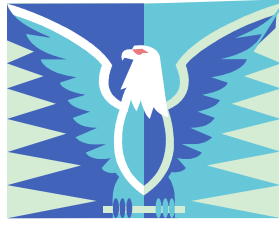


South River High School Band Camp Welcome Letter



DATE: Summer 2012

TO: New, Returning Band and Color Guard Members, and Parents

FROM: Mr. Gerald Cavanaugh, Instrumental Music Director, South River High School

Welcome! Attached, you will find information about the South River High School Band Camp. Our camp is filled with exciting and musically rewarding itineraries of musical enrichment for all participants.

Our Purpose: The South River High School Band Camp is designed to prepare the Band and Color Guard for fall athletic and competitive field shows. Our Camp is designed to train students in the skills of music and visual performance, including outdoor Drum Corps-style precision marching.

Please understand that **this camp is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in fall performances. Students are expected to attend every day for two weeks.** If you have a conflict that requires special consideration, please let Mr. Cavanaugh know via email: gcavanaugh@aacps.org, by calling South River High School, or by contacting the SR Music Boosters: southrivermusic@gmail.com.

Camp Location: South River High School Music Department, most our time will be spent outdoors.

Camp Hours:

Week 1: Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10: 8 AM to 3 PM

*Please note that Monday, August 8 is for new members, Drum Majors and Section Leaders only.

Week 2: Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17: 3 PM to 8 PM

*Please note that our final day, August 17 is a special day. Rehearsal will run from 3 PM to 5 PM. Family and friends are invited to join us from 6 PM to 8 PM for a *Cookout*, "*Watermelon Helmet Contest*," and a private "*Season-Teaser Concert*" of the Fall Marching Band Show!

Please make every effort to arrive early so that we can begin our activities on time.

Camp Costs:

The Program Fee for camp is **\$85.00** per student. This will cover music arrangements, instructional equipment and materials, non-school instructors' salaries, janitorial services and other camp expenses.

What to Bring To Camp:

- Comfortable shoes and socks for walking and marching (no bare feet, no flip-flops, no sandals, no open-toed shoes).
- Shorts, tee shirt and similar clothing appropriate for being outdoors in the summer (no halter tops, bathing suits, or clothing that is not consistent with AACPS Code of Conduct- see www.aacps.org.)
- Sun screen (SPF 50 or above)
- Insect repellent, hats, or visors
- Money for drink/snack machines
- Healthy, brown bag snacks
- Water bottle
- Pencil and music folder
- Instruments, music and drill books (Band members)
- Marching Band lyres (music holders) (Wind players only)
- Corpsmaster Marching Snare Drum sticks, practice pad, hard rubber mallets (Percussion only)
- Issued flags and poles (Color Guard members)

Food during Camp:

Students are encouraged to bring nutritious snacks and water everyday. You are also expected to bring brown bag meals for lunch during Week 1 and dinner during Week 2. **We will not be offering food every day this year, some days you will need to bring your own. NO ONE is allowed to leave the school campus on their own to purchase food.** Order forms will be distributed the first day of camp for students to place food orders delivered by local businesses. This offering is only on selected days.

Parental Support:

Support from parents will be needed every day to help with supervising the students, meal breaks, and other logistics. We appreciate any assistance, whether parents can help every day or intermittently.

Camp Staff:

The Camp staff comprises highly qualified instructors, each with a specific expertise in marching drill, woodwind, brass, or percussion technique, and band front (Color Guard) design and execution. We are fortunate to have a team of instructors who enjoy a collective of experience in educating and effectively motivating high school musicians:

Instrumental Music Director: Mr. Gerald Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh arrived at the South River High School Music Department in 2008 as our seventh Instrumental Music Director. He holds a Master of Music in Instrumental Conducting from Binghamton University, and a Bachelor of Music Education from the Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam (dual concentration in Vocal and Instrumental Music K-12). Always interested in enhancing his experience and skills, Mr. Cavanaugh has recently studied with Dr. Marc Boensel, a local former Navy musician and Director of the Anne Arundel Community College Concert Band and Annapolis Wind Symphony; along with Dr. Harlan Parker at Peabody Conservatory; and Dr. Anna Binneweg, Orchestra Director at Anne Arundel Community College and Music Director of the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Cavanaugh has guest-conducted on three continents, participated in many conducting festivals and institutes, and has served as a consultant with both the Maryland and Annapolis Symphony Orchestras. Prior to coming to South River, Mr. Cavanaugh was the Assistant Band Director at Severna Park High, and Director of Bands at Arundel High School. He originates from Binghamton, NY, near the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, but has made himself an honorary Marylander.

Music Department Chairperson: Mr. Dennis Blair

In addition to being the Department Chairperson for the South River High School Music Department and Director of Choir, Mr. Blair has more than ten years of experience as a music educator and 17 years of experience as a musician with the United States Naval Band located in Annapolis. During his time as a Trumpeter with the Navy Band, Mr. Blair served his country as an instructor of the US Naval Academy Drum and Bugle Corps and Naval Jazz Band. His expertise on and off the field shows constant support and dedication to all of our students in the South River Music Program.

Percussion Instructor: Mr. Drew Harrah

For more than six years, Mr. Harrah has served as Percussion Instructor for South River High School. He is a graduate of Towson University where he served for a short term as Marching Band Instructor as well as captain of the Towson Drumline. Mr. Harrah trains our drumline in the fall season and directs the indoor percussion ensemble, an extension of the Concert Band class, throughout the school year.

Color Guard Instructor: Mr. Rick Stewart

Mr. Rick Stewart comes to us from the Ravens Marching Band, AACC, and Londontowne Symphony Orchestra. This is Mr. Stewart's second season with us at South River High School as both our Color Guard Instructor during fall semester, and low brass instructor during spring. Mr. Stewart holds a Bachelors Degree from Towson University where he studied trombone and was a member of the Towson University Marching Band. He is a 16 year veteran of the Baltimore Ravens Color Guard, and comes to us with many years of experience as a band front member and musician.

South River High School Band Classroom Requirements:

Students registered for Band class will also participate in the Marching Band. The Marching and Concert Band are co-curricular requirements that will enrich and strengthen each musician making them a stronger, more self-reliant, musician in the South River Music Program. The classroom band meets for eighty-five-minute periods on an alternating A-B day block schedule.

Students are required to bring instruments to class daily. School owned instruments are assigned to students by filling out an "Anne Arundel County Instrument Loan Form." **There is a yearly instrumental loan fee of \$60** (which can be paid in installments.) Students are required to keep all instruments in good playing condition, and will be responsible for repairs and upkeep of personal instruments. Each student is issued band sheet music and other instructional materials in a folder. (Music and other supplementary materials will act as the formal "textbook" for class.) The music teacher may add or delete these materials as students master certain music skills. Students are expected to practice these materials and have specific playing assignments prepared for daily class rehearsal.

Students are graded on class performance, preparation, and mastery of assigned scales and technical drills, performance of assigned band music and participation in all school performances that are scheduled and published at the beginning of each school year. (Performances that fall under this category might include school assemblies, football games and other athletic events, competitions, concerts, County Band Festivals, parades and other local events, Graduation, and other opportunities.)

The South River High School Bands (Marching and Concert) meet after school once a week as part of the Band class. Rehearsals are every Wednesday after school during the school year. Attendance at these rehearsals is mandatory. If you have a conflict that requires special consideration, please notify Mr. Cavanaugh **prior** to the beginning of the school year and we will work with your schedule.

Band students who participate in other activities in and around South River High School are encouraged to follow the South River Music Program's "Fair Share" policy. The policy is designed to allow students to participate in a variety of school-based activities, while still living up to their responsibilities expected of them while in the Band. Band students must commit to 1 hour of practice time with the group before heading off to their next activity. More information will be available in our class syllabus and online at www.southernrivermusic.org.

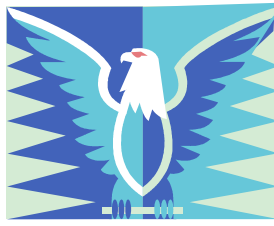
How to Register for Camp:

Please complete the attached registration and medical forms, include a check for \$85.00 (made out to South River Music Boosters), and mail to:

South River Music Boosters
Attn: Summer Band Camp
201 Central Ave East
Edgewater, Maryland 21037

You can stay up-to-date on Band and other Music activities at the Music Booster's website: www.southernrivermusic.org. Contact Mr. Cavanaugh at 410-956-5600 or email: gcavanaugh@aacps.org.

We're looking forward to having a great year. When we "**Band Together!**" we can accomplish much together. This motto will serve as our unifying philosophy for the season and will be the subject of many Pep talks. "**Band Together**" and make memorable music for each other, our school, and community!



SOUTH RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the enclosed medical and registration forms and return both forms to Gerald Cavanaugh, at South River High School, 201 Central Ave East, Edgewater, Maryland, 21037.

REFUNDS WILL BE MADE ONLY IF THE ENTIRE CAMP IS CANCELLED.

Yes my son/daughter will participate in the South River Band Camp

*Please indicate if there are any conflicts your son/daughter might have with this year's camp, the dates, and when we can expect them at camp:

No my son/daughter will not participate in the South River Band Camp.

*Please send completed forms back whether or not your son/daughter is participating in Camp.

Student Name _____ Previous School _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

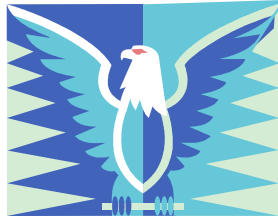
Email (our best way to reach everyone) _____

Emergency Phone () _____ Graduation Year _____

T-shirt size _____ (XSm, Sm, Med, L, XL, XXL)

Instrument(s) your son/daughter plays _____ Guard (Check Here) _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____



South River High School Band Camp Medical Information Form

Please complete all information on this form, sign and return with Band Camp registration application and fee. Your child will not be allowed to participate without this form completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

*This form does not require a medical doctor's exam nor signature.

My child _____ has my permission to attend the South River High School Band Camp from **August 6 through August 17, 2012.**

I understand the camp will be properly chaperoned and supervised at all times. I will not hold the Music Director, Principal, Board of Education, chaperones, Booster leadership or Camp staff responsible in case of an accident.

1. List physical restrictions (if any)

2. List any allergies that may affect participation in this activity.

3. List any other special consideration or past medical history that may restrict your child's participation in this activity.

I further understand that if my child is involved in a discipline problem, he/she may be sent home or removed from the camp with no refund.

Illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages or smoking are not be permitted at any time.

My permission is also given for my child to receive emergency treatment in case of injury or accident. I further understand that I am responsible for any medical expenses that are not covered by my insurance policy.

Use the space below to share any additional medical information about your son/daughter.

Student's Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number(s) _____ Emergency Number _____

Medical Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



South River Sea Hawk Social Contract

Please complete this form, keep a copy for your records and return the signed document to Mr. Cavanaugh by Day 2 of Band Camp 2012.

I, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of _____, (student name) do hereby agree to the policies and expectations set forth in this document regarding my son/daughter's involvement in the South River High School Music Program, and agree to follow the requests made by the directors and staff in order to ensure a fair and equitable experience for all students who choose to participate. I have included the required fee of \$85.00, or I have spoken with the Director and Treasurer in order to establish a feasible means to submit the necessary payments. I acknowledge that there are Director's fees both semesters and agree to pay them in a timely manner.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Print Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

I, the undersigning student _____, (your name) do hereby agree to the policies and expectations set forth in this document regarding my involvement in the South River High School Music Program, and agree to follow the requests made by the Director and staff in order to ensure a fair and equitable experience for all students who choose to participate. I realize that if I choose to violate these policies that my involvement in the South River High School Music Program will be forfeit, and I will lose all privileges and deposits accordant with this program.

Student Signature _____

Print Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____