



*North Andover Public Schools
Music Department*

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Dear Parents,

The staff and I are very excited to get started with our fall season on Monday.

First of all, I want you to know that your child's safety and welfare are of paramount importance to us at all times. As I look at the forecast for the upcoming week, it seems we are heading into another few days of very high temperatures. Know that our staff has years of experience dealing with the weather throughout summer band camp week, and we have action plans in place for rain and shine. I would like to reiterate that students should have the following items for the duration of camp:

- A jug-sized thermos or water bottle labeled with their name (when on field, must be kept on the sidelines; student will have access to water at all times)
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sneakers
- Multiple pairs of dry socks
- Dot books and Music

Additionally, throughout the course of the day, students are given several water breaks so that they can stay hydrated. We will have "easy-up" tents on the rehearsal field so that during water breaks, students will be out of the sun. We are generally out of the sun for the hottest times during the day (e.g. rehearsing music inside or in the shade somewhere on the school campus). In the event that there is any severe weather, rehearsals will be moved indoors. Furthermore, it is imperative that all students submit their **HARD COPY** of the signed medical form Monday in case we need to contact parents for any reason. The form can be downloaded from this link:

<http://www.northandovermusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/>

Finally, it is very important that students come to camp after eating a healthy breakfast, stay hydrated throughout the day, and get plenty of rest during the week.

I am looking forward to a productive week of summer band camp. We are all excited that each member of this performing ensemble has chosen to become a part of this organization. Let's make this the most inspiring year yet!

Sincerely,

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