Assignment #3: Due Friday, September 9th, 5:00 PM; E-mail your answer to Dr. Stoffel (stoffel@csun.edu).

A Response to the First Class Reading Assignment.

Having read the book chapter, “A Short History of the Marching Band” by Robert Foster, use your professional reasoning as to the value of the information from this book chapter. Why did I have you read this? Of what value is it important for you, as an aspiring music educator, to know the history of marching bands?

Instructions:

For this assignment you are to write a 3–5 sentence answer. But consider how you would answer if your were an actual high school band director talking with your principal. In just 3–5 sentences, how would you explain to your administrator that marching band as a course is valid and has educational merit? For this assignment you must draw upon the book chapter reading to formulate your answer.

Yes, the answer must be short — just 3–5 well-written, compelling sentences! And you must demonstrate through your answer that the information in the reading is critical knowledge for an aspiring music educator.

Hint: The information that you read in the book chapter can lend credibility to your argument that marching band is a valid course at the high school level.

Think like a teacher who is defending a high school’s marching band program.

Note well: E-mail your answer to me (stoffel@csun.edu) by tomorrow, Friday, September 9th, 5:00 PM.