



DOANE UNIVERSITY

July 2019

Dear Band Members:

Greetings and best wishes to all of you. I hope you are enjoying your summer. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the coming year. Welcome to all of the new students; it is great to have you with us! We are growing in size again! For those of you that are coming from out of state, we will be doing a few social things with you during the first weeks of band. There has been a flurry of activity both in the Music Department and the University. This letter will provide you with some important information regarding the upcoming school year.

Start Checking Your Doane Email

From this point forward you should be checking your Doane email regularly. This will provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the opening of school. I will also send this to you via email so that you can access it online. Freshmen, I will be communicating with you throughout the year using your new Doane email account.

Go to the Tiger Pep Band Student Information Form and fill out the form by August 2nd

We will need to place a Tiger Band shirt order prior to the start of school in order to have them for the first game. We will order the T-shirts before the first game and the hooded sweatshirts at the first rehearsal.

Important Announcements

Concert Band's First Performance will be on Thursday, August 22nd at 11:00 for Opening Con.

The first rehearsal of Concert Band (all Concert Band members) will be Tuesday, August 20th at noon.

This means that we have **two rehearsals** to pull the band together for that performance. Freshmen, we have done this many times before but please know that attendance is critical. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ANY OF THE FIRST TWO REHEARSALS, PLEASE EMAIL ME IMMEDIATELY.**

Tiger Pep Band's First Performance will be on Thursday night, August 29th.

The first rehearsal of Tiger Band will be Friday, August 23rd from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

We will have **two full ensemble rehearsals** to pull the Tiger Band together for this early game. During the first week of school, there will be two Tiger Band Rehearsals. One for percussion and then a full band rehearsal on Friday, August 23rd. The second rehearsal will be on Thursday, August 29th during the Concert Band time (4:00 - 5:00). We will not rehearse on Friday, August 30th, so those of you who want to go home for the long Labor Day weekend may leave by 4:00. .

The Doane Band Handbook is Online

The Band Handbook has this and additional information for you. **You can find the entire schedule for the year online. Please mark your calendars accordingly as you are responsible for this information.** You can find it at www.doane.edu/students/information/band-handbook

First Week Schedule

There is a schedule called Concert Band First Week. This schedule has been this way for more than a decade and it all works out.

IF YOU NEED AN INSTRUMENT BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

If you do not have an instrument, please contact Benjamin Saul (benjamin.saul@doane.edu).

Concert Band Chair Placements

The purpose of this hearing is to properly place you in your section. These placements will take place on Monday, August 27th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. in Dr. Gilbert's office (CM 114). These will last about ten minutes. More about this during the first week rehearsals.

CB Placement Etude

I would like to get a better understanding of each of your abilities. To do this, we would like to hear each of you play the CB Placement Etude. ***This can be found in the Band Handbook under the heading Concert Band Placement Etudes.*** In the hearing, you will be asked to also play a chromatic scale, the etude, and to sight read. It will last fewer than ten minutes. If you do not have an instrument, send me an email and we will visit.

Tiger Pep Band

During the first week of school, there will be two Tiger Band Rehearsals. One for percussion and then a full band rehearsal Friday, August 23rd. We will be getting new pep band apparel this fall. More on this at the August 23rd meeting.

4rd Annual Tiger Band High School Invitational - Saturday, September 28nd - CONTEST

One of the really cool things Dr. Danni Gilbert created was an invitational event for high school students to join the Tiger Band for a Day. I would like to continue this tradition. There is a form for students to sign up online. The Doane Tiger band member who get the most students to join us will receive a \$100 prize!

Doane Band Invited to Assist K-State Bands with the Central States Marching Band Festival Saturday, September 28

Dr. Frank C. Tracz has extended an invitation to Doane students to assist with the Central States MArching Band Festival on Saturday night, September 28. We will leave following the Doane Football game and run the event while the 450-piece K-State MB prepares for their finale performance at the festival. So far 24 upperclassmen have signed up for the event. We will revisit this on the first Thursday of Concert Band.

Jazz Ensemble

The first rehearsal of Jazz Ensemble will be on Wednesday, August 21st from 5:30-6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please come to this important rehearsal as we will determine then if we are holding auditions for any section. ***There will be free pizza for everyone who attends. The Jazz Ensemble welcomes their new conductor, Dr. Andrew Janak.***

Doane Band to DC - Travel Course - May 12 - 25

All Band members are invited to travel to Washington DC in a performance tour that will include several major points of interest including The Abraham Lincoln Library in Springfield Illinois, Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio, Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece in Fallingwater Pennsylvania, and Gettysburg National Battlefield and all the museums, memorials and monuments in Washington. More information can be found in the Band Handbook at Doane Bands in DC.

A Note To Upperclassmen About Attendance

Just a reminder that you are expected to attend every rehearsal of the Concert Band. ***You do not have my permission to schedule anything over band without speaking to me about it in advance.***

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. You may do so either via email (jay.gilbert@doane.edu) or phone 402-826-9187.

Best wishes for the remainder of the summer.

Regards,
Dr. Jay W. Gilbert
Director of Instrumental Music