

June 2009

Dear Parents:

All students in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in the Johnstown “*Sir Bills*” Marching Band and Color Guard. The group consists of all types of instrumentalists, and color guard performers. The benefits of membership in this exciting activity include:

- Specialized instruction on your child’s instrument or in color guard
- Work with some of the best adult instructors and design teams in the activity
- Positive, supervised social interaction with successful students grades 7-12
- Develop lifelong memories and friendships
- Healthy competitions with other school bands across New York State
- Many positive performance opportunities for large audiences
- Feeling of teamwork and belonging, and service to school and community
- Travel opportunities
- Develop pride and respect for oneself and for the school
- Develop responsibility, discipline and organizational skills
- Membership in one of the most successful bands in the state
- Many more!

The band and color guard host a summer program at Johnstown High School. This program is free of charge, and is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00, starting on July 15. The summer program culminates with “Band Camp,” a fun and productive session held at JHS, will be August 17, 18, 19 and 24, 25, 26.

The purpose of the program is to keep your child involved and active both physically and musically over the summer, preparing the group for September and October competitions. State championships, held on November 1st at the Syracuse Carrier Dome, mark the end of the band season.

We are hoping to attract a large group of musicians: woodwinds, brass, and percussion of all types are needed. Students interested in starting an instrument or joining the color guard (dance, flags etc.) are also encouraged. We are cooperative with students who participate in other activities as well.

To find out more information, or to sign your child up, please call Mr. Jones at 736-1650 or email at Djones@gjsd.k12.ny.us.

If your child must miss some of the days, simply notify Mr. Jones in advance.

