



# SIMSBURY

## DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

### MUSIC FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

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Dear Band Families,

Hello! I am sure you are all looking forward to the summer. I know that no one wants to think about school starting again, but there is some urgent information that I need to make you aware of.

First, I want to inform you that we will hold a Meet & Greet on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the SHS band room prior to the 7pm Europe trip meeting. All new families (student and at least one guardian) are *required* to attend at least one Meet & Greet. The second scheduled for **September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm**. The beginning of high school can be overwhelming for both students and guardians, so we will be covering everything you need to know for the start of the year. I will also collect forms at this time and answer any questions you may have.

Copies of all documents will be available Tuesday evening. In the meantime, please review all of the resources and information you will need for high school band which are posted on the band website at <https://sites.google.com/simsburyschools.net/label>. Click on the BAND tab and scroll down to see Forms and Resources. Documents can also be accessed via Google Classroom (see p.2 for Classroom codes) or in the shared folder at <https://tinyurl.com/SHSBANDNEW>.

The **Band Handbook** provides you with a complete overview of our program as well as a calendar of all band dates known at this time. All students must return a **contract** indicating that you have reviewed the information.

**Charms** is an online system that we use for communication, finances, inventory, etc. It is important that your information is accurate. Log in instructions can be found in the band handbook. Students should log in using their Simsbury ID.

The **multiple trip permission form** is kept on file all year so that we do not need to complete and collect forms every time we perform somewhere. All students must complete and return a form.

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The **Honors Band information and contract** provide information about Pep Band and honors credit. All students must complete the contract, even if they choose not to participate.

**Order forms** are required for any student who would like to purchase dinner and/or apparel. In order to insure that items arrive before the first game, orders must be placed by the deadline.

**Pep Band packets** are available online so you can begin practicing or reviewing over the summer. Returning members have already learned most of the pep band music but will need to review. Packets cannot be linked to the website, so students must use their Simsbury Google account to access packets. Students may either sign up for the appropriate Google Classroom using the codes below, or they may go to the Shared folder.

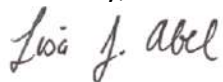
Symphonic Winds: 6h223z	Percussion Ensemble: p56cxe	Sax Ensemble: h2q3wvk
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All families are asked to return a **Guest Artist Program** slip. While not required, the success of the program depends on your contributions. Please note that there is also a fundraising option.

All of the items listed above are due no later than **August 30<sup>th</sup>**; however, we are encouraging students to return the **Handbook contract and Honors contract and order form now** so arrangements can be made for the first game. Hard copies of materials are available; however, it would be helpful for you to print and complete several items prior to the first day. Early returns are gladly accepted. If there are remaining questions, forms may be returned in person at the Meet & Greet.

Please let me know immediately if you are unable to attend the meeting so we can make other arrangements. My intentions with this email are to keep you informed, so I hope that you do not feel overwhelmed. I am looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday!

Sincerely,



Lisa J. Abel  
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