



September 9, 2019

## Super Proud Band Director!

*This band continues to amaze me this year. It is, by far, the HARDEST working group of kids, collectively, that this program has ever had. This week was a tough one due to some record setting heat, but they did a great job. Band kids may be the toughest people I know!!!!*

*This week is going to be crazy! It will feel a bit crazier to you than them because we have been talking with them about this week since the start of school. Here is a breakdown of information you will need to know to make sure YOUR homecoming week is just as good as theirs!*

### Wednesday:

Practice starts at 3:15PM but it will be held at Woodforest Stadium. **Transportation is NOT provided.** Please plan on picking your child up, promptly at 2:35 or think about a carpool. They will need all rehearsal items, including their instruments. All students must wear their blue St. Luke's shirt and black shorts for the rehearsal/pep rally. Large instruments and percussion will load the truck during the day.

Rehearsal will end at 5:15PM and the Homecoming Pep Rally will follow afterwards at 6PM. All students are required to stay for this pep rally as we end the pep rally with a community performance of our halftime show. The pep rally should end around 6:45PM. Our percussion and large instrument kids are expected to go back to the school to unload equipment after the pep rally.

### Friday:

Normal Football Gameday but we will only be playing for our Homecoming court during halftime. As soon as the game is finished and we play the school song for our team after they win, we will come directly out of the stands and go to the field and perform the show. Please stick around for the performance!!!

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



### 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 3:15-5:15 *See below
Thurs-9/12	Full Band 2:45-6:30 *See below
Fri-9/13	Home FB Game @ Woodforest vs. Conroe <i>Performance is after the game!</i>

On Wednesday, 9/11, we 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.

### Week of 9/16 Rehearsal Schedule

Mon-9/16	Guard Only 3:30-5:30pm
Tues-9/17	Full Band 3:15-6:15pm
Wed-9/18	Band Only 3:30-5:30pm
Thurs-9/19	Full Band 3:30-6:30pm
Fri-9/20	Away FB Game @Woodforest vs. TWHS

### 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

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



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<http://www.cpcb.org>**PEP RALLY AT WOODFOREST STADIUM - 9/11, 6PM**

Families welcome! This is a fun event with CP feeder schools participating in the parade. Come watch and make some noise to support the amazing kids at CP and their various activities and teams. **AWWWWW, CP! Band kids must wear their blue St. Luke's shirt and black shorts for the rehearsal/pep rally.**

**GAME SCHEDULE – FRIDAY, 9/13 HOMECOMING**

3:30 PM	Run-Through
4:30 PM	Load truck/eat/get uniforms
5:30 PM	Leave CP for Woodforest
5:45 PM	Car riders at gate
7:00 PM	Kickoff

Band Performance is after the game! Stick around and watch the show!

**FULL UNIFORM REQUIRED FOR GAME**

Black spandex shorts	CP dry fit band shirt
Black marching shoes	Long, black socks
Garment & Duffel bags	Rain poncho

No jewelry

**SEPTEMBER FAIR SHARE DUE SUNDAY, 9/15**

Fair Share update letters were sent home with your child. Email [accounts.receivable@cpcb.org](mailto:accounts.receivable@cpcb.org) for an update.

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

**DISNEY TRIP DEPOSIT DEADLINE**

Disney trip deposit of \$300 is due on **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Deposits are made using only [SchoolCashOnline](#). Questions? Contact [spring.trip@cpcb.org](mailto:spring.trip@cpcb.org).

**PAST DUE REQUIRED COMPETITION MEALS PAYMENT**

Competition meals payments are required of all marchers and guard members. The fee is \$75 per person and are now past due. Pay today at <http://www.cpcb.org>.

**WE NEED YOU TO CHAPERONE!**

If you signed up at the BBQ, no need to sign up again. The numbers on the sign up reflect the parents we already have signed up. Please join us! Sign up [here](#). If you have questions, contact Abby Del Angel, at [chaperone@cpcb.org](mailto:chaperone@cpcb.org), 832-797-2156.

**GAME DAY MEALS**

Several students were without a gameday meal at our first game last week. All meal orders have been placed for the season, but we are still able to offer Crust Pizza **ONLY**, due to how they receive the orders. We have seven (7) remaining game days and meals are \$7 each. Contact [gameday.meals@cpcb.org](mailto:gameday.meals@cpcb.org) for a form.

**THE PAVILION NEEDS YOU!**

Please consider signing up! Sign up [here](#). Next show: **9/11 HSO**  
Contact Crisha Ware at [pavilion@cpcb.org](mailto:pavilion@cpcb.org).

**UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS**

9/11	Raising Cane's
9/25	Chicken Salad Chick
<del>9/30</del>	<del>Kendra Scott Event</del> Rescheduled due to Monday practice
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).

**LET'S GET 2019-2020 CAVALIER BAND SPONSORS!**

Join the hardworking Corporate Sponsorship representatives and get the word out about becoming a CP Cavalier Band Sponsor. Who do you know? Where do you shop regularly? Ask them to support the Band! Form links are in the Band Notes email. Contact [corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org](mailto:corporatesponsorship@cpcb.org).

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CP BAND WINTER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR!**

To be held on Sunday, 12/8 from 2:00-5:00PM, this event is one to share with the community! We are seeking vendors and Band families have first "dibs" on space. Contact Christie Collins at [cdcollins92@hotmail.com](mailto:cdcollins92@hotmail.com). Act fast, registration is due by Wednesday, 9/11. Questions or to help with this event, email Lynn Bridges at [winter.festival@cpcb.org](mailto:winter.festival@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](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.