



...From the Desk of Durand Thomas...

Dear SPFHS Marching Band Parents and Guardians,

I would like to thank all of you for your participation and dedication to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Marching Band. We are very happy to have so many new students and parents this year. I hope you all share in the excitement for the upcoming 2017/18 season.

2017/18 will no doubt be a very exciting year, coming off another strong show last year. Mr. Gillick is quite anxious this season for fresh new talent to continue the rich tradition of excellence in the percussion section. The wonderful SPFHS Color Guard will continue to gain experience and build on their success of the winter! Our award-winning band will be ushering in a lot of first time members as we wave goodbye to 28 members of the senior class. We are very anxious to get these rookies aboard the SPFMB Train. There will be many who step forward to carry on the spirit, traditions and dedication of this current senior class.

We will be continuing with rehearsals in the month of July and August for those “non-vacationing” marching band students. ALL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY! The goal being, to have as much of the show learned with drill work and music by the time “Band Camp” starts in August! This year, our Mandatory Band Camp will be held from Monday, 8/21nd to Friday, 8/25th and Monday 8/28th to Thursday 8/31st. I hope to see all of you at our preview show at the end of Band Camp (Thursday August 31st, 6:30 p.m. Varsity Field), or at our football games and competitions.

Attached please find several informative pages and important Marching Band forms. Permission forms for returning veteran MB students need to be handed in ASAP. Students cannot participate without a current Permission form. Also, I strongly encourage you to join the SPF Music Boosters Association, a parent organization that helps organize and chaperone numerous Music Department activities throughout the year.

I hope to address any questions you may have tonight, but if you ever have a need for additional information or clarification on anything at all, you are certainly welcome to email me at dthomas@spfk12.org or call the office (908) 889-8600, ext.3361.

Sincerely,

Durand Thomas
SPFHS Marching Band Director