



August 28, 2018

Dear Band Families,

It's finally here! Friday Night Lights! This week is going to go by fast. We get a chance to provide entertainment at our first football game. We get a chance to ride ten buses for the first time. We even get a chance to feed 300 students for the first time...

I have included information in this newsletter that was also distributed at the Open House. You will find both a **detailed description of a football game** and how it typically goes for our band and our **Tardy/Absence Policy**. I may not have addressed every question, but these should give you the information you need.

You will receive Band Notes every Tuesday (electronic only this year!) which includes our Band and Booster Club's calendar, schedule and times for each gameday. The gameday schedules are mostly for your kids, but it is good information to have on hand.

When we are in the stands, we ask that you let us do "our thing." Please do not come in and out of the band seating area and if you have any concerns, address them to a chaperone or a drum major. Although we look like we are having a LOT of fun (which we are), we are there to do our job - supporting our team. We are VERY good at getting 300 kids to do something all at the same time, so please trust our process. Sit back and enjoy the "Sights and Sounds of the Cavalier Marching Band!"

Your child may only drink water in uniform. Please do not buy food or drink for them as they will have their water bottles! I will send a Remind when we are nearing the school to give you time to come and pick up your child. Make sure you are picking your child up in the church parking lot after practice and games and PLEASE be on time.

We promote positive communication in our band program. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to email me at jgoring@conroeisd.net. Thank you for reading all the way through as there is A LOT of information. We hope to entertain you at the games and that you have as much fun watching us as we have performing for you!

Respectfully,
Mr. Goring

Upcoming Dates



Week of 8/27

Regular practice schedule!

Fri, 8/31 CPHS vs. Aldine Davis, away at Thorne Stadium

Week of 9/3 Homecoming Week (CRAZY!)

Mon, 9/3 LABOR DAY

Tues, 9/4 Reg Practice Schedule

Wed, 9/5 Full Band 3:30-5:30

Thurs, 9/6 Full Band 2:45-6:30

PLEASE SEE BELOW

Fri, 9/7 CPHS vs. Aldine MacArthur, Homecoming game at Woodforest
(Performance after the game)

On Wednesday, 9/5, we will rehearse at Woodforest Stadium from 3:15pm-5:15pm for a homecoming pep rally, which begins at 6pm and lasts until approximately 6:45pm. **There is no transportation provided. PLEASE make sure your students have a way to the stadium for rehearsal.**

On Thursday, 9/6, we will start practice at 2:45pm due to homecoming court practice.

Week of 9/10

Regular practice schedule!

Fri, 9/14 CPHS vs. Conroe at Moorhead Stadium



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FIRST GAME SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, 8/31!

3:00-3:45PM: Run through at CP
 3:45-4:45PM: Eat
 4:45PM: Load buses
 11:30PM: Approximate return time to CP

UNIFORMS FOR THIS WEEK'S GAME

Blue Band Shirt (required wear), Black Shorts, Black Socks (calf-length) and Black Band Shoes (required wear). ALWAYS make sure your child brings their blue band **duffel bag** with a poncho or rain jacket. We will start wearing our CP uniforms next week for our first home game, which happens to be Homecoming!

THE BAND CAN ONLY DO IT WITH YOU! NEXT PAYMENT 9/15!

1 st Payment	6-15-18	\$136
2 nd Payment	7-15-18	\$136
3 rd Payment	8-15-18	\$136
4th Payment	9-15-18	\$136
5 th Payment	10-15-18	<u>\$136</u>
TOTAL FAIR SHARE		\$680

Thanks for your support! Make payments via the PayPal link on our band website and in the Band Notes emails OR with cash or check to *CPC Band Booster Club* and placed in the black box in the band hall. Remember to include student's name and section.

THE WOODLANDS COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL!

We are now College Park High School! **Go, Cavs!**

THE BAND WEBSTORE IS OPEN!

We've added a webstore to our website. *What can you buy?*

- Cavaliers T-shirt
- Car flags
- Buttons and fans with your student's picture
- Pay for competition meals

Pick up all purchased items at home football games: *table by concession stand, on band side, before game and during first quarter.* <https://cpcbband.org/shop>

COMPETITION MEALS PAYMENT DEADLINE 9/1

Deadline to pay for Competition Meals has been extended. Visit our website to easily pay! <http://www.cpcbband.org>

NEXT GENERAL BOOSTER MEETING, 10/2

See you in the Orchestra Hall at 7:30PM.

WORK THE PAVILION AND EARN FAIR SHARE

Contact the pavilion coordinators at pavilion@cpcbband.org to be added to the email list, get required forms and information about getting TABC certified.

IMPORTANT PRACTICE SCHEDULE INFO – HOCO WEEK

Wednesday, September 5th, is the homecoming pep rally at Woodforest Stadium. We will rehearse in the stadium from 3:15-5:15PM and the Red Wagon Parade Pep Rally goes from 6PM to about 6:45PM. ***There is no transportation provided!*** PLEASE make sure your students have a way to the stadium for rehearsal. On Thursday, September 6th, rehearsal will start at 2:45PM due to homecoming court practice.

UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS!

September 19th – Willie's: 4PM-Close

October 8th - Kendra Scott and Potbelly Sandwich Works: **TWO OPPORTUNITIES!** Shop at the "Kendra Gives Back" event from 6-8PM, then...walk around the corner and grab some dinner for the whole fam – **25% back to the Band!**

October 15th - Grub Burger: Spirit Night & DAY!

BOA 2018 HOUSTON REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP – 10/6/18

Fair Share Opportunity! CISD Background not required. Sign up here by *September 14th*: **BOA 2018 Sign-up.** Questions? Email Catie Dixon at boa.coordinator@cpcbband.org

BAND VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers must complete a CISD Background check. This must be completed before our first game. Use this **link** to complete the process and forward the confirmation email to chaperone@cpcbband.org.

2018-2019 CAVALIER BAND SPONSORS

Please support our Crest Sponsor, the Social Suite at Brickhouse Bridal. Let them help you get outfitted for Homecoming and Prom!

We are still accepting Corporate and Family Sponsorships!

If you know of a company interested in becoming a Band Sponsor, we will reach out to them. In-kind Donations/Sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Please check with your employer re: Corporate Matching or Personal Donation policies and sign up to have your Fair Share and Band Olympics donations matched by your employer. Contact Mary Lee at corporatesponsorship@cpcbband.org.



DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A FOOTBALL GAME

Rules That Apply for Each Football Game

If you have a child that would like to ride with another student in their car to the football game, you must send an email, from your email address, sent to jgoring@conroeisd.net stating that you are aware of the situation and that you approve. This must be sent one day prior to game night – *for Friday night games, by Thursday evening. For Thursday night games, by Wednesday evening.*

Run Through - 3:15/3:30 (typically):

Our students will have a "Run Through" before most football games. This will last anywhere between 45 minutes to an hour. This is a crucial element to our process and all students must be present at this rehearsal. We will spend this time fine tuning for the evenings performance as well as running through logistics. This "run through" is also required for our non-marchers (athletes) so they will know where to go for the beginning of halftime and for the end.

Required wear for games (and run through):

Black marching shoes, black socks (calf length), black shorts (black compression shorts underneath), blue band shirt. Guard will wear what Ms. Martinez decides. This may be white top and black shorts or pep wear. Each student is required to be in the above attire at the start of the "run through." If a student does not have the required attire, they will be asked to call home to get what they are missing. Many times, a section leader will be able to help them. The student will not be able to perform at the "run through" until he/she is wearing the proper attire. If they miss the "run through" they may not be able to perform at the game that night.

Load, Uniform, Eat, Load – 4:00/4:30 (typically):

After the conclusion of our "run through," we will load the band truck. This looks a bit different for home and away games, but the idea is the same. All percussion, tubas and big instruments (saxes and bigger) will load the truck. The only difference with home and away games is our student drivers. If they drive to the game, they will take their instrument in the car with them (except for Tubas and percussion).

After the loading process, the students will receive their game day meal (if they ordered one) in the band hall. They can pick up their meal from our parent volunteers and then go into the hallway to eat their meal. Students will also pick up their uniform at this time.

For home games, the students riding the bus will not be allowed to leave campus. If they did not order a game day meal, please pack a meal for them and send them to school with it. As parents, you are more than welcome to bring them something after rehearsal, but they will not be allowed to leave campus.

For away games, the students may not leave campus. This includes leaving to go to Chick-fil-A, Panda Express, or anywhere else in the area. The same rule applies for parents dropping off food.

During a designated time, we will load the busses to depart for the game. The students are not allowed to load the bus until a chaperone is ready to check them in. All students have a designated chaperone for the evening (if they rode the bus) that will be there every step of the way. All chaperones should be treated with the same respect as the directors. These are parent volunteers that are working hard to provide a great experience for our students. Once on the bus, everyone must remain seated, respectful and follow all CISD rules, including individual bus driver rules.

Game Time/Halftime

The only people allowed in the band area are directors, current band members/band alumni (sometimes) and chaperones. Please be an admirer from the parent section (I have told them to smile at you if you want a picture :-)) and be entertained! Our goal is to support our team throughout the game and show off all the hard work we do on a weekly basis during halftime.



Post-Game & Heading Home

After the game, we will load the truck in the same way we did when we left College Park. Once we return home, all students who have instruments on the truck are expected to unload. All uniforms will be returned to the uniform room regardless of driving a car or riding the bus. Please be prompt in picking up your student after they have finished their post-game responsibilities. As directors, we will never leave a student at the school alone, but please be mindful that we would like to get home as well. Do your absolute best to pick up your child on time!

SUPER IMPORTANT!!!

It is quite a task keeping up with 300+ students and keeping them safe at all times. Keep in mind that our expectation is that each student who rides the bus to a game will ride back home on the bus. We also understand that there are situations when a student must ride home with their parent instead of the bus. These situations are reserved for testing/auditions the following morning and are handled on a case by case basis.

The following protocol must be followed if you would like to take your child home from the game, after their post-game responsibilities are finished:

1. Send an email one night prior (Thursday evening for Friday game nights, Wednesday for Thursday game nights) stating that you will be picking up your child and taking them home after the football game. Emails that are sent the day of the game will not be accepted!
2. A handwritten note must also be given to the chaperone, at the bus, before we leave the game. At no other moment in the evening will this be accepted by our chaperones. Please have your child with you and the chaperone will check that the email that was sent and match it with the handwritten note. If either the email or handwritten note is not "on file," your child will ride the bus home. There is no exception to this other than a family emergency. We understand things come up and we will try to be as accommodating as possible, but remember, we must make sure all 300+ students are always safe and accounted for.



REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE POLICY

Please be aware of our rehearsal/performance policy as it applies to each student in the band. Please note that this policy is put in place, first and foremost, for the safety of our students. This policy also promotes our families to be proactive in planning for the next few months, as well as providing a set of expectations that will ensure the highest quality product presented at the highest competitive level.

Tardy

Students not in their designated area at the appropriate time will be marked tardy. A tardy will be converted to a mark of absent 10 minutes after the rehearsal begins.

Excused Tardy

Tardiness may be excused at the discretion of the directors. Tutorials, appointments etc. will not be an excuse for tardiness unless prior arrangements (24 hours prior), with written documentation, are made and approved by a director.

Unexcused Tardy

Students who have more than one unexcused tardy shall make up missed time (arranged by a director) and may be subject to one of the following consequences at the discretion of a band director:

- Loss of spot as a primary marcher
- Requirement to stay after rehearsal or report early to next rehearsal to make up lost time
- Requirement to make up 15 minutes of fundamental marching with his/her section leader

Excused Absence

Excused absences are case-by-case, however, all absences will be excused for a death in the family or a medical condition that prohibits the student to participate. The medical condition will require a note from the doctor to be excused.

Unexcused Absence

Unexcused absences are anything that does not fall into the excused absence category. This will also be decided on a case by case situation; Vacation, taking sister/brother to college, or pre-planned trip, for example, will be an unexcused absence.

Absence policy

- If two (2) rehearsals are missed during a week, the student will not perform at the performance on Friday night and as a result, the Saturday performance (in October).
- If a student misses the last rehearsal day of the week (3rd day), they will not be able to perform at the next performance.
- If a student cannot learn what they missed by the last rehearsal day before the performance, they will not be able to perform on the Friday performance, and as a result, the Saturday performance (in October).
- If a student misses two (2) performances, they will be removed from their marching spot in the marching band.
- If an excused absence falls on a performance date, the missed performance will not count against the student.