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SHS BAND MEMBERS TO ATTEND *BAND CAMP*

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While many high school students will spend these remaining weeks before the first day of school counting the days left to their summer vacation, there is a small group of dedicated students who will be starting off the school year two weeks *early* ... the Southington High School Blue Knights Marching Band.

From August 16 through August 27, for 8 hours a day, about 100 high school musicians and color-guard members will be attending "band camp." During band camp, students perfect their fall competition show, this year entitled "*Hieroglyphics*," which will be performed at marching band competitions and home football games from September through December.

During band camp, which runs from 8:00 AM until 12-Noon, and 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday, this highly motivated group of students will not only rehearse their program, but they will also learn the concepts of teamwork, discipline, commitment, accountability and pride -- attributes important for not only making the show a success, but making each individual band member a better overall student.

We are especially excited this year to welcome Miss Sara Sabatino, our new Assistant Band Director, to the Blue Knights Marching Band family! Sara is a graduate of Southington High School who majored in music education at UConn. She was a drum major in the UConn Marching Band, and is an accomplished French horn player.

The SHS Music Department, and the SHS Band Backers, would like to invite you to visit us during band camp so you can interview students, staff (including Miss Sabatino), and even parents, and to write a story for your publication. There will also be an open house, which includes a preview of the fall show, on August 26 at 6:30 PM.

Many students these days are not getting the opportunity to reap the tremendous benefits the Band Program has to offer, and we hope that by letting the community share a little of the band camp "experience", more students in the future will want to take advantage of what marching band has to offer.

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