



October 8, 2018

Dear Band Families,

*We did it! We survived the first contest of the season. Our students did a fantastic job representing our band, our school and our community. Although we did not make finals, we had a GREAT run. There was an overwhelming amount of positive comments about our band and their performance. Most importantly, no one could stop talking about how wonderful our parents were. This is a very stressful time for bands and their directors and it is imperative that things run as "normal" as possible. Once again, you made it a contest that people want to keep coming back to. A HUGE THANK YOU to Ms. Dixon and her tireless efforts coordinating this event with Music For All.*

*We were able to go to a clinic on Sunday morning and received positive critique from our judges. We will put our last section on the field this week and start to implement the changes needed to become a better band. They loved our show and were all excited to see the growth within our band program.*

*A few things as we move forward into our band "season:"  
We work hard. I tell our kids this. I also let them know that every other band works just as hard as they do. Every band rehearses for 8 hours on a parking lot and do the best with the product they are given. We need to make sure that we stay positive in our approach if results do not end the way we want them. Our goal, as a program, has always been to make finals in every contest we attend. If that does not happen, we get information on how to get better, and we go from there. We would love to make finals, but we stress the importance of having a good prelims show or we do not even get to the finals show.*

*The great thing about this activity is that the historically successful bands might not get in to finals and you might even see a "new kid on the block" get in. There is never a sure thing in a subjective activity like this. I teach our students how to give their best show. If they were happy with it and they felt it was a good show, then it was a good show. If we start attaching a judge's number/placement to our success and how we feel about it, we will ultimately be disappointed in something.*

*Keep your positive comments flowing through your household and help me encourage our students to be the very best they can be as we move forward!*

*As always, we promote positive communication within our band program. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email me at [jgoring@conroeisd.net](mailto:jgoring@conroeisd.net).*

Respectfully,  
Mr. Goring

## Upcoming Dates

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### Week of 10/8

Regular practice schedule!

Fri, 10/12 CPHS vs. Oak Ridge at Woodforest Stadium (away)

### Week of 10/15

Regular practice schedule!

Fri, 10/19 – BYE WEEK

Sat, 10/20 – *Second Contest!*  
Lonestar Band Preview  
3:15-6:15 PM Performance Block (still don't know exact time)  
TBD Run-through at CP

### Week of 10/22

MODIFIED Practice Schedule!

Monday, 3:30-6:30 PM  
Tuesday, 7:15 PM Run-through and UIL Marching Performance  
Wednesday, Regular Practice  
Thursday, Regular Practice

Fri, 10/26 CPHS vs. Klein Oak at Woodforest (home)

Sat. 10/27 – Area Performance at Galena Park Stadium  
Performance time is TBD



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### UNIFORMS

Uniforms brought home after BOA are due back immediately!

### FRIDAY, 10/12 PEP RALLY

The Pep Rally starts at 6 AM. Please arrive at CP by 5:45 AM. Eat a good breakfast!

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SCHEDULE

#### 10/12 CPHS vs OAK RIDGE AT WOODFOREST STADIUM (AWAY)

3:15 PM	Run-through
4:15 PM	Load/Eat
5:15 PM	Depart from CP
5:45 PM	Car Riders at Woodforest Gate
7:00 PM	Kickoff
11:00 PM	Arrive back at CP

### FULL UNIFORM REQUIRED FOR GAME

Black spandex shorts	CP dry fit band shirt
Black gloves	Black marching shoes
Long, black socks	Garment & Duffel bags
Rain poncho	No jewelry

### UNIFORM WASHERS –PICK UP FRIDAY

Come to the uniform room after the game to pick up your ten sweet smelling uniforms to wash. They are due back on Thursday, 10/18. Please remember to hang uniforms facing and to the LEFT of the name tag. If you have any questions, refer to your washing instructions sheet and contact Becca or Carol!

### FINAL FAIR SHARE DUE NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 15TH!

5 <sup>th</sup> Payment	10-15-18	\$136
<b>TOTAL FAIR SHARE</b>		<b>\$680</b>

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

### BIG, HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR BOA VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for enabling us to host such an incredible event. It showcases the families of the College Park High School Band as all around awesome! Please log your hours this morning at <https://tinyurl.com/2018-BOA-HOU> and send all feedback to Catie Dixon, [BOA.Coordinator@CPCBand.org](mailto:BOA.Coordinator@CPCBand.org). We want to know what you loved about your position, what you hated, what you think could be better next year, what you hope we never change!

### UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS!

Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - Grub Burger. Spirit Night & DAY!  
Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – California Pizza Kitchen, 11 AM-10 PM  
Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Russo's: Spirit Day

### 2018-2019 CAVALIER BAND SPONSORS

**We are still accepting Corporate and Family Sponsorships!**  
Contact Mary Lee at [corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org](mailto:corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org)

### BANDTOBER NEWS

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Lonestar Preview at Woodforest hosted by TWHS. This is a local competition with many of the best bands from the Houston area. We have a late afternoon performance time. Should we make finals for this competition, it will be a long day at the Stadium. Students will be fed lunch and dinner.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** UIL Region at Woodforest. We perform at 7:15 PM. This will be like a game night with run-through after school, then Load, Eat, Load. The main difference is that we show up to perform and will only be at the stadium for the time it takes to unload, warmup, perform and load. If we score well enough, we move onto UIL Area.

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** UIL Area at [Galena Park ISD Stadium](#). This is when the show has to shine. The Top 4-5 bands go to State. We don't know our exact performance time yet, but we do have an early draw. We'll be the 5th band performing out about 25. It will be an early morning for the kids and they will be gone all day.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** BOA San Antonio Super Regional. We perform at 10:30 AM, which means we need to be in San Antonio by 8:00 AM, which means at CP very early. Exact time will be determined in a couple of weeks. Fortunately, we do not have a game on Friday. This is the most competitive marching contest in the country with 16 of the top 30 bands competing. Prelims are Friday and Saturday. The top 14 go to Finals. If we do not make finals, we will leave after dinner and get back to CP around 10:30 PM.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>:** UIL State. If we qualify at Area on 10/27, we will go to State. Prelims are on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Finals are on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The District pays for all travel expenses starting Sunday afternoon. To give some context, in 2016, the band qualified for State for the first time and placed 17<sup>th</sup> (the top 12 go to Finals). The goal is to make Finals at every competition. Every year, there's one or two new kids on the block that break through into Finals. Who knows. Maybe this year it's College Park! We have a great show, great Directors, great kids and great parents! Let's have a GREAT Bandtober.



## **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.