Dear 2017 MHS Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this short letter is to dispense some basic information about the MHS band program and what we start every school year with, marching band. This year, the Marching Generals will have many opportunities to travel, compete, and perform in front of numerous audiences. We will perform at all senior varsity home football games, a few parades, and three marching band field show competitions. In order to prepare for the season ahead, it is tradition to have a band camp a few weeks prior to the start of school in which students learn the ensemble's expectations, meet and make friends with other students, learn and advance marching and musical fundamentals, begin learning the music and marching drill for our competitive field show for the year, and the list goes on. It is **crucial** that every student is present for band camp because of the large amount that is learned during these weeks. Students that do not attend will be behind the ensemble and it will be difficult to catch up these students. Percussionists have an extra camp that they must attend where the focus is on developing playing fundamentals, building technique, learning cadences, and setting the MHS Drumline. More information on this and band camp will be given at a later date. Questions may be directed to Mr. Greene at the contact information provided.

Musically yours,
Mr. Greene
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2017 MacArthur High School Band Camp Schedule

Drumline/Percussion Camp:
Friday, July 21st - Sunday, July 23rd
(9:00am - 3:00pm)

Leadership Retreat (Section Leaders/Drum Major):
Friday, July 21st - Sunday, July 23rd
(5:30pm - 8:00pm)

*Band Camp Week 1:
Monday, July 24th - Friday, July 28th

*Band Camp Week 2:
Monday, July 31st - Friday, August 4th

*Band Camp Monday-Thursday Schedule: 9:00am - 4:00pm (lunch from 12:00pm-1:30pm)
Band Camp Friday Schedule: 9:00am - 12:30pm

First Performance: Decatur Celebration Parade - Saturday, August 5th, Time: TBD