

Hello:

Before it gets to be a distant memory...

September 2nd was a wonderful first game for us. Sure ... there were moments that the band showed our "human-side." Yet, overall, my goodness. The response I have received from those in attendance was very positive. WE will do a better job this Friday night...WHICH is "scary" because we were pretty darn awesome September 2nd. Game this Friday; in uniform with FULLY BELLY in seat ready to go at 6pm; make sure you have long black socks (no ankle socks); gray t-shirt underneath band coat; ladies - hair in ponytails.

Need to give huge thanks to Mrs. Pitts (parent of TWO SENIORS), Mrs. Josey (parent of a Sophomore) and to all the other people who helped alter the students uniforms!! We have grown from 56 band students (2008-09) to 97 band students (2011-12) and as we grow, the students really need to have the number of parent volunteers grow!! Speaking of which...great job to all the parents who volunteered for that first football game. YOU WERE WONDERFUL!!!

There are some important dates to be aware of...please always check the calendar. I am going to HIGHLIGHT two of the important dates (again, please check calendar at www.dhsirishguard.org).

September 14 7pm in Band Room I am hosting the FIRST EVER PLANNING COMMITTEE for the DUBLIN IRISH GUARD INVITATIONAL (name for our FIELD SHOW COMPETITION). The students and I need so much help!! As of September 2, 2011 we are hosting 14 high schools - with some high schools bringing over 200 STUDENTS!!! So, we can say there will be well over 2,000 people we will be hosting October 29, 2011. PLEASE...PLEASE...to make such an event successful and to get another opportunity to host one on the future...we really need some dynamite parents/legal guardians to be involved. Considering there are 104 students in the IRISH GUARD...we are needing *at least* 73 parents/guardians (or...27 guests per one DHS parent/guardian) on OCTOBER 29, 2011. As far as SEPTEMBER 14TH'S 7pm meeting in the band room...I am looking for at least 20 parents to help run things like: CONCESSION STANDS; PARKING THE BUSES/EQUIPMENT TRAILERS; PROGRAM SALES; etc.

September 17 2pm-4pm Our Saturday September 17 rehearsal will be from 8am-2pm. At 2pm, I am going to release the students to go to the City of Dublin and ask for donations. I will have a list of specific "regions" that will be assigned to groups of four or five students. The students and I will work on how the regions best work with locations of your homes. *For moral support and safety, we will need to have some 20 parents that day* (a parent/guardian for each group). I know I am asking for a lot. However, we need to have some 40 sponsors for trophies as well as many sponsors for the nice program we need to offer the participants and attendants. If we do this well...all the trophies and all the programs should be paid for and a strong possibility of us making a profit. I have total empathy for how uncomfortable soliciting donations is. Thank goodness there are around 355 other days we will not be doing this. More information to follow...including, how you and or your business can "purchase" a trophy and/or program ad.