



## DESERT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

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To the members of the 2024 Thunder Marching Band,

Congratulations! You have been specifically chosen as a member of the 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 are 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 of 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 2024 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 on our website [thunderband.org](http://thunderband.org). Step one is to 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. These dates and/or times may change, so please schedule personal activities carefully so as to be available for the group. More specifics on Band Camp and the season will be discussed at the June 21st Mandatory Parent Meeting in the Desert Vista Auditorium.

The summer is the most valuable time of all. Please 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,  
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Director of Bands  
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