

**VALLEY FORGE H.S. BAND
PERCUSSION NEWS**

5-07-08

Hello and welcome to another year of Valley Forge H.S. Marching Band. This is the first of the weekly e-mails you will receive from the Valley Forge H.S. Percussion Staff through the summer rehearsal schedule. We will send e-mails out every Friday. If you would like something posted in the e-mail please get it to us before midnight the Thursday before. Our e-mails will contain valuable information about rehearsals, performances and other fun and exciting things the VF Percussion Section will do. There will be updates to the web site as well to co-exist with the e-mails. As students it is your responsibility as students to check these regularly. That is something we are going to really stress up on (RESPONSIBILITY). Through the last year we have seen some growth from some students as but not from all. Our goal is to keep you informed well in advance of any event pertaining to the VF Percussion Section. It is your responsibility to stay informed!!

Rehearsal/ Performance Changes or Cancellations:

Changes: Students and Parents will be informed no later than one week of a change in a rehearsal schedule. This will help to give everyone enough time to make schedule changes if needed.

Cancellations: All cancellations will be issued at least 6 hrs before a rehearsal. If a cancellation of a rehearsal is in order. (We will be trying a new thing this year.) Section leaders will be given a phone call about the cancellation. The section leaders will be instructed to call every member within their section, or those pertaining to the rehearsal and notify them of the cancellation.

Next Week

**5-13-08,
5-15-08 Rehearsal from 6pm-8pm (both days)**

Please come to rehearsal prepared with music, sticks/mallets and the correct foot attire as we will begin marching right away!!!

What to prepare: All battery members: know the following music:

8's. Tap Timing, Stands Cheers.

All Front Ensemble members:

Come to rehearsal ready to learn about marching cymbals!! You will receive new music at that time. (We will not begin mallet and show music until the summer begins)

How Our Rehearsal Operates

All Students are expected to come to rehearsal with the requested music learned. We will never come to rehearsal to “practice” practice is done at home. WE will rehearse together. In order to maximize our time together with such a large group it only makes sense to come to rehearsal prepared. Remember you don’t want to be “that guy”, “or girl”

If you ever have a question or are confused always ask questions!! If you are confused it’s likely someone else is too!! Speak Up!

Overall Just Have Fun!!! And everyone will if you all do your individual parts to make up our whole section. **The season begins quickly with our first performance at the end of this month!!! Will you be prepared??????**

The VFHS Percussion Staff

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