

# DCHS Winter Percussion Ensemble 2011-2012

Welcome to the DCHS Winter Percussion Ensemble! Below you will find information about the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: [alyssa.mccollum@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.mccollum@gmail.com) or (970)768-3862

## Instructors:

Alyssa McCollum- Director and Front Ensemble

Luke McCollum- Drumline

Chris Temple- Drumline and Front Ensemble

Taylor Hutchins- Visual Design

## Important Dates

Rehearsals-Wednesdays and Fridays 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 12-5 p.m.

Winter Break Rehearsals- **No** Rehearsal Wednesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Rehearsals on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. (You will be out before the ball drops, promise. ☺)

Spring Break Rehearsals- Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> there is a show, Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> (this may be an elongated rehearsal- we are still waiting to hear about gym space), and Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> there is a show.

Show Dates- (These are all Saturdays)

February, 18<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup> (State Championships)- Locations will be given to you as soon as they are released.

Attendance- Attendance at all rehearsals and shows is expected. We understand that there are school conflicts that come up (Continental League, etc.), but you are expected to let Mrs. McCollum know in writing as soon as you know about the event that conflicts. If after looking at the above dates you realize that you will be missing a lot of rehearsal or ANY shows, we ask that you re-think your participation in the ensemble. If you are sick or have an emergency and will need to miss a rehearsal, please call or text Mrs. McCollum (being sure to include your name), so we know where you are and why you are missing.

## Fees

We are trying to keep fees low while still being able to function as an ensemble in Colorado. Please know that we have some of the lowest fees in the state and have worked to keep it that way. Fees help pay for instruction, ensemble registration at competitions, part of the uniforms (more info on that later), spirit shirts, equipment, mallets and sticks, etc.

Fees for the 2011-2012 season are \$250 with another \$100 expected from student participation in fundraising. That brings the fees to \$350 total.

Fundraising- Coldstone- Nov. 16th; Oil Change Card (Christine Strang); See's Candies near Valentine's Day, Concessions in March 3<sup>rd</sup> --need parents; kids at a competition, possible Wal-Mart performances in the spring, King Soopers Cards, etc.

Uniforms- We will be getting pants and socks for the students to wear. Students will need to provide a fleece jacket of a darker color on their own and possibly winter wear like beanies, hats, ear muffs, and goggles. Students will also need gray/silver tennis shoes. More specific information will be given as we discuss design with the instructors and work on what would look best.

Spirit shirt -Students will have a T-shirt with show name on it and they will wear after each performance. We need help getting sponsors to place on the back of the shirt.

## Parent Involvement

We love parents! If you are willing to help, we are able to find a way to have you involved. Below are a list of some things we will need help with.

- Uniforms- measuring, marking, sorting, etc.
- Painting the floor ☺
- Meals on competition days (and the family night performance)
- Drivers to/from each competition
- Moving equipment at the shows

Deana Paschke will be helping organizing all parent involvement. If you would like to help or have ideas for parents, please contact her. [croppgal@msn.com](mailto:croppgal@msn.com)

## Things to Bring to Rehearsal

To ensure that we can be as successful as possible, there are things that need to come with you to rehearsal every time.

- A good attitude
- Music (preferably in a binder)- This includes both warm-ups and show music
- Pencil
- Water
- Snacks (especially on Saturday rehearsals)
- Dot book- Drumline
- Please be sure to where tennis shoes to rehearsal- Drumline- this will be necessary when you start learning drill. Pit- you will not want to move equipment in sandals, high heels, etc. trust me.

This is an activity allowed by the Douglas County School District and Douglas County High School. All school and district policies apply.

## Fee Payment Schedule:

\$50- Due December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

\$100- Due January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

\$100- Due February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Notes:

Please fill out the form below and return to Mrs. McCollum by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

As a member of the Douglas County High School Winter Percussion Ensemble, I realize that I am making a commitment to the ensemble and will abide by the guidelines given. I know that if I do not follow the guidelines, my participation in the ensemble may be at risk.

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Printed Student Name

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Student Signature

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Date

As a parent of a member of the Douglas County High School Winter Percussion Ensemble, I will encourage my student to fulfill the commitment they have made to the ensemble and will help them abide by the guidelines given. I know that if they do not follow the guidelines, their participation in the ensemble may be at risk.

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Printed Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Date