



"Home of the Thunder"

DESERT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

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To the members of the 2011 Thunder Marching Band,

Congratulations! You have been specifically chosen as a member of the 2011 Desert Vista High School Thunder Marching Band. The staff and I believe that you will make a positive impact on this band program. You have shown us that you exhibit proficiency in both the musical and visual technique needed for this high-energy art form; This type of activity and group of students is different than any other you might find. Our success comes from control of both muscle and mind, as well as a strict level of discipline and commitment. Unlike other student organizations or competitive teams, I am completely dependent on each and every one of the members in the ensemble. I am planning each stage of the show next year with YOU in mind. I need you to take time to seriously consider the commitment you are about to make. I need one hundred percent from each member, one hundred percent of the time! We will have great success, but only after earning every bit of it through the struggles and trials. If you are unsure of an activity as consuming as this, please carefully consider continuing in the season.

With that being said, if you are ready- we are ready! I speak on behalf of the entire staff that we are truly excited for the 2011 Season! The enthusiasm and work ethic present in all of you is inspiring.

You will find everything you need to know about the upcoming season in the following pages. You must immediately put the Summer Rehearsals and Important Dates on the family calendar as well as your personal student planner. The season's performances/competitions and Saturday "All-Day" practices require perfect attendance across the band. Remember the motto: Be Flexible! These dates and/or times may change, so please schedule personal activities lightly so as to be available for the group. More specifics on Band Camp and the season will be discussed at the Mandatory Parent Meeting on Friday July 22 at 7:00pm.

The summer is the most valuable time of all. Do what you need to do to make the group more outstanding over the summer. Becoming a better athlete as well as musician will directly determine our pace this year. We control our own success!

I can't wait to see this season unfold!

Musically Yours,

Mr. Josh Thye
Director of Bands
Fine Arts Dept. Chair

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