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RAM BAND REVIEW

Summer Newsletter

June 2018

Introducing the 2018
RAM BAND Show...

***Let The Good
Times Roll***

The Shepherd University RAM Band will perform “feel good” music to celebrate the arrival of our new band uniforms. Music selections include: “Rock This Town” by Brian Setzer, “Can’t Stop The Feeling” by Justin Timberlake, “Hallelujah” by the Pentatonix, “Let The Good Times Roll” by Ray Charles and “Signed, Sealed, Delivered” by Stevie Wonder!



***Pregame Stadium Jam
2016***

Band Camp

ALL RAM BAND members please note that **Band Camp starts on Saturday** due to housing restrictions.

EVERYONE

(RAM BAND Leaders, Color Guard, Drumline, Frontline, Freshmen through Super Seniors)

will check in at the Frank Center on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th** between 10 am and 12 noon.

RAM BAND Uniforms

YES, WE HAVE NEW BAND UNIFORMS!

EVERY MEMBER of the RAM BAND (This means Pit or Frontline, Drumline & Band – NOT Color Guard) **MUST** purchase **BLACK MARCHING SHOES** – **PRIOR** to Band Camp! If you need marching shoes please order online or from your local music store. If you already own black marching shoes, they **MUST** be in excellent condition (no cracks, scuff marks or damaged soles). Dinkle Vanguard preferred.

The drawing is very close to our new RAM BAND uniforms!!!



BAND CAMP INFO

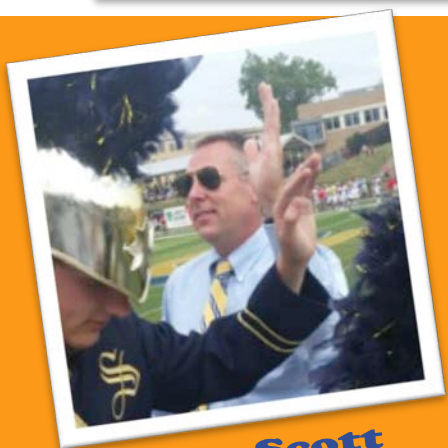
Band Camp 2018 will begin on **Saturday, August 18th** with our opening session at Noon in the Frank Center for the Arts.

Students will need to move into their residence halls between 10 am and noon on Saturday (details will be sent in a later mailing). Students should expect to be outside much of the week and wear appropriate clothing. Sunscreen and water bottles are required. All students must wear sneakers during band camp. Absolutely no flip flips or sandals allowed.

The Band Camp Fee is just **\$60** this year and will include: RAM BAND baseball cap, t-shirt, hoodie, and toque (beanie).

Please bring payment to Band Camp!

Band Camp concludes with an exhibition performance in RAM Stadium on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 pm. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend!



Dr. Scott Hippensteel

Message from the Director

Greetings from sunny Shepherdstown, West Virginia! I hope your summer is going well and providing opportunities for relaxation, enrichment, and musical enjoyment. As the new RAM BAND show begins to take shape, I hope you are getting excited about coming to Shepherd! Every member of the RAM BAND brings their own special energy and talent to our ensemble. It is my job to focus that energy and talent into a spectacular show band performance! Frank, Dan, John, Jason, and Kathy are currently writing our unique custom show. In just a few short weeks we will build another great RAM Band season together! GO RAM BAND!!!



Summer Clinic 2018 – June 23 Color Guard and Student Leaders

Two groups of students are expected to gather for a one-day clinic; Color Guard and Student Leaders. Students will NOT stay overnight since this is ONLY SATURDAY and eat lunch in the Dining Hall. Please contact Scott Hippensteel for more info (shippens@shepherd.edu).

1. Color Guard Clinic & Auditions

All Shepherd students are invited to participate in the weekend clinic of dance & flag routine instruction. Please wear athletic or dance clothes and sneakers.

Kathy Windle, Instructor

2. Student Leadership Seminar

Field Commanders, Band Manager, Field Captains, and Section Leaders will engage in leadership training, teambuilding activities, and rehearsal techniques.

Scott Hippensteel, Instructor

Drumline Clinic & Auditions

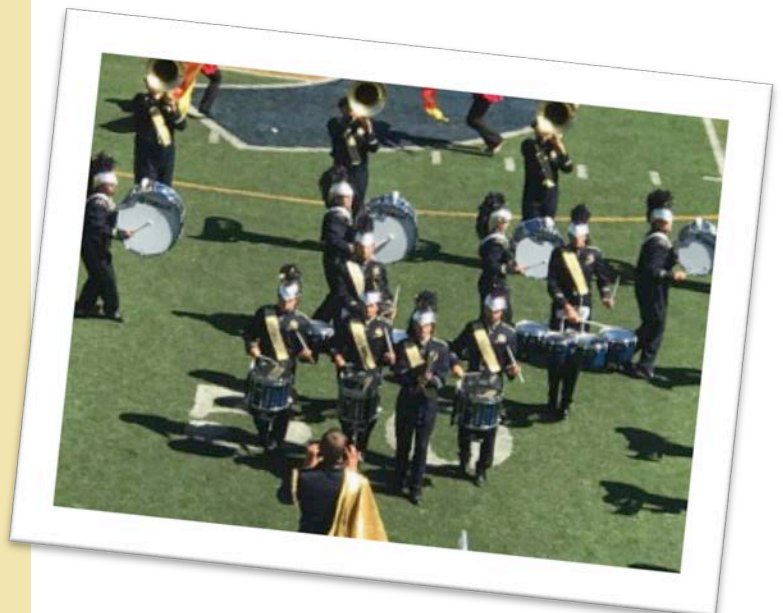
Saturday, July 28, 2018

Drumline Auditions

Members of the Shepherd RAM BAND who plan to play battery percussion (snare, tenors, bass drum & cymbals) will participate in a clinic prior to auditions that will set the line for the season. Jason Keller is our new drum line instructor and percussion writer. He helped clinic and set up our new drum line instruments last summer and serves as instructor/writer for the Baltimore Ravens Band drum line.

Clinic will be held from 9 am until 5 pm on campus at Shepherd University. Equipment and lunch are provided by the RAM BAND.

YES, WE HAVE A NEW DRUMLINE!!!



RAM BAND Summer Checklist

As the warm, hazy, days of summer zoom past, please take a few moments to prepare for RAM BAND Camp.

- ✓ Register for RAM BAND on RAIL (MUEN 360 for Upperclassmen & MUEN 160 for Freshmen)
(Freshmen & Transfer students will do this at Advisement & Registration in June while on campus)

- ✓ Secure black marching shoes - Dinkle Vanguards)

I am trusting everyone to take care of these items

BEFORE Band Camp – NO EXCUSES!!! Dr. H

- ✓ Purchase Flip Folder (8 – 10 pages) & lyre
- ✓ Listen to the originals of each piece in the show!
- ✓ Check Shepherd email regularly for updates
- ✓ Expect information about music downloads, printable parts, and Band Camp details in July.

- ✓ Visit our website for a schedule and info form. <http://www.shepherd.edu/music/marching-band/>



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