



The Bands of Southeast High School
Bradenton, Florida

Dear Band Family: Parents and Students

Welcome to the upcoming 2011-2012 Marching Band season at Southeast High School! With all of the events that we have planned and that are in the works, this promises to be a very exciting year and a new beginning! **Our Halftime Show performance will consist of the music of award winning composer, Danny Elfman, titled "Music for a Darkened Theatre," named after the CD collection of his film and television music.** It will consist of themes from the motion pictures: *Spider-Man*, *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Corpse Bride*, *Batman*, *Edward Scissorhands*, and *Beetlejuice*, and from the television series: *Tales from the Crypt!* . Art designs will be created by Southeast's very own Erin Kenney and custom drill for the show is going to be designed by our newly appointed Associate Director/Show Designer, Mr. Daniel Urban.

With one year under my belt as the Director at Southeast, and now knowing the layout of schedules and events, there will be many changes for the 2011-2012 school year. To begin, you will know the schedule for the entire year as soon as I can finalize it with the not yet appointed Activities Director at Southeast. Of course there may be some cases out of our control where the schedule might deviate, but generally speaking you will be able to know what is going on for every day. Also, the website will be back up and running, and updated weekly. Available, on the website will be a Google Calendar that you can sync to your phones. Because of these new policies, we will be much more strict with attendance and uniformity. To enforce this we will have a clear cut demerit system, that I ask all of you to adhere to, but hopefully we will not have to utilize it so much!

We have a great line-up of people here to help further the growth of the band program at Southeast High School. We will have most of our highly qualified staff returning from last year, plus some additions; a new SIMBA Executive Board and Committees who have already dedicate endless hours of service to the band, and a strong new group of Band Officers who are extremely talented musicians and leaders!

During the summer, we will have a few events to prepare for the new year. We will have a retreat for all of the Band Officers, date TBA. Also, we will hold a *Thursday Night LIVE!* every Thursday in July from 6pm-8pm, where we will learn the new music, practice marching fundamentals, and if applicable learn new instruments. Then in August we will have Pre-Season Training (Band Camp). Also, preparations are in the works for the band trip and will be announced at the first *Thursday Night LIVE!* in July.

Please practice over the summer! Learn the music as well as you possibly can, and work towards memorization. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to ask any of the above people for help! We are all here to support you and ensure that everyone knows what is expected of them at all times. With all of your hard work, dedication, patience, and personal practice hours, we will be guaranteed to have an outstanding year!

Have a wonderful summer and be SAFE!!! ☺

Sincerely,

Andrea Hatin
Director of Band

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