Dear Prospective PTHS Band Member:

Plans for the 2015 fall marching band season have already begun at PTHS and this letter is your invitation to officially become a part of an exciting program beginning this summer. The Marching Indians strive to be competitive and maintain a standard of excellence that requires a commitment by its members to our summer marching program and intense one-week marching band camp.

Band rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, June 2nd according to the following schedule.

**June 2 - 3, June 8 – 10** - Rehearsals for winds & percussion
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Marching and drill work
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Music rehearsal
**Rehearsals for flags only** – same days as above, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

**July 6–10 Drumline Camp** – quads 8-10, snares 10-12, bass drums 1-3 and ALL 3-5

**August 2 - 6** - Marching band camp
- August 2nd begins at 5:00 with registration and will conclude at 8:30. Following registration at approximately 6 pm, there will be a meeting for all new band parents in the band room. Monday through Thursday rehearsals will run from 8:00 - 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. with breaks for snacks & lunch, in the commons, and dinner, on your own. On Sunday, registration is from 5:00-6:00 and rehearsal is 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening we will present our show as well as have a parent meeting in the auditorium. This will be the culmination of the week's activities. All band members are required to participate in this camp as this preparation is essential for our fall performances. Any absences must be excused by Mr. Schickel or Mr. Brown prior to the start of the summer schedule.

**During School Year** - Full Band Evening Rehearsals
- Beginning August 18th, the full band (winds, drumline, and flags) will rehearse each Tuesday and Thursday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. These are held until the end of the marching season in October. Attendance is very important to the success of this organization! Extra rehearsals for the flags and percussion will be held prior to the evening rehearsals. These will be announced. Please put these rehearsals on your calendar, your parents' calendar, and clear your schedule. With great attendance, we will develop a show that we can all be very proud of. If you should have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at school or home. Please check the Music Department web-site at [http://libguides.pontiac.k12.il.us/pthsmusic](http://libguides.pontiac.k12.il.us/pthsmusic) for the calendar of events and activities, and information throughout the year.

The registration fee for PTHS Band is $130.00. This fee offsets expenses for the year for marching and concert camp, provides a T-shirt for each student, provides meals at all competitions and camps, and provides necessary dry cleaning for garments. Online payments are accepted in Charms or a check may be written and delivered to Mr. Schmink. All checks should be made payble to “PTHS” throughout the year. All students will learn how to access their Charms account during the first week of the June Camp. Parents and students access the account the same. There is a separate account for each student. A financial statement will be sent to all students and parents following the June Camp outlining any payments due or payments made. These are sent via email, so updating information is critical. Payments should be submitted by the start of summer camp in August, or at registration on the 2nd. Fees are non-refundable.

The Music Department uses the organization tool called CHARMS for all student and parent information, communication, financial, and volunteer opportunities for the Music Boosters. Student accounts can be accessed by using the student’s ID number preceded by a zero. Go to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com) and enter the site as a student/parent under the green “ENTER” button. Enter the school code, PTHS Music, then proceed with the student ID number. Once logged in, you may change your password. Most importantly, information such as cell phone numbers and email addresses for the student and both parents will help us communicate with you throughout the year. In addition to the cell phone number, there is a drop down box to indicate your cell carrier. This information is essential in order to receive text messages from us. See the back of this letter for a screen shot of the information page. Enter all information, including the Student T-shirt size!

Other needs for band are a pair of MTX band shoes ($36) or Colorguard shoes ($31), flip folders and lyre ($13). These can be purchased here at the school. We will have a fitting of shoes for all new band members the first week of June (2nd). Any returning band member that needs resized may do so at this time also. Band rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, June 2nd. We look forward to working with all of you in the new school year.

Sincerely,

Scot Schickel  
Band Director

Corey Brown  
Band Director
Please update all highlighted/circled information for student and parents. This is real critical to our communication throughout the year.

THANK YOU!!!