

## ARDREY KELL HIGH SCHOOL

### *Mighty Knight Band*

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#### Pre-school Marching Band rehearsals

The 2010-11 "Mighty Knight" Marching Band pre-school rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- Monday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Friday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 6pm with a built in 1 hour lunch break
- Thursday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – MANDATORY parent meeting – 6:15pm (see below)
- Monday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - 8am to 6pm with a built in 1 hour lunch break
- Tuesday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> – Makeup parent meeting – 6:15pm (see below)
- Monday, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 to 6:30pm – Drill Rehearsal (pictures for the football program will be taken)  
7pm – Marching Band Parent Performance / Pot Luck Dinner
- Tuesday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> - 3pm to 8:30pm – Drill Rehearsal
- Thursday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> - 3pm to 8:30pm – Drill Rehearsal
- Monday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5pm to 8:30pm – Drill Rehearsal
- Thursday, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> - Begin regular marching band rehearsal schedule

The schedule may be altered due to special circumstances. Activities will include inside rehearsals, outside marching drills and sectional rehearsals. We will be learning the majority of our 2011 competition show during these rehearsals, so 100% attendance is very important. **Anyone who is absent and does not clear it with me in advance will start the year off as a marching alternate!!!**

#### Mandatory Marching Band Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the Auditorium. It will be **MANDATORY** that at least one parent of each marching band member attends this meeting. We will be going over very important information about the 2011 marching band season, and will be able to accept band fees thru credit cards this night as well. There will be a make-up meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 9<sup>h</sup> at 6:15pm if needed. ***No student will be allowed to participate in the 2011 AK Marching Band if at least one of their parents do not attend one of these very important meetings!!!***

### Football Ads

The 2011-12 Football Program Ad and Sponsorship fundraiser is underway. All Band students can earn money for their Band Account by selling Football Program ads. Ad prices range from \$60 (business card) to \$375 (full page color ad) and students receive 50% of all ads sold toward their "Fair Share" Band Account. This year we have added several Sponsorships that combine with Football Program ads; Sponsors receive extra perks as well as year round recognition at all band events. Band families and businesses can show their support for Band by becoming "Band Patrons" and making charitable donations of \$150 or more. Patrons will be recognized in the Football Program and all Band event programs throughout the year. Contact Andrea Weissman at 704-900-7499 for complete details and sales packets. All paperwork must be turned in by 8/5.

### Upcoming DCI Shows

DCI returns to the Charlotte area on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> with the NightBeat show held in Rock Hill, SC. Visit <http://www.carolinacrown.org> for more info or to purchase tickets. In addition, on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, the DCI World Championship Quarterfinals will be shown live on the big screen at the Stonecrest movie theaters starting at 6pm. Make sure you buy your tickets early!

### Parent Preview BBQ-Dinner / Concert

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual AKHS Band Parent Preview Dinner / Concert will be held on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This event will offer all of the members of the AKHS Band and their families a chance to meet each other and share a catered BBQ dinner together after watching the premier performance of the 2011 AK Marching Band! We sincerely hope that everyone in your family can attend.

On the first day of Band Camp, each student will receive a packet of information containing the Band Handbook, info about the Pot-Luck Dinner, the Band rehearsal/performance calendars from August thru December, the Band "Fair-share" agreement, and several other various reminders about the start of the school year. Again, please contact me **ASAP** if there are any conflicts with the Band Camp schedule. **Any situation can and will be worked out, as long as I am kept "in the loop"!!!**

Please check out the Band Website at <http://www.ardreykellband.com> for up to the minute information including a page on what students should expect at Band Camp, what parents can expect for this year, and the complete 2011-12 Band Rehearsal / Performance Calendar thru November!

Here's to another great year with the AKHS Band family!