



TWIB Notes: Week of 8/7/17 (This Week In Band)

REHEARSAL NOTES

- Monday-Tuesday Rehearsal Times: 7am-4pm (lunch 11am)
- Wednesday-Friday Rehearsal Times: 4pm-8pm
- Please bring your cell phone to rehearsals! We will download and sign into your app-based drill program on Monday and use during marching band rehearsals. We will take cell phones and/or shut down the use if students use their phones inappropriately.
- Wednesday is picture day! Further instructions will be given; we will meet in the Band hall. Please have your uniform with you.
- **We will have rehearsals despite weather forecasts. We will only cancel rehearsals if AISD cancels activities. We will move rehearsals indoors during poor weather conditions and will remain outside if the weather is a light to moderate rain. BRING RAIN GEAR (AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES IF WANTED) AND CASES OUT TO REHEARSALS THIS WEEK.**
- All 10th-12 Band students will attend Eagles: Prepare to Soar on Wednesday with the sophomores. See the next note below. 9th Grade students can attend Freshman Success Explore as scheduled on Friday at the Lowery Freshman Campus (Last Name A-L at 8:30am, Last Name M-Z at 11am). Freshmen will be able to back at band rehearsal at AHS by 4pm.

EAGLES: PREPARE TO SOAR (10th-12th GRADES)

All Band students will report to Band on Monday and Tuesday. 10th-12th grade students will go to Eagles: Prepare to Soar on Wednesday with the sophomore class. Seniors can pick up student IDs, purchase parking permits, and add money to their lunch accounts on Monday at 11am (during our scheduled lunch). Juniors can do the same on Tuesday at 11am.

PICTURE DAY ON WEDNESDAY

We will take group, section, and leadership pictures on Wednesday. We will meet at 1pm in the band hall to begin the process of putting everybody in height order. Pictures will be available for purchase

MARCH-A-THON ON SATURDAY

One of the traditions of the Escadrille is the annual March-A-Thon! This is an expected part of all Escadrille members. The community enjoys this event each and every year. Please hydrate the entire week. Some notes:

- Lunches: All students should back a PAPER BAG LUNCH. Lunches will be put in a cooler and transported to Bethany Lakes – our lunch stop. Students should write their name clearly on their lunch and remember what number cooler their lunch is put in.
- Water: The easiest way to bring water is from a CamelBak (hydration backpack). Volunteers will have water bottles if you bring a backpack instead of a CamelBak.
- Attire: Band Polo, kahki shorts, athletic shoes, socks that cover your heels. Do not use no-show socks as you WILL have blisters. Ankle socks or longer would be appropriate.
- Safety is our top priority. Students should have their cell phones in case of emergencies. Benny Bolin, our school nurse will be with us the entire time.
- SCHEDULE
 - 8:00am: Call Time on Track for Warm-Up
 - 8:30am: Parade Block and leave for Anderson Elementary break and stop at Bethany Lakes
 - 10:50am (approx.): Arrive Bethany Lakes for Lunch

- 11:30am: Depart Bethany Lakes via school bus to Lowe's and Tom Thumb
- 12:45pm: Depart Lowe's/Tom Thumb via school bus for Kerr Elementary (restroom break)
- 1:15pm: Leave for Green Elementary
- 2:10pm (approx.): Arrive Green. Students may be picked up from Green or can take the bus back to AHS.

ESCALYMPICS: Tuesday @ Celebration Park (6pm-8:30pm)

The Band Council and Allen Band Boosters will be hosting the annual Escalymphics at Celebration Park on Tuesday, August 8th. Water will be available, but **please bring your water jugs**. We will have announcements all week with more details. Hope to see you out for a good time at Celebration Park on Tuesday. Seniors: wear black shirts!

MAKE-UP REGISTRATION: MONDAY, AUGUST 7 (4PM – AFTER REHEARSAL)

If you missed registration on Saturday, the ONLY time we have left is Monday, August 7th beginning at 4pm after rehearsal. You can turn in documents, pay fees, and fit for your uniform. You will need your uniform for picture day on Wednesday and your polo for the March-a-Thon on Saturday.

PARENTS: FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Thanks so much for the many volunteers at Registration 2017 on Saturday. It was a big success! Our next event is Saturday, August 12th, 2017 with our March-a-Thon. Step Off will be approximately 9am (depending on our police escort – it could be sooner or later). Most shifts are 8:15am-2pm. Parents – you will receive a second e-mail with details on how you can volunteer.

PARENTS: MARCH-A-THON - FROM ABBA FOOD SERVICES

First and foremost, the Escadrille safety is our primary concern. Your role as parents in helping us with this is to ensure your child has a means to keep hydrated throughout their march through our fine city. We will provide plenty of water for the kids to refill, we HIGHLY recommend that each child wear a "camel back" water carrier. They are much more practical for a venture such as this than the heir water jugs. If your child does not yet have one, please consider picking one up this week. They're available at a reasonable price from stores such as Walmart, Target and most sporting goods stores.

If you choose to get a CamelBak, great. If not, it is imperative that your child march with at least their water jug. Filled and iced before they arrive.

Please note that your child will need to bring a sack lunch to Marchathon. They will drop their lunch off at the PAC upon arrival and it will be transported to the park and ready for them when we break for lunch. If they use a reusable lunchbox, please make sure they have their name in/on it.

Thanks for helping us help your kids.

THE NEXT THREE WEEKS

Aug 7-12

Mon 8/7: Rehearsal: 7am-4pm, ABBA Board Meeting: 7pm
 Tues 8/8: Rehearsal: 7am-4pm, Escalymphics (Celebration Park; 6pm-8:30pm)
 Wed 8/9: Pictures: 1pm; Rehearsal: 4pm-8pm
 Thurs 8/10: Rehearsal: 4pm-8pm
 Fri 8/11: Rehearsal: 4pm-8pm
 Sat 8/12: March-a-thon: See notes above

Aug 14-18

Mon 8/14: Rehearsal: 4pm-8pm
 Tues 8/15: Rehearsal: 4pm-8pm
 Wed 8/16: NO REHEARSAL
 Thurs 8/17: Rehearsal (4pm-8pm)

Fri 8/18: Rehearsal 4pm/Watermelon Bust 7pm (1st Performance)

Aug 21-25 - 7am-8am Rehearsals Monday-Friday

Mon 8/21 First Day of school!; 6pm SLT Meeting; 7pm-9pm Rehearsal

Fri 8/25 WE WILL **NOT** BE GOING TO THE SCRIMMAGE – FRIDAY OFF!