

**From:** Scott Stanton - RCHS  
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**Subject:** Updates

Hello band parents,

Three items for you:

1. I appreciate your support and understanding of the events of this week. I apologize for the lateness of the last two evenings. This is an unusual week with the exhibition Monday and a much needed "rally" session at the end of rehearsal yesterday. I am extremely pleased with the overall dedication of our group and appreciate your understanding with our longer days this week. Thankfully we are back to normal for Thursday and we have Friday night off.
2. I need your help with absences in the marching band. We are seeing more frequent absences due to special events and illness. If your child is sick, you have a death in the family, or an emergency situation occurs, please be sure that I receive a SIGNED note from you upon your child's return. *Notes must be received within three school days upon return and must not be combined with notes for the school (a copy of this note will suffice if signed by a parent or from a doctor).* E-mails cannot be used as official notes, but your e-mails are appreciated as we plan our rehearsals. If there is a special event that requires your child's absence, I must be notified about the event SEVERAL DAYS in advance for it to be considered excused (this does not mean it will be excused). Otherwise, it is automatically unexcused and consequences will follow REGARDLESS of the activity. I have only received a few notes over the last few weeks and have recorded many more absences. I greatly appreciate your help in this matter.
3. Finally, our trailer crew needs your help. This Saturday while the band is rehearsing, a few of our parents will be working on the trailer. We need a ton of help. If you have time between 7:00am and noon (possibly even further into the afternoon), we need your help with painting, floor work, shelf and netting repair, and other items that will help us finish this project. The trailer has been going through an overhaul thanks to Jim Bradford and several parent and student volunteers, but we really need to get this project finished before our contest on September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are available Saturday, contact me as soon as possible.

I appreciate the opportunity to teach your child. Thanks for your support of the Rockdale Band.

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