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**From:** Scott Stanton - RCHS  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2009 1:02 PM  
**Subject:** Welcome to the 2009-10 RCHS Band

Hello band parents,

If you are receiving this e-mail, your child has successfully registered for the RCHS Band either as a concert member, marching member, or both. Welcome to all of our new band students and parents, and, to all returning members and parents, welcome back. Please make sure that you have my e-mail address as a safe address for your e-mail server. All mass e-mails are sent to you without listing all of our parents that are on the group mailing list to ensure your privacy.

We have just completed a great week of drum line, color guard, and leadership camp. I appreciate the hard work of all of these students and their instructors. It has already been a positive start to the 2009-10 season.

Please note that e-mail is one of our primary methods of communication with you. We also have a fantastic website that is frequently updated and is a great resource of information. The website is [www.rockdaleband.com](http://www.rockdaleband.com). Please check this site frequently for the latest band information.

Please know that it is not too late to join the marching band. Several students originally stated that they wanted to be a part of the marching band but have decided not to march... it is not too late! If you have questions about the schedule, how one can be in marching band and do well in school, or want to know more about the commitment, please e-mail or call.

Yes, I know the summer vacation has just begun, but we are already in full swing as we prepare for our 2009-10 programs. Our marching band show is entitled "Legends" featuring music of Diana Ross, Ike and Tina Turner, Al Jarreau, and other fantastic musical artists. As the summer progresses, you will discover more about our marching band show. I am excited about the arrangements we already have and hope the students will enjoy this show as much as last year's.

If your child is a marching band member, I want to give you a calendar update for the month of June with some reminders and some added events.

1. Each Monday in the month of June, we will hold a marching band music rehearsal. Rehearsal begins at 5:30 and will finish at 8:30. We will be passing out two of the four pieces for the show this Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also begin work on several stand tunes that we will perform during the football games. These rehearsals give our students a great opportunity to keep playing through the summer and get a head start on the music. Please know that our attendance policy for June is extremely flexible – if your child is in town, please be sure to have them at rehearsal; if your child is out of town on vacation or at a camp, we hope your child has a great time and we hope to see them the following Monday.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions about the June rehearsal dates.

2. Please begin checking the website on a regular basis (weekly if your child is in marching band). We are in the process of adding all of the band events into the calendar as we finalize events and receive approval for facility use. The website is [www.rockdaleband.com](http://www.rockdaleband.com)
3. Near the end of June you will receive detailed information about band camp, required permission and medical forms, and other pieces of information you will need. All forms will be available on our website.
4. Please remember that ALL marching band members MUST have a physical on file by band camp. These forms are available on our website now. Also, some of the metro Atlanta area Walgreens are offering sports physicals for \$30 – the closest ones are listed on our website.
5. The next marching band payment is due June 15<sup>th</sup>. The payment may be brought to the June 15<sup>th</sup> rehearsal. Instrumentalists have \$100.00 due (\$150 if two or more from same family). If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me.

I look forward to another great year with the Rockdale Band. I hope you have wonderful summer. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at [sstanton@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:sstanton@rockdale.k12.ga.us). You may also e-mail our Associate Band Director, Mr. Belfast, at [belfast@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:belfast@rockdale.k12.ga.us). Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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