



August 26, 2019

First Game!!!

It's finally here! Friday Night Lights! This week is going to go fast. We get a chance to provide entertainment at our first football game and we get a chance to ride 12 buses for the first time. We even get a chance to feed 335 students for the first time...

After the Band Notes, you will find the document that was distributed at Open House. This is a detailed description of a football game and what it typically looks like. There will be a few questions that I may not have addressed, but for the most part, this will give you all the information you will need.

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, please address a chaperone or a drum major. Although we look like we are having a LOT of fun (which we are), we are also there to do our job... supporting our team.

We are VERY good at getting 335 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!"

Important notes:

- *Your child will only be able to drink water in uniform. Please do not buy food or drink for them as they will be bringing their water bottles with them!*
- *I will send a Band App post when we are nearing the school to give you time to come and pick up your child.*
- *Be 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.

Upcoming Dates



Week of 8/26 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-8/26	Guard Only 3:30-5:30pm
Tues-8/27	Full Band 3:15-6:15pm
Wed-8/28	Band Only 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-8/29	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Fri-8/30	FB Game @Woodforest vs. Aldine Davis 7pm

Week of 9/2 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-9/2	LABOR DAY
Tues-9/3	Full Band 3:15-6:15
Wed-9/4	Full Band 3:30-5:30
Thurs-9/5	Full Band 2:45-6:30
Sat-9/7	FB Game @ Thorne Stadium vs. Aldine McArthur 6pm

Week of 9/9 Rehearsal Schedule

Homecoming week (CRAZY!)

Mon-9/9	No Rehearsal for Guard
Tues-9/10	Full Band 3:15-6:15
Wed-9/11	Full Band 3:30-5:30 <i>*See below</i>
Thurs-9/12	Full Band 2:45-6:30 <i>*See below</i>
Fri-9/13	FB Game @ Woodforest vs. Conroe <i>Performance will be after the game!</i>

On Wednesday, 9/11, we will have a Homecoming Pep Rally at Woodforest Stadium in the evening from 6PM until approximately 6:45PM. We will rehearse in the stadium from 3:15-5:15PM. **No transportation is provided. Be sure your students have a way to the stadium for rehearsal.**

On Thursday, 9/12, we start at 2:45PM due to the Homecoming court practice.



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FIRST GAME SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, 8/30!

3:15PM Run Through
 4:15PM Load Truck/Eat
 5:15PM Leave CP for Woodforest
 5:45PM Car Riders Line Up at the Gate
 7:00PM Kickoff

Check the Band app for announcements about when the Band is on their way back to CP. **REMINDER:** *Do not drive on the road by the band hall!*

UNIFORMS FOR THIS WEEK'S GAME

Black marching shoes
 Long black socks
 Compression shorts
 Blue Band shirt
 Garment Bag
 Duffel Bag: *Be sure it includes a poncho or rain jacket!*
 Water jug

2019 FAIR SHARE

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
June 15 th	\$136
July 15 th	\$136
August 15 th	\$136
September 15 th	\$136
October 15 th	\$136
TOTAL FAIR SHARE:	\$680

Questions? Email accounts.receivable@cpcb.org.

THE PAVILION NEEDS YOU! SEPT SHOWS ARE POSTED

All positions needed for:
 9/7 Chris Young
 9/8 Slipnot
 9/11 HSO

Sign up [here](#). Questions? Contact Crisha Ware at pavilion@cpcb.org.

COLOR GUARD ORDERS

If you have not ordered your unitard, please contact Tracy Zukaitis at color.guard@cpcb.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@cpcb.org.

REQUIRED COMPETITION MEALS PAYMENT - DUE 9/1

Competition meals payments are required of all marchers and guard members. The fee is \$75 per person and due by September 1st. Pay online at <http://www.cpcb.org>.

2019-2020 CAVALIER BAND SPONSORS

Family Sponsorships needed! Let us know if your family is interested, or if you know of a company interested in being a CP Band Sponsor and we will contact them. In-kind Donations/Sponsorships are also greatly appreciated! In addition, we encourage you to check with your employer on their Corporate Matching or Personal Donations policies and sign up to have your future Band Contributions (Fair Share and Band Olympics) matched by your employer. Contact corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org.

2019-2020 SECTION LIAISONS

Each section (instrument) has a dedicated parent contact. Please contact your section liaison if you have not heard from them. Contact information is located on the website under "Parent Info." Questions? Contact Chuy Rocha at section.chair@cpcb.org.

UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS

9/11 Raising Cane's
 9/30 Kendra Scott Event
 Stay tuned for more info! Do you have an idea or a specific vendor you would like to suggest for a Spirit Night? Contact Mary Lee at spiritnights@cpcb.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 Mr. Schmidt 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.