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# MID-SUMMER UPDATE

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**UPCOMING DATES:** \*\*All dates "in-person" dates are tentative to more guidelines from PISD.

**JUNE 29, 10am** – Meet the Band Zoom: <https://bit.ly/meetyoursection>

**JULY 1-10:** Online Registration & Uniform Orders

**JULY 26:** Parent Informational Meeting via Zoom

**JULY 27-AUGUST 10, 7:30AM-NOON\*\*:** Summer Training, specific times at [www.vinesband.info](http://www.vinesband.info)

**AUGUST 1\*\*:** Uniform Fitting – schedule to come

Good morning, Viking Band Family!

I hope your summer has been restful thus far. I know that many times over the past few months, I have felt overwhelmed by many mixed emotions, and I'm sure you can relate. Having met with our student leaders several times this month, I have great hope in our students' ability to make the most of what is sure to be an unforgettable season. The strength of our character is measured in times of difficulty and adversity, and I can already tell that our students are up for the challenge.

Typically, this email details plans and specific itineraries for your students, regarding Summer Training and the upcoming Fall season. *At this time, we are waiting patiently while the District finalizes guidelines for the upcoming few months.* I wish I could give you more specific information to be helpful, but in our unique circumstances, I feel that it is prudent to work in collaboration with our administrators to ensure the safety and success of our students. I appreciate your understanding and patience. Know that when we have more information, we will communicate directly and thoroughly with you.

Having said that, we will be opening up our **Online Registration on July 1<sup>st</sup>**. You will receive a link to order uniform parts and spirit wear, as well as set up a payment plan for fees. You will need to set up or log into your account at (<https://vinesband.membershiptoolkit.com/home>). This will run for 10 days to ensure that we have enough time to complete orders.

**Pre-participation physical questionnaires** must be completed each year and uploaded here: <https://www.vinesband.info/members.html>. Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders are required by state regulation to have a physical evaluation prior to participating in Marching Band. Physicals must be submitted on the form found at the link above. 10<sup>th</sup> Graders are only required to submit the first page of the form, unless they have had a major change or surgery in the past year.

Over the past week, our student leaders have organized an online social event to meet our members. This **Monday, June 29, at 10-10:45am**, your student can log into Zoom using this link: <https://bit.ly/meetyoursection>. We hope to see you there!

Please be on the lookout for further communication in the coming weeks. I cannot wait to welcome each of you soon, whether in person or virtually, to our music-making family.

Be well,

Jonathan Cao