



Mighty Mule Band Newsletter

July 14, 2021

Mighty Mule Band,

I hope you are all having a fantastic summer break and are staying healthy! I know our families enjoyed traveling a little bit after quite a while staying in and around San Antonio. We look forward to hearing about the various adventures when we meet back together. We are especially excited to hear from the students who have attended music and band camps this summer.

The student leadership team has met a few times this summer to organize everything for the coming summer band camp. I am thankful for such an awesome group of student leaders, and I am so excited to see how they will cultivate such a great climate and environment in the Mighty Mule Band.

I am happy to introduce two new members of our band staff for the coming year. Mr. Matt Moreno is joining us as a Band Director. Mr. Moreno graduated from UTSA in May, and he most recently student-taught at Bradley MS and Churchill HS. Mrs. Amanda King is joining us as our new Color Guard Director. Mrs. King has taught color guard at Brandeis HS and in the DFW area for several years. She brings a great deal of experience and excitement. We will also have several “techs” working with our students during the marching season.

Below are some reminders and updates regarding our approaching fall season. Please look over them and let us know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- **Athletic Physicals** are required for all band students next year. Each band member must have a completed physical on file with our athletic trainers by the first day of marching camp on July 28th. Here are the forms that must be filled out if you take them to a physician: [Pre-Participation and Health History Forms](#). If you have questions about this, please contact our Head Athletic Trainer, Chris Smith - csmith1@ahisd.net.
- We are utilizing **Google Classroom** for our band members over the summer. There is a class named 2021-22 AHHS Marching Band. We sent an invitation for this class to each student's school email address. Please make sure you have accepted the invitation and are checking the classroom regularly as this is where we will post information.
- The first three parts of **music for the marching show** have been posted in the Google Classroom. You can look at your parts and the score as well as listen to the recordings.

Please take time to work on this music. Our hope is that you have the opener (1st part) memorized before you show up on July 28th. The more you can memorize now, the easier it will be to learn the marching drill along with it.

- We have also posted the **All-State Audition** music in Google Classroom. Now is the time to start preparing for the audition.
- The **Youth Orchestra of San Antonio (YOSA)** is looking for members to participate in their Wind Ensemble for the coming year. The Mighty Mule Band has had quite a few members participate in recent year, and they have enjoyed this experience. This group rehearses on Sunday afternoon/evening during the school year. Visit their website for more information: www.yosa.org
- We are in need of a **Band Parent** or parents who like to organize to be in charge of our marching uniforms. We have a fantastic group of students who are on the Uniform Crew and they can do most of the leg work, but need some guidance to set up the assignment process. Please let me and our Band Association Operations Coordinator, Sergio Iruegas - sergio@gtienvironmental.com, if you are willing to help with this.
- Remember that you can see the most up-to-date calendar with rehearsals and performances on our website: <http://www.alamoheightsband.com/band-calendar.html>

KUDOS:

- Thank you to the SLT, especially Logan, Jackson, Maddie, Autumn, Lauren, and Felipe for planning the fun water olympic get together last month.
- Thank you to the SLT members who came to school to put the band hall back together on Monday morning.
- Congratulations to alumnus, Robert Richardson, for being accepted to the Peabody School of Music!