



September 4, 2018

Dear Band Families,

Well... We did it! We had a GREAT first game! This was the first of many, but I would like to send a special thanks to all who were involved for the first game. Our kids were directed on how to load the truck, they were all fed, they made it to the game (and home) safely and we had the best "first game" performance EVER!

Looking back on this past performance, here is the best thing I can take away from it: **Our kids have fun! They love band!** It was so great to hear the drum cadences for the first time but see all our students dancing right where they left off last year. Our older students were very encouraging throughout the evening including getting on the field for the first time, halftime for the first time and showing our younger students what it is like to be a Cavalier Band member at football games.

It is always just a little more fun at games when we are winning, and our team dominated ALL game long. It seems we play just a bit louder, a bit faster and cheer a bit longer. It was so great to see how excited our athletes were for the opening game win and it was equally exciting to hear how much our band appreciated their hard work.

This week is a CRAZY one! HOCO week...and apparently rain week as well. Please make sure your students are at Woodforest stadium by 3:15pm on Wednesday for rehearsal. This is going to be tough managing through traffic so please do your best! **No transportation is provided to or from the stadium.** The only students who must come back to CP to unload are tuba players, percussionists and quartermasters. All others will take all equipment home from the stadium and bring it back to school on Thursday.

We are going to do our best to put three more minutes of music on the field this week. We hope the rain holds off for us to be efficient, productive and entertaining.

As a reminder, please make sure you are picking up your child in the church parking lot after practice/games and PLEASE be on time.

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 jgorring@conroeisd.net.

Respectfully,
Mr. Gorrington

Upcoming Dates

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Week of 9/3 Homecoming Week (CRAZY!)

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

Week of 9/17

Regular practice schedule!

Fri, 9/21 CPHS vs. TWHS at Woodforest.

KNOX NIGHT!!!!!!



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<http://www.cpcb.org>**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS SCHEDULE – 9/7**

3:15-4:15 PM	Run Through
4:15-5:15 PM	Eat & Get Uniforms
5:15 PM	Load buses
5:45 PM	Car riders must be at stadium gate, lined up
7:00 PM	Game Starts
11:00 PM	Approximate return time to 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

GAME DAY GATORADE

Gatorade comes with all purchased meals. Extras are available for \$1 in the Band Hall after practice!

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 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.

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@cpcb.org

NEXT GENERAL BOOSTER MEETING, 10/2

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

WHERE DO I BUY BAND SWAG???Our webstore! <https://cpcb.org/shop>

- Cavaliers T-shirt
- Car flags
- Buttons and fans with your student's picture

Pick up purchased items at home football games: *table on band side, by concessions, before game and during first quarter.*

These shirts will be available at the HOCO game in SS for \$20, LS for \$25

**WORK THE PAVILION AND EARN FAIR SHARE**

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

GET INVOLVED WITH THE BOOSTER CLUB!

There are lots of ways to get involved and support our Band and one of them is to serve on Board of Directors for the Booster Club. Find a position that is perfect for your schedule and skills! Let us know your interest: 2nd.vicepresident@cpcb.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 and 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@cpcb.org.



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.