

WINNETONKA PRIDE BAND

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Dear Pride Band Members,

I hope this letter reaches you enjoying the first weeks of your summer vacation! I'm sure you have been enjoying some pool time with the heat. I wanted to touch base with all of you this summer to remind you of a few things about Pride Band.

First, and foremost, if I have not met you yet, my name is Josh Williams, and I am the new Director of Bands at Winnetonka High School. I am very excited to be coming home to Tonka and working with all of you. Next year will be my 6th year in the North Kansas City School District. When I started in the district 6 years ago I was an assistant band director at Tonka. It is great to be coming back and working with this band. As we get to know each other throughout camp and the beginning of the year I will share more with you and I hope that you will do the same. Band is a family, and it is important that we continue that tradition.

Summer Band Camp:

Here is some information for you about our Band Camp this summer. Please wear comfortable clothing for the camp, sturdy shoes for marching, no sandals or boots, a hat is a good idea, as is sun tan lotion or blocker and water. Be sure to bring your instrument! Included in this letter is your marching show music. When I see you in August it should not be the first time you have played through this music. We do memorize the marching show music, so it would be a good idea for you to spend some time working on that BEFORE camp. We will of course help you with this during camp.

Camp Dates:

****NEW**** August 2-4: 9:30-11:30am: Drum Major and those interested in being Section Leader Camp
1:30-3:30pm: Drumline sectionals and auditions
August 8-12: 8:30-11:30am, 1:00-3:30pm: FULL CAMP week 1
August 12: Freshman Lunch
August 15-18: 4:00-7:00pm: FULL CAMP week 2

*If you play sports, attend sports practice and then come to our practice. **You can do both.**
Many Pride band students play sports, even at the Varsity level.*

If you have any questions over the summer please do not hesitate to contact me. Please use my email address listed above because I do not know what my new phone extension is yet at Tonka. If you are a freshman that needs a band instrument I will be available to set up a time in June to meet you at Tonka and we can check one out for you. Please email to set that up.

I look forward to meeting all of you in August as we begin this new chapter as the Pride Band.

Josh Williams
Director of Bands