



Peters Township High School

# ***“Mighty Indian” Marching Band***

***2012-2013 SEASON***

Welcome to the 2012-2013 season of the Peters Township High School “Mighty Indian” Marching Band. In a very active, cooperative educational effort such as the band it is essential that students and parents share an understanding of the expectations and activities of this *first class* organization. This packet is designed to provide that perspective and to place general information in one place at one time. Please review all of the forms and information in this packet.

## **Musical Excellence**

The Peters Township High School “Mighty Indian” Marching Band has maintained a tradition of pride and excellence in performance for thirty-nine years. First and foremost, we are a music ensemble. Each member is required to be proficient at their craft, be it as an instrumentalist as a member of the color ensembles or as a manager. The demands of marching require that each member demonstrate a high degree of musical ability and technique.

Our product is musical excellence, whether on the field or in the stands!

## Introduction

**This packet contains important information. Please read it carefully. Your student will receive a packet of forms requiring parent signatures, including an acknowledgment that this information has been reviewed at [www.petersbandboosters.org](http://www.petersbandboosters.org) by the parent and student. Additional information is available at [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)**

### **Be sure to read, complete and sign all forms and submit to Music Office:**

1. Marching Band Activity Registration Form with \$40 check attached for School District Activity fee (green form)
2. Band Camp Invoice/Orders/Requests Form (grey).  
Please note that this form includes the invoice for Band Camp, polo shirt, and raincoat orders as well as shirt sizing, band shoes. All instrumentalists must wear the official red polo shirt and every band member must have a raincoat. Roommate request and bus preference is on this form. Since this information is needed immediately, failure to submit this form will result in director assigned rooms and buses and the assignments will be permanent.
3. Awareness Form & Waiver, Release, & Informed Consent (blue form)
4. Emergency Medical Form - must be notarized\* (cream form)
5. Uniform Checkout Form (yellow form)
6. California University Form E Informed Consent – (goldenrod form)
7. California University Form C-1 physician's signature required or proof of physicians examination within one year – (goldenrod)

### **Shoe and Jacket Order Information -**

8. Pink "2012 Fortissimo Productions" Shoe Order form – Representative will be at McMurray School for shoe fittings on Tuesday, July 31 at 8:30 a.m. Checks should be payable to the MUSIC BOOSTERS if you order on this day.
9. Letter jacket and parka orders must be accompanied by a check payable to Palombo Services. Fittings will be done on Tuesday, July 31 at 8:30 a.m. These are optional.

### **Other forms:**

10. Medication Forms if needed should be submitted to camp nurse before departure for away band camp. *Note: physician's signature is required for prescribed and over-the-counter medications.*
11. Music Booster Membership Form (white form)

## **MANDATORY PARENT INFORMATION/BOOSTER MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 31, 2012 7 P.M.**

**High School Auditorium**

*\*a notary will be present at 6:00 p.m.*

## **MANDATORY CHAPERONE TRAINING MEETING FOR ALL BAND CAMP CHAPERONES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2012 - 7 PM IN THE HS BAND ROOM**

**It is recommended that any parent who plans to be a chaperone during 2012-2013 season should also attend.**

**Please note that all chaperone clearances must be on file in the Music Office.**

## Student and Parent Commitment

All new and returning students, parents and staff agree to the following commitments in order to earn and sustain the privilege of participation in the 40<sup>th</sup> season of the Peters Township High School “Mighty Indian” Marching Band.

We agree to...

1. Read all pages and documents in the Marching Band Packet and to sign and submit all forms and fees to the Music Office.
2. Contact a director for clarification about any rule, expectation, procedure or information printed in this booklet. Ignorance or misunderstanding of a policy does not excuse a student from the consequence for an infraction.
3. Strictly adhere to and be bound by all rules and policies printed in the Peters Township High School Student Booklet and Marching Band Packet.
4. Check CHARMS regularly and mark all marching band events on personal and family calendars
5. Attend all Marching Band rehearsals and performances. Attendance is monitored.
6. In cases of illness or family emergencies we understand we should promptly notify a director. E-mail and phone messages are accessible 24/7.
7. Bring any serious medical problems or other concerns to the attention of a director.
8. Pay Peters Township School District Student Activities Fee/Registration Form.
9. Pay fee for Band Camp.
10. Order additional accessories/supplies, be responsible and provide proper care, cleaning, storage and replacement (as needed) of marching band uniforms, instruments and accessories on loan from the school.
11. Volunteer to be a chaperone by:
  1. Holding current membership in the Peters Township Music Boosters
  2. Submitting up to date copies of Criminal Records and Child Abuse Clearances to Music Office. (Fingerprints are not required at this time)
  3. Adhere to all guidelines for chaperones as outlined or directed by band staff
  4. Attend Chaperone Training Session on Wednesday, August 1, 2012
12. Complete and return all forms, waivers and invoices within the required deadlines.

## Communication

### **“Mighty Indian” Marching Band Staff 2011-12**

Milton Barney, Band Director	724-941-6250 ext. 5376 <a href="mailto:barneym@pt-sd.org">barneym@pt-sd.org</a>
Donna Fox, Co-Director/Fine Arts Facilitator	724-941-6250 ext. 5315 <a href="mailto:foxd@pt-sd.org">foxd@pt-sd.org</a>
Leah Blasso, Assistant Director	724-941-6250 ext. 5619 <a href="mailto:bl assol@pt-sd.org">bl assol@pt-sd.org</a>
Dan Strangis, Percussion Instructor	
Jill Strangis, Band Front Sponsor	

### **Music Booster Officers 2011-2012**

Ed Corbett, President	<a href="mailto:eccorbett@verizon.net">eccorbett@verizon.net</a>
M'Liz Held, Vice-President	<a href="mailto:mliz424@comcast.net">mliz424@comcast.net</a>
Carla Gauthier, Secretary	
Twila Hummel, Treasurer	
Kathy Spangenberg, Summer Uniform/Shoe Exchange Chair	
Libby Chalifoux, Chaperone Chair	

Watch for information and announcements on [www.petersbandboosters.org](http://www.petersbandboosters.org) and [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)

## Time Commitment

The Peters Township High School “Mighty Indian” Marching Band is an organization of:

- Instrumental music students playing band instruments in grades 9-12.
- Instrumental music students in grade 8 are eligible for membership based on their ability to demonstrate specific musical criteria as outlined by the Band Director
- Band Front membership for students in grades 9-12 is based on the ability to demonstrate skills in an audition.
- Practice for rookies (1<sup>st</sup> year participants) will be held for the first time on Thursday & Friday, July 26, 27, 2012, from 9:00 AM to noon at McMurray School.
- There will be an informational meeting for new parents on Thursday, July 26 at 7:00 in the High School Band Room.
- All Band members practice at home band camp for five mornings
  - during the week of July 30, 2012 from 9:00 AM to noon, at McMurray.
  - during the week of August 13, 2012 9:00 AM to noon at McMurray.
- Away Band Camp will be from Sunday, August 5 through Friday August 10, 2012 at the California University of PA Stadium on Route 88 at 6:30 p.m.
- Departure to away Band Camp on school buses will be at 1:00 PM Sunday, August 5.
- Return from Band Camp will be with parents immediately following the Band Camp Performance on Aug. 10.
- The Band will perform at the Washington County Fair on Wednesday, August 15, 2012.
- The Band may perform for the teachers one morning during the week of August 20.
- The Band will perform at Kennywood in summer uniforms on Tuesday, August 21. The parade is at 8 and departure from the High School will be announced.
- The Band performs for a Pittsburgh Pirates Game on Friday, August 24 in the evening.
- The Band performs every Friday night at school football games from August 31 to November 2. The season may be extended into November for play-off games.
- In September, band practices are held two evenings each week for two hours, generally from 6 to 8 PM usually at the McMurray School Field. In October, rehearsals at McMurray will be from 5 to 7. See [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) PT calendar listing for days and times.
- The annual Band Festival on Saturday, September 15 at 7 PM.
- The Band will perform at several Band Festivals and community events on selected Saturdays to be announced. See the CHARMS calendar for specific dates.
- The Annual Band Banquet will be on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 3 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southpointe.
- It is a tradition that the band marches in the Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Pittsburgh. This may be a school day field trip and it is an adjudicated event. This means that all uniforms must be clean and shoes must be polished.
- The Band may also take other daytime field trips to community events.
- The Band will march in the Peters Township Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2013 from the Middle School to the VFW. Summer uniforms will be worn. Report time is 8 AM.
- The annual Booster Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013 in the High School Cafeteria. This is a huge fund-raiser for the Music Department and every student participates as a server and a performer.

## Uniform Fittings and Photography, Clothing and Accessories

- Fittings for new shoes and band jackets will be held on Tuesday, July 31, at 8:00 before practice. Shoes ordered on this day will be delivered in time for the Band Camp Show.
- Formal uniforms are provided by the School District for all band members upon payment of the School District Student Activity Fee of \$40.00 and receipt of care agreement.
- Students should report for fitting of formal uniforms on the following schedule:
  - Seniors – Monday, July 30 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM
  - Juniors – Monday, July 30 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM
  - Sophomores – Tuesday, July 31 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM
  - Freshmen – Tuesday, July 31 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM
  - Eighth Graders – Wednesday, August 1 from 12:30 to 2:30 PM
- NOTE: *Siblings may come together*
  - ALL Band Front – Thursday, August 2 from 11:00 to 12:00 (ALL members must be present at this time for fitting of uniforms)
- Band Uniforms can be picked up on Friday, August 3 at 12:30-1:30 at the High School
- Students are responsible for the care and cleaning of formal uniforms. Replacement costs will be assessed for damaged or lost formal uniforms and/or parts issued.
- Formal uniforms MUST BE DRY CLEANED at least 3 times during the season. DO NOT MACHINE WASH UNIFORM TROUSERS.
- The School District recommended dry cleaner is Supreme Cleaners on South Park Road.
- Supreme Cleaners is the only local cleaner that has agreed to adhere to manufacturers specifications on the temperature of dry cleaning solution.
- Cleaning instructions are provided in this packet and should be carefully followed.
- **No part of the formal uniform can be washed. Do NOT launder trousers in water.**
- If alterations are necessary, absolutely NO fabric may be cut from any garment.
- For hot weather performances players will wear plain white (Dockers style) trousers\* and a red polo shirt. See Invoice/Orders and Requests page included section of this Booklet.
- Band Front members will wear a specific “summer uniform.” Information will be provided by the sponsor of the Band Front.
- Students must supply their supplementary items such as white marching shoes for instrumentalists and a specific style of shoe for the Drill Team and Silks. These can be fitted and ordered on July 31<sup>st</sup> at practice
- Nylon and/or wool jackets are optional but may be ordered on July 31<sup>st</sup> at practice.
- All students will be required to have a specific style of an inexpensive raincoat that is available for purchase. These can be ordered on the Band Camp Invoice.
- **Students may not collect funds from peers for the purchase of any spirit wear. All section spirit wear designs must be approved by the Directors. Any items purchased for use by the group must be approved. Boosters will not reimburse any student or any parent who makes unauthorized purchases for use by the group. Student leaders should see Co-Director for information on this process.**
- Band Front students are responsible for costs for designated tights, boots, turtlenecks, trunks, pompons, etc. See Band Front Sponsor or Uniform Manager for information.
- Instrumentalists are required to have a music lyre and flip folder and they should also provide their own reeds and valve oil. These items can be purchased at a music store or through an on-line supplier.
- A professional photographer will take pictures of the band, including a group picture, section and individual pictures. The date will be announced at band practice.

## **Away Band Camp**

- Band Camp is a week of music, work and fun that will never be forgotten.
- The bus leaves Sunday afternoon and students return home with parents on Friday evening after the show at the college stadium
- Students select one roommate and reside in a dormitory at California.
- Students are housed in a dormitory with two to a room with separation of males and females in different wings and/or on different floors of the dorm.
- Meals are served in the University Dining Hall. (Cost is included in Band Camp fee)
- The daily Band Camp schedule provides practice time for the entire band as well as section practices to work on music.
- Morning and evening rehearsals are usually held outdoors and instrumentalists generally practice indoors in the afternoon.
- There is time for recreation.
- Directors and fulltime parent chaperones supervise the daily activities at Band Camp.
- Nighttime “commuter” chaperones sit in the hallways on each floor of the dormitory from midnight to 6 AM.
- Students may not leave campus at any time during band camp unless arrangements have been planned and presented to the band director in advance.
- Students are expected to always be with a buddy while on the college campus.
- On Wednesday, August 8 is Painting Day and some band members will travel by school bus to the Washington County Fair to paint a bus while those who remain on campus will paint banners for the upcoming Band Festival.
- The Band will perform for parents in the Band Camp Salute at 6:30 on Friday, August 10 at the California University Stadium on Route 88.
- Following the show, students go home with their parents. Bus transportation will not be provided for the return home.
- Parents may arrive on campus beginning at 3:00 to pick up luggage at the dormitory.
- A nurse accompanies the Band to camp and is responsible for dispensing all medication in keeping with school district policy.
- Any student requiring medication must have a physician’s authorization for prescription and over the counter medication and all medications must be surrendered to the nurse.
- According to school district policy, no student may have medication in his/her possession.
- The nurse is on call 24 hours a day.

## **Football Games**

- Bus transportation is provided to and from all away events.
- Students may NOT drive to any away event.
- The band always sits together in full uniform at all games.
- Only the red and white can be worn in the stands. (Plan ahead to have red, white or black gloves, scarves, etc. for the colder weather events.)
- Departure times vary for away game, depending on destination. Departure times are announced at band practices and are “e-mail” blasted to families.
- Chaperones ride on the buses to and from every event.
- The Band Boosters provide snacks for band students at football games. Students are not permitted to purchase items from the snack bar. Eating in uniform is prohibited.

## **Band Festivals**

- Saturday, September 15, 2012 at 7 PM, the “Mighty Indians” will host their annual band festival.
- The Band will also attend several Saturday evening band festivals hosted by other area schools
- The Band may perform at community events by invitation

## **Health and Safety**

- Every band member must submit a “notarized health form” which will be used only in the event of a serious illness or injury and if directors cannot locate parents or emergency names listed on the form.
- On the California University (goldenrod) Form C-1 a physician’s signature is requested to verify that the student has been examined by a doctor within one year prior to the closing dates of away camp. A receipt of payment for a visit, or insurance verification documents may be attached to the form if no appointment is possible before departure for away camp.

## **Band Banquet**

- The band banquet will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe and this event is for all students in the Band and their parents.
- The banquet is an event you do not want to miss. Student leaders are recognized and the Marching Band yearbooks are distributed to all students at the banquet.

## **Trips**

- The band joins the Music Department on trips in the spring of odd numbered years.
- All students are responsible for the cost of their trip. The next trip may be scheduled for the spring of 2013.
- Trips are educational and intended to provide outside validation of group achievement.
- Trips are well chaperoned by parents of the students, as well as a nurse and the directors.
- Every student will perform on the trip and will observe and support every other performer as an audience member.
- Students will be responsible for any schoolwork missed while on a trip.

## Chaperones

All bus rides, band camp, festivals, football games, trips and the band banquet are chaperoned by parents and directors.

Parents who wish to serve as chaperones must hold active membership in the Peters Township Marching Music Boosters and are required to submit copies of their Criminal Records and Child Abuse Clearances to the Music Office. Applications for these clearances can be found at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ocyf/pdf/DPWchildabuse.pdf>  
<http://www.psp.state.pa.us/psp/cwp/view.asp?A=4&Q=48275>.

**Definition of a chaperone:** *an older person who accompanies a younger one in public to supervise his/her behavior.*

- The primary role of a Peters Township High School chaperone is to accompany and support groups of students by assisting the sponsors/coaches/directors to carry out designated tasks for the organization and to serve as responsible and appropriate role-models for students.
- Chaperones are representatives of Peters Township High School.
- Chaperones must uphold the rules and regulations of the Peters Township High School Student Booklet, the prevailing document on behavior and discipline.
- Chaperones must model the rules and regulations found in the Peters Township High School Student Booklet.
- Chaperones will refrain from smoking, swearing, gesturing, consuming alcoholic beverages, or being in possession of illegal drugs and/or firearms in the presence of students while serving as chaperone on any and all field trips sponsored by and approved by the Peters Township High School Administration and Board of School Directors.

## Health and Safety Tips for Band Camp

- **Wear shoes and socks:** Ill-fitting shoes lead to blisters, nerve inflammation and a variety of knee and muscle problems. You will be doing a lot of walking and marching. Bring one or two pair of supportive shoes. Bring a second pair as a backup in case one pair is wet or muddy! Bring extra socks for frequent changes, at least two pair per day! Flips flops cannot be worn when marching!
- **Bring a water bottle:** Rehearsal breaks will be taken as needed to accommodate student's needs. To avoid dehydration and prevent heat illness, bring a water bottle, fill it before every rehearsal and be sure to take it to and from the field. You need to drink before you are thirsty since thirst usually lags behind physical requirements. When you feel thirsty, you may already be on your way to dehydration.
- Electrolyte replacement requirements can be met with food salted to taste at mealtime. Electrolyte drinks such as Gatorade can be used when normal meals cannot be eaten or if sweating is excessive.
- The normal American diet contains 10-15 grams of salt per day. The activity level of the campus residents is a strong consideration in the preparation of food served in the Dining Hall.

## Medication

- In compliance with School District Policy, we follow the same guidelines at camp as we do at school regarding medication.
- *All* medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be registered with the band camp nurse and deposited at our designated health office in the dorm.
- Failure to properly register medications shall lead to a presumption that any medication is not lawfully in the student's possession, and may result in disciplinary action.
- The nurse will collect all medications prior to departure to camp and will dispense medications as prescribed on the required paperwork.
- All medications must be in original containers and all paper work must be complete.
- Place multiple bottles of medication in a **LABELED ZIPLOC BAG with the School Board required forms bearing appropriate instructions and signatures.**
- The nurse will NOT provide over-the-counter pain medications so plan ahead, and be sure you have the physician's signature for these as well as for the prescriptions.
- **Seasonal Allergies Alert:** If you think you might need medication for seasonal allergies you should bring it with the proper signatures and documentation.
- Students will be permitted to retain inhalers as long as they are registered with the nurse.
- Girls, be prepared: Increased physical exertion and a change of schedule often lead to an unexpected onset of menstrual periods.
- Remember that all Over-the-Counter medication must be turned in to the nurse and require a physician and parent signature.
- **Known Joint Problems:** Bring your own ace bandages, ankle and knee supports and braces if you have a known problem with joints and alert the nurse. The nurse will be at the field when the students are marching.
- **It is the responsibility of the student to see the nurse to obtain prescribed doses of medication.** The nurse and student can work together to define a time when medication is to be taken.
- Please be sure to bring special needs or concerns to the attention of the nurse.
- **Remember that all documentation must be complete and included with all the medications.**
- Students will be required to pick up their medications at the Dorm Health Room and pack them in their luggage before departure from Band Camp.

## Behavior at Band Camp

- The Mighty Indian Marching Band is a guest of California University of Pennsylvania.
- There are specific areas of the campus that will be available for our use.
- Wherever you go on the campus, you must be with a buddy.
- You will be informed upon arrival on the campus about the areas open to our band.
- Please refrain from entering areas that are not a part of our camp package.
- Conduct yourselves as representatives of your family, of Peters Township High School and of the Mighty Indian Marching Band.
- Get to know the chaperones. They are there to assist you during the week.
- Remember to thank the chaperones for the support they give the band.

## **How to Dress at Band Camp**

- Dress in layers. Add or shed clothing as necessary.
- Light weight, loose fitting, warm weather clothing is appropriate for marching.
- Mornings and evenings are cool so bring loose fitting jeans and a sweatshirt.
- A hat, sunglasses and a cotton bandana offer great protection in the sun.
- The bandana can be worn wet around the head or neck to keep you cool. (Wet clothing/hair increases the body's cooling efforts of conduction by fivefold.)
- Don't forget sunscreen and chap stick for the protection of your skin in the sun.
- Insect repellent is advisable for early mornings and evenings.
- All clothing must conform to the standards for dress in the PTHS. Student/Parent Booklet.
- **MARK YOUR NAME IN ALL OF YOUR CLOTHING**

## **Nutrition**

- Eat! All students must report to every meal in the Dining Hall.
- Vigorous physical activities require adequate calories and a well balanced diet.
- Weight reduction diets are not to be considered during band camp weeks!
- Boys age 16 to 17 require 3400-4200 calories per day while girls of the same age require 2800-3800 calories per day when engaged in active sports with much action and movement.
- Fruits and vegetables and the salad bar are important but should accompany a main course with adequate protein. If the main courses are not your first choice, bread and peanut butter are available, are nutritious and will help you to sustain your energy.
- Good snacks to bring along would be instant breakfast to add to your milk in the cafeteria, as well as nuts, granola bars, crackers, and pretzels.
- Do not bring perishable snacks, as no refrigeration is available in the dorms.

## **What to Bring to Band Camp**

- Bring comfortable clothing for 6 days of band camp rehearsals and bring tennis shoes plus extra socks. (Students change their clothes several times a day in warm weather.)
- Bring pillow, twin size sheets, lightweight blanket, or sleeping bag, towels and toiletries (soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.)
- Bring sunglasses, a ball cap, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Bring a small amount of spending money for visits to campus bookstore.
- Bring sweatshirts and long pants for cooler days.
- Bring water bottle (mark your name.)
- Bring your bathing suit.
- Bring your summer uniform performance clothes.
- Room decorations must be self-supporting and may NOT be affixed in any way to walls, doors or furniture.
- Valuables should be left at home but your name should be marked on your belongings.
- Limit luggage to instrument, props, one large suitcase, or footlocker.
- Musicians should bring extra reeds, cork grease and valve oil, music lyre and flip folders and please bring a pencil!
- Drill Team and Silks should bring practice-pompons and flags and performance props.

### Performance Attire for Band Camp

- **Musicians:** Official band polo shirt and white (Docker style) slacks. White band shoes and white socks. Polish your shoes!
- **Drill Team and Silks:** Summer uniform skirt and white sleeveless shirt. White sneakers (Ked style) and white socks. Polish your shoes!

### Housing and Security at Band Camp

- Students will be housed in Dormitory C at California University.
- Each student will have one roommate.
- Boys and girls will be housed on separate floors and/or in separate wings of the building.
- Students may select a roommate for the duration of the camp.
- Student will be issued a key for their dorm room however there will be a substantial charge for lost keys. If you lose your key you **MUST** pay for it at the time of checkout. Key charges will vary depending on which room you are assigned to use. Costs will range from \$50 to \$240.
- The Boosters will provide a lanyard for your key...please use it and guard your key!!!
- No student is permitted to leave the campus at any time without permission from the director.
- Students are to be reminded that we are visiting a college campus. They are to be with a buddy at all times.
- Students may not leave the dormitory except as directed and must be accompanied by an adult when not in the dormitory.
- Chaperones are on call to assist students, day and night.
- Chaperones man the hallways overnight in the event that a student should need assistance after hours.

### Departure from Band Camp

- On Friday, August 10, students will check out of the dorm beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- Students will clean their room and be checked by their floor chaperone.
- Once a room has been cleared, the student will return their room key.
- Parents should pick up luggage at the dormitory before the performance.
- Luggage that is not taken before the performance will be locked in a holding area at the dorm until the performance ends.
- Students will return home from the stadium with parents after the camp performance.
- No bus transportation will be available.
- Percussion and large instruments will be transported back to school in the band trailer.
- All other instruments should be taken home for individual practice.

## Band Boosters

- The PTHS Band Boosters are a group of parents who provide support and assistance for the students in all performing ensembles in the Instrumental and Vocal Departments.
- Membership is \$25 per family for the year running from June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> each term; payable before Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. \$35 payable Oct. 31-Nov. 30 and \$50 payable from Dec. 1 to 31.
- Active membership includes voting and chaperoning privileges and the sharing of designated group fund raising profits for families of participating Band Members. Dues MUST be received by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for group fund raising profits
- Only registered Booster members are eligible to chaperone
- All chaperones must have copies of their Criminal Record and Child Abuse Clearances on file in the Music Office. (Booster membership forms as well as Clearance Applications are included in this packet.) Fingerprints are not needed at this time.
- **Booster Meetings** will be held once each month. Watch for e-mail blasts and check the calendar on [www.charmoffice.com](http://www.charmoffice.com)

## Fundraisers

- **Fundraising campaigns are organized throughout the year by the Music Boosters to benefit students in the Music Department.**
- **Participation in fundraisers is voluntary.**
- **Payment is due at time of the order.**
- **Most orders are scheduled for pick up and delivery to customers Saturday mornings.**
- **Students who participate in fundraising activities may apply for credits that can be applied to trips, band camp, music related expenses such as band shirts, shoes, reeds, etc.**

*Tentative Fundraisers for 2012-2013 may include:*

**Joe Corbi Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale**  
**Plastic Sport Cups**  
**Rosalind Pretzels**  
**Giant Eagle Gift Cards**  
**Pampered Chef**  
**Poinsettia Sale**  
**Meatballs and Music Spaghetti Dinner\***  
**Hoagies**  
**Dine to Donate**  
**Flower Coupon Sale**

**\*All Music Department Groups perform at this event**

PETERS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL  
McMurray, PA 15317

TO ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ATHLETICS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

The following is the Code of Student Conduct which has been extracted from School Board Policy No. 5114, revised June 18, 1984.

It is expected that each participant be fully acquainted with the provisions of this Code and comply with the provisions and conditions set forth in the Awareness Form.

X. CODE OF CONDUCT RELATING TO ATHLETICS & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The School District has a broad program of co-curricular and athletic programs available to all students of the school. Students are encouraged to participate in this meaningful part of school life and in so doing, they will receive lasting benefits and tangible rewards. It should be remembered that when students become participants in athletics and co-curricular activities, they immediately represent their school and thus become role models for all others to observe. Therefore, this basic code of conduct and expectations is established to be applied to all students who are involved in the athletic and co-curricular programs of the School District.

**B. COACHES' AND SPONSORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

It shall be the coaches' or sponsors' responsibility to inform their students of the rules and regulations that will govern their particular activity and to enforce these regulations in a fair and consistent manner.

As the supervisor of the activity and the person acting in *loco parentis*, the coaches and sponsors have the responsibility to adhere to general school guidelines and the authority to adopt general rules and procedures which are consistent with law and this policy. They may, in addition, regulate any specific behavior not set forth in this code which they deem to be inappropriate for the particular activity, athletic practice or event which are consistent with law, regulation or this policy. Coaches and supervisors have the authority to bench or remove students who refuse to comply with directives or the coaches or sponsors.

Infractions of the coaches' or sponsors' rules of the Code of Student Conduct may lead to the denial of further participation in the sport or activity for a period of time or for the duration of the season.

**C. DEFINITIONS**

Co-Curricular Activities: those activities which are non-athletic and/or non-academic

Cumulative Grade: accumulated grade average for current nine-week grading period

Absence from School: a student is considered to be "absent from school" if he/she is not in attendance prior to 10:00 a.m.

Following Week: the days Monday through Sunday

**D. PIAA AND WPIAL RULES**

Peters Township High School is a member of the Pennsylvania and Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Associations, and is subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of these Organizations. Thus, all athletics are subject to the rules and regulations set forth by these associations.

**E. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

All students participating in a co-curricular or athletic activity must maintain a cumulative passing grade in each and every subject. Student participants' grades shall be monitored each week and those students failing to meet this standard of achievement shall be ineligible for participation in the sport or activity during the following week. This clause shall not be enforced during the first two weeks of school, the first week of each grading period, and the last two weeks of school.

**F. APPEARANCE**

In recognition of their responsibility to represent Peters Township High School, students participating in athletic and co-curricular activities are expected to present themselves in a manner befitting a positive image of their activity, their school and themselves.

**G. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

All students involved with athletics and co-curricular activities are subject to the rules and regulations set forth in District Policy No. 5113 and the administrative regulations and procedures for its implementation and enforcement.

These regulations are:

1. Absence from school on the day of an interscholastic athletic event will preclude the student's participation in that event.
2. Students will not participate in an athletic practice if absent from school that day.
3. It is not expected that student athlete will be tardy in arrival at school on the day of an athletic event, nor the following day.
4. Normally, absence from school on the day of an activity will preclude participation in that activity that day. Waiver shall be only by the principal, for cause.
5. A student absent from school will not participate in rehearsal, drill, or practice for an activity on the day of the absence.
6. It is expected that students in activities will not be tardy in arrival at school on the day the activity occurs or on the following day.
7. Normally, absence from practice or rehearsal on the day prior to the athletic event or activity will preclude participation in that activity the following day. Waiver shall be make only for legitimate reasons. The principal may delegate the responsibility for this decision to the coach or sponsor.

**H. DRUGS/ALCOHOL**

All participants involved with athletics and co-curricular activities are subject to school district and administrative policies applying to use, possession and distribution of alcohol/drugs. Students found in violation of the School District Drug and Alcohol Policy shall be suspended from school for a minimum of three days and from their sport or activity pending further action by the School Board Committee.

**I. TOBACCO**

The use or possession of tobacco or tobacco products is prohibited in accordance with law, School Board policy and school administrative policies. Students found in violation of such regulations are subject to being excluded from school in accordance with such regulations. In addition, they shall be suspended from the sport or activity for a period of one week for the first offense and the duration of the activity or sport for a second offense.

**I. LANGUAGE/GESTURES**

As a representative of the School District, the use of profanity, vulgar language, and/or gestures which are not acceptable in accordance with general community standards are prohibited. For use of such language or gestures, the following disciplinary action may be taken:

Benching – immediate removal from the activity, practice or event for the day or for a period no to exceed five (5) days.

Removal – denied further participation for the remainder of the season

**J. VANDALISM, THEFT, MISUSE OF SCHOOL OR PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Participants in co-curricular activities or athletics shall not steal nor intentionally damage any school or private property while on school premises or any school vehicle, in transit to and from school or during any school-sponsored activity. This shall include equipment issued to the students. Restitution for theft, vandalism or damage to equipment issued shall be the responsibility of the participant or participant’s parents or guardians and should amount to full replacement value,

**K. DUE PROCESS**

A student and/or parent wishing to appeal a suspension or removal from participation in activities or athletics shall adhere to the following procedure:

1. A conference should be held with the sponsor of the activity which may result in the sponsor recommending leniency to the school administration for the student involved.
2. In the event that the sponsor is unwilling to recommend lenience or is unsuccessful in his request to the administration for leniency, the student and/or parent may request a hearing before and Appeals Committee. Members of the committee shall be designated by the Principal and shall have the authority to remove a suspension from participation in a co-curricular activity or an athletic team.
3. In the event that the Appeals Committee rejects the appeal, the student and/or parent may request to speak to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will determine the appropriate handling of the matter.

**L. SPECIAL PROVISION**

The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to activities, athletic trips, or conferences which require the expenditure of prepaid funds if such funds cannot be recovered in time to participate. This Code shall be applied to student conduct while participating in a trip or conference.



**NOTE:**

In addition to the inclusion of the Code of Student Conduct into School Board Policy No. 5114, the following changes in administration implementation of the Code are in effect for the 1987-88 school year:

- A. The High School Administration shall publish, in advance of the opening of school, the specific days in which the eligibility list will not be in force.
- B. In each course, the first occurrence of a student’s having cumulative grade average less than passing would result in the ineligibility being waived and the student would receive a “W” (warning). Thereafter, in that course, if the student’s average is no passing, the student will be designated as ineligible for the following week.
- C. Teachers will submit ineligibility lists to the high School office upon arrival at school each Friday morning, prior to the beginning of first period. Lists will be collated and distributed to the staff later in the day.

Ineligibility shall be for the following week, Monday through Sunday.

**The following forms must be completed acknowledging Code of Conduct:**

- 1. Awareness Form and Duty To Warn**
- 2. Waiver, Release and Informed Consent**
- 3. Notarized Health Form**

**Away Band Camp: California University of Pennsylvania**  
**Sunday, August 5 – 1:00 p.m. through Friday, August 10 – 7:00 p.m.**

Students will be housed in the dormitory at California, two per room.  
Boys and girls will be housed on separate floors and/or in separate wings of the building.  
Students may select a roommate for the duration of the camp.  
No student is permitted to leave the campus at any time without permission from the director.

**What to Bring to Band Camp:**

1. Bring comfortable clothing for 6 days of band camp rehearsals. (Extra clothing is recommended as past experience has proven that students change their clothes several times a day in warm weather.  
**All clothing must conform to the standards for dress in the school handbook.**
2. Bring tennis shoes and extra socks.
3. Bring pillow, twin size sheets, light-weight blanket, or sleeping bag.
4. Bring towels and toiletries (soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, etc.)
5. Bring sunglasses and a ball cap, sunscreen and insect repellent.
6. Bring sweatshirt and long pants for cooler days.
7. Bring water bottle (mark your name.)
8. Bring your bathing suit.
9. Bring your summer uniform performance clothes.
10. If you decorate your dorm room, decorations must be self-supporting and may NOT be affixed in any way to walls, doors or furniture.

Valuables should not be taken to camp. Mark your name on your belongings. Limit luggage to instrument, props, one large suitcase, or footlocker. Musicians should bring extra reeds, cork grease and valve oil, music lyre and flip folders. Bring a pencil! Drill Team and Silks should bring practice-pom-poms and flags as well as performance props.



**Students will be issued a key for their dorm room.  
There will be a substantial charge for lost keys.  
Lost keys MUST be paid for at the time of checkout.  
Key charges will vary depending on which room you are assigned to use and costs will range from \$50 to \$240.  
The Boosters will provide a lanyard for your key...please use it and guard your key!!!**

Meals will be served in the Dining Hall.  
Students are expected to appear in the Dining Hall for every meal, including breakfast.

**Finally students are to be reminded that we are visiting a college campus. They are to be with a buddy at all times. They may not leave the dormitory except as directed and must be accompanied by an adult when not in the dormitory. Chaperones are on call to assist students, day and night. Chaperones man the hallways overnight in the event that a student should need assistance after hours.**

On Friday, August 10, students will check out of the dorm by 3:00 p.m. Parents should pick up luggage at the dormitory before the performance. Luggage that is not taken before the performance will be locked in a holding area at the dorm until the performance ends. Students will return home from the stadium with parents after the camp performance. No bus transportation will be available. Percussion and large instruments will be transported back to school in the band trailer. All other instruments should be taken home for individual practice.

# Health and Safety Tips for Band Camp

**Wear shoes and socks:** Ill fitting shoes lead to blisters, nerve inflammation and a variety of knee and muscle problems. You will be doing a lot of walking and marching. Bring one or two pair of supportive shoes. Bring a second pair as a back-up in case one pair is wet or muddy! Bring extra socks for frequent changes, at least two pair per day! Flips flops can not be worn when marching!

**Bring a water bottle:** Rehearsal breaks will be taken as needed to accommodate student's needs. To avoid dehydration and prevent heat illness, bring a water bottle, fill it before every rehearsal and be sure to take it to and from the field. You need to drink before you are thirsty since thirst usually lags behind physical requirements. When you feel thirsty, you may already be on your way to dehydration.

Electrolyte replacement requirements can be met with food salted to taste at mealtime. Electrolyte drinks such as Gatorade can be used when normal meals cannot be eaten or if sweating is excessive. The normal American diet contains 10-15 grams of salt per day. The activity level of the campus residents is a strong consideration in the preparation of food served in the Dining Hall.

**How to dress:** Dress in layers. Add or shed clothing as necessary. Light-weight, loose fitting clothing is appropriate for marching. Mornings and evenings are cool. Bring loose fitting jeans and a sweatshirt. A hat, sunglasses and a cotton bandana offer great protection in the sun. The bandana can be worn wet around the head or neck to keep you cool. (Wet clothing/hair increases the body's cooling efforts of conduction by fivefold.) Don't forget sunscreen and chap-stick for the protection of your skin in the sun. Insect repellent is advisable for early mornings and evenings.

**Nutrition:** Eat! You must eat all meals in the dining hall! Vigorous physical activities require adequate calories and a well balanced diet. Weight reduction diets are not to be considered during band camp weeks! Boys age 16 to 17 require 3400-4200 calories per day while girls of the same age require 2800-3800 calories per day when engaged in active sports with much action and movement.

Fruits and vegetables and the salad bar are important but should accompany a main course with adequate protein. If the main courses are not your first choice, bread and peanut butter are always available and will be nutritious and will help you to sustain your energy. Good snacks to bring along would be instant breakfast to add to your milk in the cafeteria, as well as nuts, granola bars, crackers, and pretzels. Do not bring perishable snacks. Refrigeration is not available. Note: All meals at CUP are served buffet style and they offer students a wide variety of nutritional choices.

Girls, be prepared: Increased physical exertion and a change of schedule often lead to an unexpected onset of menstrual periods.

**How you should behave at camp:** The Mighty Indian Marching Band is a guest of California University of Pennsylvania. There are specific areas of the campus that will be available for our use. You will be informed upon arrival on the campus about the areas open to our band. Please refrain from entering areas that are not a part of our camp package. Conduct yourselves as representatives of your family, of Peters Township High School and of the Mighty Indian Marching Band. Get to know the chaperones. They are there to assist you during the week. Remember to thank them for the support they give the band.

**Have a great time at Band Camp and during the 2012-2013 season.**

*Drink water*

*Eat meals*

*Sleep*

The California University Medical Form requires proof that the student has been seen by a physician within one year prior to the start of Band Camp. The physician may sign the form or a payment receipt or a insurance receipt showing the date of the last visit may be attached to the form labeled C-1.

## **Performance attire:**

- **Musicians:** Official band polo shirt and white slacks. White band shoes/white socks. Polish your shoes!
- **Drill Team and Silks:** Summer uniform skirt and white sleeveless shirt. White sneakers (Keds) and white socks. Polish your shoes!

## Medication

In compliance with School District Policy, we follow the same guidelines at camp as we do at school regarding medication. *All* medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be registered with the band camp nurse and deposited at the designated health office in the dorm. Failure to properly register all medications shall lead to a presumption that any such medication is not lawfully in the student's possession, and may result in disciplinary action. The nurse will collect all medications in the days prior to departure for camp and dispense medications as prescribed on the required paperwork. All medications must be in original containers. Place multiple bottles of medication in a **LABELED ZIPLOC BAG with the School Board required forms bearing appropriate instructions and signatures**. The nurse will NOT provide over-the-counter pain medications (Tylenol, Ibuprofen, etc.) If you think you may have muscle aches, cramps, headaches, etc., plan ahead, and be sure you have the physician's signature for these as well as for the prescriptions. Bring your medication. Register it!

**Seasonal Allergies Alert:** If you think you might need medication for seasonal allergies you should bring it with the proper signatures and documentation. Students will be permitted to retain inhalers as long as they are registered with the nurse. Remember that all Over-the-Counter medication must be turned in and require a physician and parent signature.

**Known Joint Problems:** Bring your own ace bandages, ankle and knee supports and braces if you have a known problem with joints and alert the nurse.

**It is the responsibility of the student to see the nurse to obtain prescribed doses of medication.** The nurse and student will work together to define a time when medication is to be taken. Please be sure to bring special needs or concerns to the attention of the nurse.

**Remember that all documentation must be complete and included with all the medications.**

## Care and Cleaning of Band Uniforms

As custodians of the taxpayers' investment in the education of students in the Peters Township School District, it is the responsibility of the Band Staff to maintain, monitor and preserve the condition of the band uniforms. This document provides students and their parents with information regarding the extent of the consequences for failure to take proper care of these valuable items.

### Approximate Replacement Costs\*

<b>Band Jacket (\$335)</b> Dry Clean Only	<b>Band Trousers (\$120)</b> Dry Clean Only
<b>Pendant (\$50)</b> Dry Clean Only	<b>Baldric (\$80)</b> Dry Clean Only
<b>Collar Liners (\$5)</b> Dry Clean Only	<b>Band Hat (\$65) &amp; Box (\$20)</b> Spot Clean/Hand Wash
<b>Skirt (\$120)</b> Dry Clean Only	<b>Vest (\$198)</b> Dry Clean Only
<b>Garment Bag (\$25)</b> Sponge Clean Only	<b>Hanger (\$5.25)</b>

In addition, the cost of shipping and handling will be assessed

Revised 7/11

**NOTICE:** White band trousers are NEVER to be machine-washed. We have been informed by several dry cleaning businesses that water erodes the protective surface from the fibers of the Dacron polyester fabric and causes the fabric to "accept" stains more easily!

**DRY CLEAN ONLY  
means  
DRY CLEAN  
ONLY!!!**

Regular care and cleaning of a school owned band uniform is the responsibility of the borrower. Improper care will result in assessments similar to those listed above. Please note that the cost of replacement of a single "custom-made/designed" item is much greater than a quantity purchase and of course prices do go up every year. Note that if you are assessed for damage, the cost at the time of reconciliation (May, 2013) as dictated by the manufacturer, will be charged plus the cost of shipping and handling for delivery of replacement item(s). In addition to an assessment for damages, students may be restricted from taking final exams until obligations are settled and report cards/transcripts may be held. (See PTHS Student Handbook for

information regarding obligations. )

The manufacturer of these uniforms has provided specifications for cleaning. Use only a dry cleaner who agrees to launder the uniform in clean solution at no more than 85°F. Cleaners should also agree to clean half the normal capacity when cleaning a uniform. Moisture must also be kept at a minimum. Please do not use coin-operated or home laundry methods. **NOTE: trousers must be dry-cleaned.**

Uniforms are to be cleaned regularly, particularly when they are soiled. Students will be assessed for any soil damage that cannot be removed during the annual School District cleaning of the uniforms at the close of the season. Soil on the trousers should be treated within 24 hours so that it does not set permanently. Be careful where you sit! Be aware that dry cleaners may return garments with collar liners and pendants attached to the hanger hook by a safety pin. Reattach these items to the garment immediately to avoid costly charges for replacing items!

Parents are asked to check the length of the trousers of their band member. The "cuff" should rest  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch to one inch above the ground at the heel. Hemming of trousers is permitted but absolutely NO FABRIC MAY BE CUT FROM ANY GARMENT. Failure to hem trousers to an appropriate length causes excessive wear and damage to the fabric and the borrower will be assessed for such wear.

**Remind your band member to check the length when garments return from the dry cleaners and to adjust the straps so trousers do not drag on the ground. The most common damage to band trousers is at the cuffs where the students walk on the fabric and the result is that there are holes that cannot be repaired.**

In the Band Handbook it states that students should be wearing their official red band polo shirts under their uniform. On the warmer fall evenings jackets can be removed only if the proper attire is worn.

Shoes should be polished for every event! (White socks are also required!!!)

**UNIFORMS SHOULD BE DRY CLEANED BY BORROWERS THREE TIMES DURING THE SEASON**