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SHS MARCHING BAND STUDENTS ATTEND ANNUAL BAND CAMP

With little more than two weeks left of summer vacation, nearly 130 high schools students have packed their backpacks and are returning to school early to prepare for the upcoming year.

From August 14 through August 25, for 8 hours a day, the Southington High School Blue Knights Marching Band will be attending their annual "band camp." At band camp, students train for their fall competition season, practicing their show which will be performed at marching band competitions and home football games from September through November.

For many of these students, band camp is a continuation of their summer training. Weekly practice sessions were held throughout the summer, providing an opportunity for musicians and color guard to perfect their skills. In July, SHS Blue Knights Marching Band Drum Majors Joe Proud, Meghan Rickard and Jaclyn Daily attended the George N. Parks Drum Major Academy held at UMass in Amherst. During this one week program, the drum majors were provided an opportunity to improve their conducting and marching skills, teaching techniques, communication and leadership skills.

The band camp program is representative of the year round commitment that these students make to their music and the marching band program. 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.

The SHS Music Department, and the SHS Band Backers, would like to invite you to visit us during band camp. You will have the opportunity to interview students, staff and parents about the upcoming season. There will also be an open house, which includes a preview of the fall show, on August 24 at 6:30 PM.

For more information, please contact: Jeff Shaw and Sara Sabatino, Band Directors, shsband@megahits.com, (860) 628-3229 ext. 250; Brian Baker, Band Backers President, (860) 628-8522 and (860) 982-0410 (cell); or visit us on the internet at www.shsbands.com.

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