

SRHS MUSIC PROGRAM



Memo: South River High School Band Camp Welcome Letter
DATE: Summer 2017; August 1-12th
TO: South River Band/Color Guard Members, and Parents
FROM: Mr. Gerald Cavanaugh, Instrumental Music Director, South River High School

Welcome! The following documents contain information about the South River High School Band Camp. Our camp provides students with exciting, musically rewarding enrichment in the marching arts.

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 this camp is mandatory for all students who wish to participate in fall Band performances. Students are expected to attend every day for two weeks, but we understand if you have conflicts requiring special consideration. We will work with each situation so that all students have a fair chance to participate in Band and are well trained to do so. Contact Mr. Cavanaugh via email: gcavanaugh@aacps.org, or SR Music Boosters: southrivermusic@gmail.com.

Camp Hours & Location: South River High School, Music Department, and Outdoor practice field.

➡ **Week 1: *Tuesday, August 1 through Friday, August 4: 8 AM to 4 PM**

*Please note: Tuesday, August 1st is for new & returning members, Drum Majors, and Section Leaders.

➡ **Week 2: Monday, August 7 through *Saturday*, August 12: 3 PM to 8 PM**

*Please note that our final day, August 12 is a special day. Rehearsals 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!

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Camp Fees:

The Program Fee for camp is **\$100.00** 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/socks for walking/marching (no bare feet, no flip-flops, no sandals, no open-toe)
- 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, visors, change of shoes/socks
- Money for drink/snack machines
- Healthy, brown bag meals and snacks
- Water bottle or thermos
- Pencil and music folder
- Instruments, music, drill books (All Band members), flags and poles (Color Guard members)
- Marching Band lyres (music holders) (Wind players only)
- Corpsmaster Marching Snare Drum sticks, practice pad, hard rubber mallets (Percussion only)

Food during Camp:

Students are encouraged to bring nutritious snacks and water every day. Meals will be provided by our Music Boosters every day at camp, or you may choose to bring your own brown bag lunch or dinner. Meals may be purchased for \$5 and will be provided by our food service committee. Meal schedules and order forms will be posted by the start of camp and printed copies will be available by the first day of camp. **NO ONE is allowed to leave the school campus to purchase food. Failure to comply will result in immediate disciplinary actions.**

Parental Support:

Support from parents will be needed every day to help with supervising the students, meal breaks, and other logistics. We appreciate the assistance, please email our Music Boosters, southernrivermusic@gmail.com, to volunteer.

Camp Staff:

The Camp staff comprises highly qualified instructors, each with a specific expertise in Marching Arts. We are fortunate to have a team of instructors who enjoy a collective experience of educating and performing in order to effectively motivate student musicians:

Music Department Chairperson/Instrumental Music Director: Mr. Gerald Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh arrived at the South River High School Music Department in 2008 as the 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). As a vocalist, clarinetist, and lifelong learner, Mr. Cavanaugh's interest in brain research to enhance student learning has enhanced his study of music repertoire. His previous conducting teachers include: Dr. Marc Boensel of the United State Navy, Dr. Harlan Parker of the Peabody Conservatory, Dr. Anna Binneweg, with Anne Arundel Community College Orchestra, and the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra, Gunther Schuller, David Efron, Dr. Timothy Topolewski of the Crane School of Music, and Dr. David Portnoy of the University of South Carolina National Conductors Institute. 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. Mr. Cavanaugh is from Binghamton, NY, near the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, but has made himself an honorary Marylander since 2003. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh live in Millersville with their English Bulldog, "Bill."

Marching Band Drill Instructor: Eddie Otto

Mr. Otto is currently beginning his graduate work at Towson University, under the guidance of Mr. John Milauskas, Director of Athletic Bands. Mr. Otto is a Music Education graduate with honors from West Chester University, and currently produces competitive Marching Band shows throughout the mid-Atlantic and greater East Coast. In addition to writing visual and brass horn lines for the Downingtown Marching Band. As an active trumpet player, Otto works with the *Vivace* and Final Touch Companies.

Percussion Instructor: Mr. Drew Harrah

For more than a decade, 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 directs our South River drumline and 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 fourth 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 Bachelor's 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 **during 1st Marking Period**. 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 Band Class meets for eighty-six-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 technique, performance of assigned band music, and participation in all school performances that are scheduled and published throughout the 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.)

All South River High School Bands (Marching and Concert) meet after school once a week, regardless of the activity of each ensemble, as part of the Band class. Rehearsals are every Wednesday after school during the school year from **2:30-5:00PM** during **1st Marking Period ONLY**, then **2:30-4:30PM** following the end of Marching season. 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 year & we will work with your schedule. Our goal is for every student to participate in our program.

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 one (1) hour of practice time with the group before heading off to their next activity. More information will be available in our "*Instrumental Music Student Handbook*" and online at www.southermusic.org.

How to Register for Camp:

Please complete the attached registration and medical forms, include a check for \$100.00 (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.southermusic.org. Contact Mr. Cavanaugh at 410-956-5600, or email: gcavanaugh@aacps.org

We're looking forward to having a great year together! When we "**Band Together**" we can accomplish anything. Our motto in the South River Music Department is "**Music Education For Life**," and will be the subject of many pep talks and lessons. You're part of a great **#BandFam!**, let's make the best memories for as many as we can, for as long as we can!

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SOUTH RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP Registration Form

Please complete the registration form and return form and payment to Gerald Cavanaugh at South River High School, 201 Central Ave East, Edgewater, Maryland, 21037, or turn in at the first day of Band Camp.

Cost of Band Camp 2017 is \$100; checks payable to South River Music Boosters.

Yes my student will participate in the South River Band Camp (*Aug. 1 band leaders and 1st year members only)

Week 1 (Aug* 1-4) Week 2 (Aug 7-12) Both weeks (Please Check all that apply.)

No my student is unable to participate in the South River Band Camp.

Please provide a brief description for any scheduling conflicts you have with this year's camp.

Send completed forms back whether or not your student is participating in Band Camp.

Student Name _____ Previous School _____

Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Parent Cell Phone () _____

Student Cell Phone () _____

Parent Email(s) (our best way to reach everyone) _____

Student Email _____

Emergency Phone () _____ Graduation Year _____

T-shirt size _____ (XS, Sm, Med, L, XL, XXL) Dietary Restrictions/Food Allergies _____

Instrument(s) your student plays _____ Guard (Check Here) _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

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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 1 through August 12, 2017.**

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 _____

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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 the first Wednesday of Band Camp 2017.

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 \$100.00, 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 Music Program 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: _____