary for your protection during the trip. Fill in all applicable Blanks.**

ALLERGIES (Medications, Foods, Insect Bites, Etc) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
If yes, Please Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ASTHMA/BREATHING PROBLEMS YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
If yes, please list your current treatment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

JOINT/BONE PROBLEMS YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ANY GENERAL HISTORY OF PROBLEMS WITHIN THE PAST YEAR YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

\*PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS YES\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify\_\_\_\_\_

\*OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS AS NEEDED YES\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify\_\_\_\_\_

### **Authorization and Consent of Parents and/or Legal Guardians**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in all activities related to the Caledonia High School Band Program for the 2008-2009 school year. In addition, I understand that all school rules and the attached code of conduct will be in effect for the duration of our travels and that in the event that my child flagrantly violates these rules I will be notified and I will make arrangements to bring them home immediately by the most appropriate means of transportation at my expense. I also understand that should my son/daughter cause damage to any school property, or property on the location of the trip both intentional and non-intentional, that I will be held financially responsible.

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

This health history is correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event of illness or injury to my child while under the supervision of school personnel and chaperones, I know that I will be contacted for permission and direction regarding emergency treatment. If I cannot be contacted I hereby give permission for the trip director to order x-rays, examinations, medical or surgical diagnosis, treatment, or hospital care to be rendered to our son/daughter on the advice of any physician or surgeon licensed to practice in the jurisdiction in which our son/daughter is located.

This contract expires at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year.

Printed name of Parent or Legal Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: All medications (prescription and OTC) will be administered by the trip/camp Nurse or a designated parent during the course of your travels with Caledonia Bands. Prior to travel all medications will be labeled with the students name and instructions for dispersal, and will be checked in with the Nurse or Parent. The Nurse/designated Parent will be the ONLY person dispersing ALL medications. This is for the safety of our students and also covers the liability of the school and bands while traveling.

\*NOTE: All personal medical and insurance information found on these forms is kept confidential and will not be made available to anyone but the Band Director or Nurse/Parent In Charge of medications. This information will only be used when the student traveling with the band needs treatment in a medical facility.

\*e-mail is the easiest way for the bands to get information to parents in a fast way. We will not sell or publish your email address to anyone. It will be used for BAND COMMUNICATIONS ONLY.