TO: HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS

Here is a follow-up to the beginning-of-school letter that was sent out the first week of school back in August:

* Uniforms:
	+ The casual uniform—worn when we don’t wear full marching uniforms—will consist of the current official band t-shirt, “nice” blue jeans, long all-black socks (above the ankle), and solid black, rolled-heel marching shoes.
	+ The socks and shoes will also be worn with the marching and concert uniform.
	+ Marching shoes need to be purchased as soon as possible. Saied Music at 31st and Yale in Tulsa has Style Plus rolled-heel marching shoes in stock where students can try them on before purchasing. Additionally, shoes may be ordered online; however, shipping does take time, so plan ahead. We have a few used pairs in the band room available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but sizes are limited. Any student who has difficulty acquiring marching shoes should visit with me before or after school right away.
	+ The marching uniform dry-cleaning fee is $5.00. This can be paid any time this semester, so you can take care of the other items first and pay this when you can, as long as it’s done this semester.
	+ We need help fitting and hemming uniform pants. If you can help out with this, send me an email right away so we can coordinate.
* School Instruments:
	+ Students using school instruments must fill out and sign a check-out contract to help us keep track of our instruments.
	+ To help defray maintenance costs, we have a $20 check out fee.
	+ The check-out fee can be paid $5.00 per nine weeks, $10 per semester, or all at once for the entire school year.
* Other items needed are a lyre and flip folder. These are available through any music store. We also have a few in the band room available on a first-come, first-serve basis, but not for every instrument. Availability is limited.
* After School Help:
	+ I am available almost every day after school to help students with their music.
	+ The various sections of the band are working together to have section practices one day each week. That schedule is decided upon by the students who make up each section.
	+ Students can come in as many days as they need, however, and utilize one of our practice rooms for extra practice and individual help. All I ask is that they tell me ahead of time so I know how many students to expect, and I can inform them if I have a scheduling conflict on a particular day.
* Announcements:
	+ Students are expected to write announcements in their notebooks/agendas. Please check the announcements regularly for updates.
	+ If you haven’t done so already, please send me an email with your name and your child’s name so I can add you to my contacts. This way, whenever I send information home, I can also send it electronically to ensure everyone receives it. My email address is gmorris@cvalley.k12.ok.us.

Thank you! I’m looking forward to a positive school year!