



CE BANDS -Tradition, Hard Work, & Excellence

To: Fall 2025 Crimson Express Students
From: Mr. Williams, Director of CE BANDS
Re: Crimson Express Band Camp 2025

HAPPY SUMMER BAND! As we head into the summer months off, please know that the staff is working hard so that we are successful this coming Fall. All we need is everyone here beginning July 28th with a positive attitude, and ready to overachieve. The staff and I are very excited about this year's show Danza Del Fuego. Here is some information for you:

- A. If you need a copy of the music, or Mp3's to rehearse with, you can access all of them via our Google Classroom. If you need an invite, please let me know as soon as possible. All students have been invited to join the CE BANDS Google Classroom. If you have not accepted this invitation, please do so ASAP.
- B. HAVE ALL MUSIC MEMORIZED BEFORE CAMP BEGINS! This is a must. We have goals to meet during camp each day. If we do not meet these goals, we will be behind schedule, which we DO NOT WANT! MEMORIZE YOUR MUSIC!
- C. Students will submit the t-shirt size on the CE Medical/Info Form that is due August 8th. Parents will be able to order Crimson SWAG via an online store that will be made available through Silkworm.
- D. Student activity fees are \$125.00 this year across the board. This is due by August 8th. If using the installment plan, \$50 is due August 8th, and \$75 is due by September 2nd. This fee covers staff salaries, props, equipment, travel expenses, driver fees, uniform cleaning, food, and numerous other expenses that occur during our school year. It is important that everyone who participates in the program also supports the program financially. This fee can be paid out of your student account or with check/cash. If you pay with cash, I will give you a receipt for your records. The activity fee form must be attached to each payment(s). This form has been emailed out, and can be found on Google Classroom under the Classwork section.

As a reminder, when camp begins July 28th, all students should have a physical on file with the district. All Medical/Info Forms, CE BANDS Trip Code of Conduct, and Handbook forms are available on our Google Classroom, the Crimson Website, and our Social Media. All of them are due by the end of camp (Wednesday, August 8th). Also, make sure that you are signed up for Band.

Reminder, Band Camp dates are:

JULY 28TH-AUGUST 1ST, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM,
AUGUST 4TH-AUGUST 8TH, 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
(Lunch Break both weeks: 12:00-1:00 PM)

Anyone doing sports or another activity this fall in addition to Band, your coaches/sponsors and I have worked out a specific schedule. Please know and follow this schedule, as we are all working together to make sure that you can be involved in our respective activities. Contact me ASAP if you have any questions. There are NO conflicts with ANY Football Camp this year!

As far as our camp, make sure that you have the following items when you arrive:

1. Instrument (*Valve Oil, Reeds, etc.*) AND YOUR Music (*all movements*).
2. SUNBLOCK, SUNBLOCK, SUNBLOCK!
3. Water jug and /or Gatorade. (*Please try to avoid Soda!*)
4. Pencil and Music Folder with Plastic Pages.
5. Running shoes. (NO SANDALS/SLIDES/CROCS!)
6. Motivation.

Please make sure that you get outside and get used to the heat and humidity before camp begins. ONE MORE TIME: have your music memorized when you come to camp. Also, EAT BREAKFAST! You will be as good as you want to be and no better. The work and dedication that you put into this program will show up on the field. If you have any questions, feel free to call me (618) 967-9150, or email me at nwilliams@mhs.org. Thank you for a great Spring Training. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER VACATION! I will see all of you on Monday, July 28th.

Mr. Williams