



October 7, 2019

### ***First Contest in the Books!***

*What a crazy Thursday night game! I appreciate your trust in us with your children and I'm going to be honest, it was bit scary at times at the game. The storm popped up out of nowhere and it rained HARD. I am sure that you were receiving texts from your children, but I promise I will always update you with what is going on. They are my priority so you may not hear from me right away until I get things figured out, but I promise they will be as safe as we can get them. 😊*

*Thank you for getting your child to school so early on Saturday. As early as it was, they were so excited about their performance. WE were so excited about their performance! It was our first opportunity to see them with their uniforms and it was awesome. They look so good and they were so happy to wear them. We had an electronic malfunction (most bands did) but other than that, it was a GREAT show!*

*Although we did not make finals, the kids had a great first experience. Jitters are now out of their system and they spent the day watching great marching bands. I think it was a record day of heat and our students and chaperones did their best handling it.*

*This Friday is an early dismissal day AND a game day! Your child may stay at the school until our 3:15pm run-through or leave and return.*

*I have attached a schedule for this Saturday's Lone Star Preview for you to look through. From contest to contest, we do not know if we are going to make finals or not. However, you always need to plan that we are, and we go from there.*

*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).*

### ***Upcoming Dates***



#### **Week of 10/7 Rehearsal Schedule**

Mon-10/7	NO REHEARSAL
Tues-10/8	Full Band 3:15-6:15pm
Wed-10/9	Full Band 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-10/10	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Fri-10/11	Home FB Game @Woodforest vs. Oak Ridge (Senior Night)
Sat-10/12	Lone Star Preview at Woodforest Stadium – ALL DAY!!!

#### **Week of 10/14 Rehearsal Schedule**

Mon-10/14	NO REHEARSAL
Tues-10/15	Full Band 3:15-6:15pm
Wed-10/16	Full Band 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-10/17	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Fri-10/18	BYE WEEK! Enjoy your weekend!

#### **Week of 10/21 Rehearsal Schedule**

Mon-10/21	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Tues-10/22	UIL Performance @ Woodforest Stadium, 7pm
Wed-10/23	Full Band 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-10/24	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Fri-10/25	No Game/run through
Sat-10/26	Away FB Game vs. Klein Oak, 7pm



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<http://www.cpcbnd.org>**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!! HOME vs. OAK RIDGE**

3:15pm	Run through
4:00pm	Eat and load truck
5:15pm	Departure for Woodforest
5:30pm	Senior parents meet under scoreboard
5:45pm	Senior Night Pictures
7:00pm	Kickoff

**SEE THE SATURDAY 10/12 LSP SCHEDULE ON THE NEXT PAGE****UNIFORM FOR FRIDAY'S GAME + \*SATURDAY'S LSP**

Black spandex shorts	CP dry fit band shirt
Black marching shoes	Long, black socks
Garment & duffel bags	Poncho, Hair Gel

***No jewelry***

*Sunscreen	*Money for souvenirs
*Show Shirt	*Change of shoes

**FAIR SHARE – FINAL PAYMENT DUE NEXT WEEK!**Email [accounts.receivable@cpcbnd.org](mailto:accounts.receivable@cpcbnd.org) for an update.

<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$136
<b>TOTAL FAIR SHARE:</b>	<b>\$680</b>

**SPIRIT NIGHTS!**

10/7	<b>TONIGHT!</b> Kendra Scott event 6-8PM
10/11	Jason's Deli, 5-9PM. <i>Grab some dinner before or after the ORHS Game!</i>
10/22	Goode Company Barbeque, 4-9PM. <i>A delicious bite before watching the UIL Contest!</i>

**REGULAR BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**Please join us on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM!**ORDER YOUR TAMALES!**

Visit the Band website and place your order. Not sure what to order? Check out samples at the Booster Meeting on October 10th and learn more about the company and family that makes them!

**PAVILION DATES: STILL TIME TO EARN FAIR SHARE!**Sign up [here!](#) Casting Crowns 10/12**CAVALIERS SPIRIT!**

Let's send our awesome CP Band and Guard off to San Antonio BOA (11/2) with a few treats! A list of *specific* items and quantities has been created. Please consider donating a bag or two. Sign up here: [BOA San Antonio Treat Bags](#). Bring them to Lynn Bridges after practice on *Monday, 10/21 or Tuesday, 10/29*. Look for a black Ford Expedition near the popsicle area. You may also drop off candy in the band hall *October 21-29*. All items must be individually wrapped and treat sized. All requested items are tree nut and peanut free - ***please do not buy anything except what is listed***. If you have any questions, email Lynn Bridges at [spirit@cpcbnd.org](mailto:spirit@cpcbnd.org).

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE BOOSTER CLUB!**

We have open Board positions perfect for you! Please reach out and help support the amazing Cavalier Band! Email: [2nd.vicepresident@cpcbnd.org](mailto:2nd.vicepresident@cpcbnd.org).

**BANDTOBER NEWS**

*October 12<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 4PM performance time. If we make finals for this competition, it will be a long day. Students will be fed lunch and dinner. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

*October 22<sup>nd</sup>*: UIL Region Contest at Woodforest. We have a 7PM performance time. This will be like a game night with run-thorough after school, then Load, Eat, Load. The main difference is that we show up to perform and are at the stadium only for the time it takes to unload, warmup, perform and load. Parents and fans of CP Band are highly encouraged to attend and CHEER for our band!

*November 2<sup>nd</sup>*: BOA San Antonio Super Regional. We don't have performance time yet, but it will be a long and fun day of travel and time in San Antonio. Plan for your band & guard students to be gone all day with a very early report time and a very late return time. This is the most competitive marching contest in the country. 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 10:30pm.



### *Schedule for Lone Star Preview - 10/12/19*

11:00 am	Run-through
12:00 pm	Lunch served at school
1:30 pm	Depart for Woodforest (in halves)
1:50 pm	Unload buses in uniform tops
2:05 pm	Unload truck, assemble props and use restrooms
2:35 pm	Set up the block, ready to move to warm up Area A
2:45 pm	Warm up begins
3:40 pm	Front Ensemble gate report time
3:45 pm	Walk to gate
3:55 pm	Band/Guard gate report time
4:00 pm	Performance!
5:30 pm	Dinner will be served near our truck. We will keep you posted through the Band App

*Schedule is TBD after this:*

- If we **MAKE** finals, we will eat dinner and be given the time that we perform.
- If we **DO NOT** make finals, we will eat dinner, load up everything and head home.

11:00 pm	Finale and Presentation of Awards
7:00ish pm	Arrival back at CP if we <b>DO NOT</b> make finals
Midnight	Arrival back at CP if we <b>MAKE</b> finals

Please bring money for souvenirs, snacks, and any other food that you may want to purchase throughout the day. Also, make sure you pack healthy snacks for the day. ☺



## **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](mailto: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.