

ANCHOR BAY HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Dear 2011-2012 Marching Tars and Parents:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and making the most of their break. This letter is to remind you that band camp is quickly approaching (Monday, 7/25/11), and it is time to begin our quest of learning this year's half-time show featuring the music of "Bon Jovi!" While at CMU, the band will be staying in Beddow and Merrill Halls. These are the same dorms we stayed in last year. The phone number for the front desk of Beddow is (989) 774-4947, and Merrill's phone number is (989) 774-5547.

Please look through the information that has been provided for you in this envelope. You should have received the following:

- **Central Michigan University's Rules and Regulations / Band Camp Checklist**
- **CMU Marching Band Camp Schedule for the week of 7/25/12 - 7/30/11**
- **2011-2012 Marching Band Class Schedule**
- **A Map to Mt. Pleasant, MI**
- **A Map of CMU's Campus**

There is a lot of information here, so please take time to read everything to avoid not being prepared or forgetting something (like a personal marker, your red band shirt, or even your instrument, music, and flip folder).

Here are a few reminders for you. For starters, make sure you have completed your camp payments – mailing info is located on our website. Also, don't forget to arrange for a ride home from camp. If your parents are not going to be able to pick you up, please make arrangements with a friend or other member of the band so that you make it back home. Furthermore, if you need to take prescribed medications while at camp, please follow the Medication Information Instructions and turn in all medications to Mrs. Carol LaPorte (located in the parking lot before departure). Our chaperone staff will assist in making sure students adhere to their medication schedule.

All parents are encouraged to attend our end-of-the-week performance at CMU's Kelly-Shorts Stadium (see map). Our performance on Saturday will take place between 10:00AM and 11:30AM, and will prove to be very enjoyable. I will receive an exact time while up at CMU. The checkout procedure will begin at approximately 11:30AM when all the bands have finished performing. Students will not be permitted to leave until their room has been inspected and cleared. Also, feel free to come up the night before and watch us practice. There are a number of hotels located on near CMU's campus, and a casino complex located off M-20 in Mt. Pleasant. We have listed some detailed info in the camp portion of our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the information below. If you leave a message on the voice mail, I will return your call when we get a chance to check our messages. The best way is to contact me is by email at dvisnaw@anchorbaybands.org as I check this regularly. Our website, www.anchorbaybands.org, is also a great source for information. Thank you for your continued support of the Anchor Bay High School Marching Tars!

Musically yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. David Visnaw II" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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