



... 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 around the upcoming 2019/20 season, during which we look to step outside of our “comfort zone” with new props and show concept and fresh new look at marching band. ***To formally “kick off” the 2019/20 season, I will be hosting a meeting for 9th grade Marching Band Parents/Guardians on Thursday May 30, 2019 @ 7:30pm in the SPFHS Auditorium. I look forward to seeing you there.***

2019/20 will no doubt be a very exciting year. The entire Marching Band concluded the 2018/19 competitive season with an impressive show! The overall band however, will be ushering in a lot of first time members as we wave good bye to close to 30 seniors. There will be many who step forward to carry on the spirit and dedication of this current senior class. We are eager to get these rookies aboard on the SPFMB Train. We have a new schedule for the summer. The goal being, to have the first and as much of the second selection learned with drill by the time “Band Camp” starts in August! This year, Band Camp will be held from Monday, 8/19th to Friday, 8/22nd and Monday, 8/26th to Thursday 8/29th. We hope to see all of you at our preview show at the end of Band Camp (Thursday, 8/29th, 6:30 pm, at the SPFHS Tyson Field), and at any of our football games and competitions.

Enclosed, please find important documents, such as a Marching Band Information Sheet, Schedule, Permission Forms, Volunteer Sheet, and Membership Letter. I hope to address any questions you may have on May 30th, 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.

Permission forms and volunteer sheets should be returned to the music office by June 13th or mailed to me. 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.

Once again, I look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, May 30th @ 7:30pm in the SPFHS Auditorium. And please don't hesitate to contact me if need be, before then.

Sincerely,

Durand Thomas
SPFHS Marching Band Director