

* FRESHMAN BAND CAMP – May 8 & 10 (3:05-4:30) these practices are designed for all freshmen to learn the basic elements of marching and playing needed for our fall marching season. At this time the new students will meet their section leaders and prepare for the coming year in band.

*FULL BAND PRACTICES – July 17 & 19 (6:00 pm – 8:30 pm) these Tuesday and Thursday evening rehearsals will be for all band students grades nine through twelve that are not on vacation and are in Elizabethton. At these rehearsals we will refine our marching skills and work on music that will be used in the halftime show.

*JULY HORN LINE- July 12th (9:00 pm – 12:30 pm) this morning practice will be used to get a jump start on the music for the fall season.

*COLOR GUARD PRACTICES – The color guard will practice on Tuesday nights throughout the summer. We will decide on these times and dates before the end of the school year. Please inform your instructor as to the dates that you will not be able to attend.

*PERCUSSION PRACTICE- All percussionists will practice on Tuesday nights this summer. Times and date will be set before school ends. Please inform your instructor as to the dates that you will not be able attend.

*BAND CAMP – July 23rd – July 27th (8:30 am – 9:00 pm) this week long camp is required for all band students!! At this time the halftime show will be taught with assistance of special instructors that will help this week only. This is the most important week of practice that the band has. There is a fee for this week. This fee is used to help pay the cost of the camp. PLEASE CLEAR THIS WEEK SO NO PRACTICES WILL BE MISSED!!!!!!!

*PRE-SCHOOL REHEARSALS – July 31st & August 2nd and August 7th & 9th (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm) these four pre-school meetings will help us finish any details from camp and help us “brush up” the show for our first halftime performance.

*REGULAR NIGHT REHEARSAL- This Monday night rehearsal is required and will begin on August 13th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and will continue through the fall competitive marching season.

*COLOR GUARD AND PERCUSSION- These groups will begin regular practice for the school year on Tuesday August 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm.

*HORN LINE PRACTICE- Beginning on August 14th and 15th we will begin extra music practices on Tuesdays (brass) & Wednesdays (woodwinds) from 3:00 to 4:15. These practices are required for all students not involved with a fall sport and will continue until the end of the competitive marching season.

*Fall Break- With no school on October 15-19 the band will have one extended practice. The time and date is as follows: Tuesday, Oct 16th 5:15 pm – 9:00 pm.

*Special Practices- Due to the Holiday on September 3rd we will practice on Thursday September 6th to ensure that we are ready for the Friday performance. We will have two Saturday practices, the first on August 25th and the second on Sept. 15th. These practices are required. The schedule for these rehearsals will be; full band practice 8:30 am-12:00, (lunch 12-1:30 on your own) and full band practice 1:30 to 4:30. The second practice on September 15th will be with our consultant Trey Harris. Also see Fall Break practice for that special practice.

*BAND CONTEST and GAMES – The Betsy Band will have three contests this fall, please reserve Oct. 13th - Oct 27th and November 3rd. The November 3rd will be the State Championship in Smyrna TN. Students should understand band contests are all day activities and attendance is required. ALL FRIDAY NIGHTS ARE RESERVED FOR OUR FOOTBALL GAME COMMITMENTS. THEY ARE GRADED PERFORMANCES, AS ARE BAND CONTEST. Missing any performance will result in a two letter grade cut.

Band camp fees will be \$80 dollars and should be paid no later than the week of Band Camp (July 23rd). The fees for the STATE CHAMPIONSHIP will be announced at a later date and will be collected in three payments during the months of August, September, and October.

These dates and all fees request will appear on our web site, Betsyband.com also. Please clear these dates now or communicate any conflict with your director.