



September 24, 2019

### ***What a Wet Week!***

*I would like to say how thankful that I am that everyone escaped that massive rain we had relatively unharmed. Talking with students, I know that some of their family members were impacted in Houston, but it seems things are starting to get back to normal with them.*

*Our students had a great week despite the elements trying to get in the way. We had a brief window on Tuesday to get work done and we were able to put on Part 2 for the game. We thought it went REALLY well despite not having much rehearsal! We are excited to show off what we have to our 8th graders this week!*

*Our students will now be riding all 12 buses everywhere we travel, including home games (2 left). We are coordinating with our restaurants and will give those students who planned to drive to those games an opportunity to order a game day meal.*

*A lot of information will be coming your way as we start to roll into our "competition" season. There are many long Saturdays, kids will be tired, and it will seem like, at times, October has 65 days in it. I will send a letter next week in hopes that it will help you, as parents, navigate the differences between our "tired" and the students "tired." We will not always bounce back from a long band week, but I assure you that your students will! 😊*

*The schedule for Bands of America (BOA) for next Saturday is included after the Band Notes. Please familiarize yourself with this. The link for tickets is [here](#). Students will be with us all day and are not able to leave the venue, whatsoever. I have had many questions regarding this week's schedule, in particular. **We always show three (3) weeks at a time in the sidebar to the right so that families can plan. Please make sure you familiarize yourself with that.** Lonestar Preview schedule will come out in next week's Band Notes. Please note our Tuesday Rehearsal at Woodforest Stadium on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 pm.*

*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](mailto:jgorring@conroeisd.net).*

### *Upcoming Dates*

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#### Week of 9/23 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-9/23	Guard Only 3:30-5:30pm
Tues-9/24	Full Band 3:15-5:15pm
Wed-9/25	Band Only 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-9/26	Full Band 3:30-5:30pm
Fri-9/27	Home FB Game @Moorhead vs. Klein Collins 7pm
Sat-9/28	Woodforest Stadium Practice 9-12pm

#### **KNOX NIGHT!!!!!!!!!!**

#### Week of 9/30 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-9/30	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Tues-10/1	Full Band 3:15-6:15pm
Wed-10/2	Full Band 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-10/3	Away FB Game @ Klein Mem Stadium vs. Klein Forest 7pm
Fri-10/4	Run-through, Load Truck 3:30-4:30pm
Sat-10/5	BOA Houston ALL DAY!!!!

#### Week of 10/7 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-10/7	NO REHEARSAL
Tues-10/8	Stadium Rehearsal at Woodforest 5-8pm
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!!!

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## **SHORTENED PRACTICE TIMES THIS WEEK!**

All practices end one hour earlier due to Saturday's practice at Woodforest Stadium. This keeps us in UIL compliance regarding hours of practice per week.

## **FAIR SHARE**

Email [accounts.receivable@cpcb.org](mailto:accounts.receivable@cpcb.org) for an update.

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

## **GAME SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, 9/27**

3:15 PM	Run-through
4:15 PM	Load truck/eat/get uniforms
5:15 PM	Depart CP for Moorhead
7:00 PM	Kickoff

## **FULL UNIFORM REQUIRED FOR GAME**

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

## **WE NEED YOU TO CHAPERONE!**

Sign up [here](#). If you have questions, contact Abby Del Angel, at [chaperone@cpcb.org](mailto:chaperone@cpcb.org), 832-797-2156.

## **REMINDER!!!! GET YOUR SHOW SHIRT!**

Show shirts are ready to order on the website for the excellent price of \$20! Deadline is today, *Tuesday, September 24th at 11:59PM*. No extras will be ordered!

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR TAMALES DELIVERY!!!**

Tamale sales will run the entire month of *Bandtober* (October), with delivery on November 15<sup>th</sup>, just in time for all your holiday gatherings! More details to come!

## **JOIN US AT THE NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**

See you on Thursday, 10/10 at 7PM in the Band Hall!

## **HELPING WITH COMPETITION MEALS**

Please contact [competition.meals@cpcb.org](mailto:competition.meals@cpcb.org)

## **PAVILION - OPEN VOLUNTEER SPOTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

*Friday, 9/27:* Game of Thrones - ALL POSITIONS

*Sunday, 9/29:* Future & Meek Mill - ALL POSITIONS

Questions? Crisha Ware at [pavilion@cpcb.org](mailto:pavilion@cpcb.org).

## **UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS**

**9/25 Chicken Salad Chick – SOOOO GOOD!**

10/7 Kendra Scott Event

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](mailto:spiritnights@cpcb.org).

## **TICKETS FOR 10/5 BOA HOUSTON REGIONAL**

You may purchase tickets [here](#). So much fun!

## **SENIOR EDITION FOOTBALL GAME PROGRAM**

Senior Parents! The Touchdown Club has given parents of seniors the opportunity to purchase an ad celebrating their band student in the special "Parent Edition" of the football game program. This edition is sold at the last home game on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like more information, email [president@cpcb.org](mailto:president@cpcb.org).

## **CP COMMUNITY WINTER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR**

If you would like to help plan or would like additional information, please contact Lynn Bridges at [winter.festival@cpcb.org](mailto:winter.festival@cpcb.org). We are currently looking for someone to be Santa at the event. Please contact Lynn if you or someone you know has the suit and would be willing to be the jolly old elf!

## **2019-2020 CAVALIER BAND SPONSORS!**

Support the band by becoming a Family Sponsor! Form links are in the body of the Band Notes email. Contact [corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org](mailto:corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org).

## **GET INVOLVED WITH THE BOOSTER CLUB**

There are Board positions available and we are taking nominations. Find a position that is perfect for your schedule and skills! Let us know your interest! Email: [2nd.vicepresident@cpcb.org](mailto:2nd.vicepresident@cpcb.org).



**Schedule for Bands of America Houston Regional 10/5/19**

4:00 am	Report to CP. Do not be late and have a backup plan in place if you oversleep.
4:30 am	Depart for Katy (in halves)
5:30 am	Unload buses in halves with uniform
5:45 am	Unload truck, assemble props, and use restroom if needed
6:10 am	Set up the block, ready to move to warm up Area C
6:25 am	Warm up Begins
7:05 am	Front Ensemble gate report time
7:20 am	Band/Guard gate report time
7:30 am	Performance! Good Luck!

We will watch MANY bands perform! This is our opportunity to show other band kids that we appreciate all of the work they are putting into their show!

12:00 pm	Lunch will be served near our truck (part of competition meals). We will keep you posted through the Band App.
5:15 pm	Presentation of Awards. We will all sit together for this.
6:00 pm	Dinner will be served near our truck (part of competition meals). We will keep you posted through the Band App

- ***Schedule is TBD after this:***

- ***If we DO make finals, we will eat dinner and be given our performance time.***
- ***If we DO NOT make finals, we will eat dinner, load up everything and head home.***

10:45 pm	Finale and Presentation of Awards.
7:30ish pm	Arrival back at CP if we <b>DO NOT</b> make finals
Midnight	Arrival back at CP if we <b>DO</b> make finals

Please bring money for souvenirs, snacks and any other food that you may want to purchase throughout the day. 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.