

**Collingswood Panther Marching Band
Band Director's Update – Wednesday, July 9, 2008**

Welcome to the first summer rehearsal for the award-winning Panther Marching Band. Whenever we have something important to get out to our membership, you will be receiving that information in the form of a band director's update. This information will also be posted on our website at <http://pantherband.net>.

This first update will give you some of the most important info that you need at this time.

Summer rehearsals – the rule is “in town = at rehearsal; out of town = see you when you get back!” All absences should be accompanied by a parental note or email. My email address is jdlrch@pantherband.net.

- Wednesday evenings throughout July and August leading up to band camp. 6 to 9 PM each week.

Band camp – attendance is mandatory for membership in the organization. The reason for this is that we teach approximately one month's worth of material in the course of the band camp week. Historically, students missing camp fall so far behind the rest of the band that it is almost impossible to catch up, especially for new members.

- Tuesday and Wednesday, August 19 and 20 – here at the school – 10 AM to 6 PM
- Thursday, August 21 through Monday, August 25 at Camp Green Lane in Green Lane, PA. Cost is \$150 per student. You may begin bringing in payments at the next rehearsal. The band boosters are organizing a hoagie sale for the summer to help offset costs.
- We want all students that want to be in the Collingswood Band to be able to participate. If there is a circumstance preventing you from being able to attend the camp, please use my email – jdlrch@pantherband.net to contact me to discuss the situation. This includes financial issues.

Competition Schedule – note that we will be competing in United States Scholastic Band Association for the 2008 season:

Date	Show
9/13/2008	West Deptford USSBA Show
9/20/2008	Collingswood USSBA Show
9/27/2008	Seneca USSBA Show
10/4/2008	Lenape Regional USSBA Show
10/11/2008	Shawnee USSBA Show
10/11/2008	Cinnaminson USSBA Show
10/18/2008	Cherokee USSBA Show
10/25/2008	USSBA NJ State Championship (1-6 Open)
11/2/2008	USSBA Northern States Championship (1,3,4,5 Open)
11/7/2008	USSBA National Championship (1, 2, 3)

10/25 is at Giants' Stadium. 11/2 is at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, PA. 11/7 is in Annapolis, Md. at the Naval Academy.

Finally, in order to save paper, we will be putting a ton of information on our website in the coming weeks. Please make it a point to visit <http://pantherband.net> for the latest information! See you next week!