

TWCP Incoming Freshman/Parents Information Meeting March 7, 2018

Introduction of Directors:

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- Ali Martinez – Color Guard Director
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Band Classes Offered

- Wind Ensemble
- Symphonic Band I and II
- Concert Band I and II
- Instrumental Techniques – non-performing class
- Music Theory Class
- Color Guard
- Twirling

What credits are earned for taking band?

1 credit for Fine Arts, 1 credit PE Waiver

Homework and class loads are always a question for parents. The students seem to be more organized in the fall and therefore their grades are typically better in the fall. We have many AP, pre-AP and Science Academy students to help their bandmates with upper level classes.

No Pass/No Play – as decided by UIL is determined after the first 6-weeks and otherwise every 9-weeks. All classes must have a 70 or above. If there is a failing grade in the first 6-weeks, eligibility can be regained by passing ALL subjects at the 9-weeks. No refund on trips is a district policy.

School-owned marching instruments will be available at the May camp. The instrument maintenance fee of \$75.00 is not due until school starts in August. School owned instruments include – oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor and baritone sax, French horn and mellophone, euphonium, bass trombone, marching baritone, tuba and percussion.



Physicals need to be turned in before summer band starts on July 23rd. Forms are available at <http://athletics.conroeisd.net/> and must be dated after April 14th.

Marching Band

- Marching Season is Competitive! It's not just about football games.
 - This cannot be stressed enough. This is a competitive team, just like football, basketball, and soccer.
- Students learn more responsibility and develop leadership qualities.
- No marching means no PE credit
- Summer practice is required to be eligible for a contest marching spot
- **IMPORTANT:** Every student is required to have a water jug (at least 64 ounce capacity) labeled with the student's name. Brought to ALL practices & ALL games/contests.
- Conditioning: Work on conditioning before marching season. 500-600 yards covered during show + playing + dance/body
- Summer marching: shorts, t-shirt, sneakers (no high tops or hiking boots), socks, hat, sun block/sun screen, sunglasses, snacks & WATER
- Attendance at marching band performances / contests is required of all students.

Performance Schedules

- Check your band calendar regularly for updates **(and changes to previously announced schedules)**
- Mandatory performances include:
 - All Marching Contests
 - BOA, Lonestar Preview, UIL
 - Football Games

Schedule:

- **Ongoing**
 - April 18-July 23 – Physicals
- **April**
 - Percussion Pad Camps – April TBA - 8th Graders Only (at Knox) Times TBA
 - Guard Auditions at CP: April 23-27, 5-6:30 pm
 - Guard Parent Meeting at CP: April 24, (6:30-7:30 pm) - MANDATORY
- **May**
 - Percussion Pad Camp May - upcoming & returning CP Percussionists -Required for 8th-11th Grades (at CP) Times TBA
 - May 22-24 - New Marcher Camp, 5-6:30pm - MANDATORY
 - May 26– Percussion Auditions
- **June**
 - Percussion Summer Sectional Rehearsals (organized weekly by section leaders)
 - Color Guard Camp 1: Jun 1 -2 (8 am-4 pm)



- Percussion Camp 1: June 4-8, 8am-12pm & 1:30-5:30pm
- **July**
 - Color Guard Camp: July 2 (8 am-4 pm) July 3 (3 pm-8 pm)
 - Percussion Parade Practice – July 3, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm
 - Band Parade Practice – July 3rd
 - 4th of July Parade (first marching opportunity!!)
 - Color Guard Camp: July 16-20 (8 am-4 pm)
 - Percussion Camp 2: July 16-20, 8am-12pm & 1:30-5:30pm
 - July 23 - Aug 4: Summer Marching Camp M-F 7-11 am & 12-3 pm
 - July 27 – Ordering Day
 - July 30 - Aug 3: Summer Marching Camp M-F 7-12 am & 5-9 pm
- **August**
 - Aug 6-10 Summer Marching Camp M-F 5-9 pm
 - August 9 7:30 pm Booster Mtg.
 - August 11 – Band Olympics
 - August 15 – First Day of School
 - August 17 - BBQ Fundraiser & Marching Exhibit

Marching Competitions:

- Bands of America – Houston: Saturday October 6th - ALL DAY
- Lone Star Preview - Woodforest: Saturday October 13th (not firm date) – ALL DAY
- UIL Regional – Woodforest: Tuesday October 16 or 23rd - Evening
- UIL Area – Houston: Saturday October 27th - ALL DAY
- Bands of America – San Antonio: Saturday November 3rd – ALL DAY
- UIL State – San Antonio: November 6 (if we qualify) – Evening and 2nd Day if make finals

After School Marching Schedule

- Monday 3:30-5:30 pm Color Guard Only
- Tuesday 3:30–6:30 pm Full Band
- Wednesday 3:30-5:30 pm Winds and Percussion Only
- Thursday 3:15-6:15 pm Full Band
- There will be Saturday practices called throughout the season

Football Games

- Thursday, Friday, or Saturday
- Always a 1-hour run-through before games & performances

Percussion Schedule

- Percussion Ensemble 3/24/18 7:00 PM at CP. Highly recommended for everyone! Very entertaining.
- Pad Camps –
 - April TBA - 8th Graders Only (at Knox) Times TBA



- May - upcoming & returning CP Percussionists -Required for 8th-11th Grades (at CP) Times TBA
- Percussion Audition for Band Camp – May 26, all day
- Summer Sectional Rehearsals (organized weekly by section leaders)
- Percussion Parade Practice – July 3, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm
- Percussion Camp 1: June 4-8, 8am-12pm & 1:30-5:30pm
- Percussion Camp 2: July 16-20, 8am-12pm & 1:30-5:30pm
- Questions? Contact Rob Savala (rsavala@conroeisd.net) or Kate de Kanter (Percussion@CPCBand.org)

Color Guard Schedule

- No experience needed! Marching Band PE Credit
- Guard Auditions at CP: April 23-27, 5-6:30 pm
- Parent Meeting at CP: April 24, (6:30-7:30 pm)
- New Marcher Camp with Band : May 22-24, 5-6:30 pm
- Color Guard Camp #1: Jun 1-2(8 am-4 pm)
- Color Guard Camp: July 2 (8 am-4 pm) July 3 (3 pm-8 pm)
- Color Guard Camp#3: July 16-20 (8 am-4 pm)
- Summer Band with Full Band: July 23-Aug 17
- WGI Color Guard World Championships April 3-7 2019
- Being in both Band & Guard is possible!
- Questions? Contact: Ali Martinez (almartinez@conroeisd.net) or Terri Logan (Color.Guard@CPCBand.org)

Other Fall Activities

- Private Lessons
- High School and Freshman Region Band
- Orchestra & Jazz Band Auditions
- Winter Concert
- Christmas Caroling

Spring Activities

- Concert Band
- Tuxes and Concert Dresses will be provided.
- UIL Concert and sight reading contest,
- Spring Trip
- Recruiting concerts
- Spring concert at TWCP.
- Solo and Ensemble
- Spring Auditions for the following year's band placement
- State Solo and Ensemble
- Color Guard Competitions



- Concerto Competition
- Percussion Concert

Band Boosters

CISD Provides

- Directors Salaries
- Uniforms
- Some Instruments
- Facilities

Band Boosters Provide

- Transportation
- Music & Music Writer
- Drill Writer “The Show”
- Guard Director and Techs
- Band Techs
- Competition Fees & Meals
- Game Day Meals
- Band Truck and Transportation
- Props, including construction
- Thousands of hours of support for the kids and the program
- Plus more!

First Year

- **Required Merchandise**
 - Band Duffle Bag (personalized)
 - Band Garment Bag (personalized)
 - Marching apparel (shoes, gloves, band performance shirts)
 - Guard - Warmups
- **Spirit Wear (Optional)**
 - Hoodies
 - PJ's
 - Ballcaps
 - Band t-shirts

Annual

- Fair Share
- Meals
 - Game Day Meals
 - Competition Meals (required)
- Audition Fees (for example, Accompanist)
- Uniform Alterations (marching and concert)



- Dry cleaning (tuxes and dresses)
- CISD Physicals (mandatory)
- Band Spring Break Trip (Bi-annual trip to Disney World)

Communications

- Membership List
 - <https://tinyurl.com/CPCBooster>
- Join Facebook Group: Search for TWCP Cavaliers Band Boosters Club
- Follow us on Twitter: @CPCBandBoosters
- Questions: AskTheBoosters@CPCBand.org
- Band Notes
- Band Website: www.CPCBand.org

Fundraising

- Bands of America – Houston
 - All day marching competition at Woodforest bank.
 - This is an all day affair. Setup starts at 5:00 AM and tear down ends after midnight.
 - 75-100 shifts available throughout the day to support the band program.
 -and if you work the show, you get in for free!
 - All volunteer hours earn Fair Share dollars. Last year's hourly rate was roughly \$15/hour.
- Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion
 - The Band Boosters have staffed the North 1 Concession Stand for years.
 - This is a major fundraiser for the band.
 - Last year, nearly 100 band parents volunteered to work the Pavilion and have Aramark pay for their Fair Share as opposed to writing a check
 - We sell food and drink at The Pavilion (including beer and wine).
 - All volunteers must do the following:
 - Obtain a TABC License – Free 2 hour classes at The Pavilion.
 - Submit background check paperwork to Aramark for approval.
- Music and Arts
- Solo & Ensemble contest (Spring)
- Twirl in the Woods (Spring)

Corporate Sponsorship

Talk to your company interested in being a CP Band Sponsor and provide them a Sponsor Packet.



- Individual/Family Sponsor - We love the extra support of our band families, if you are in a position to help through a sponsorship!
- Corporate Matching - We encourage you to check with your employer on their policies, and sign up with your company to have your future Band donations/contributions (Fair Share and Band Olympics for 2018-2019) matched by your employer! It's a Bonus for our Band Program!
- Corporate "In-Kind" Donation Sponsor - If your company provides a service that would be beneficial to us (Ex. printing, food, catering, apparel, etc.). We greatly accept and appreciate such donations for our band events.
- Corporate Volunteer Grants – If your company will compensate our Booster Club for volunteer hours you serve through our Booster Club.

Spirit Nights

- Held throughout the year.
- Typically at restaurants. Percentage of proceeds that night are donated to the band boosters.
- Great way to support the Boosters and local restaurants.

