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2017-2018 COPPELL BAND

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2017-2018 New Member Information Guide

Congratulations on your decision to be a part of the Coppell Band.

Band is one of the most enjoyable and spirited high school organizations, and it is arguably the hardest-working organization and most award-winning in Coppell ISD. Students in band are respected by their peers and teachers; they are known as the leaders at Coppell HS, and band members rank among the top academically in every class.

High school band is drastically different than middle school band. In middle school, you prepared for weeks and weeks for one performance. In high school, we are in a prepare-then-perform mindset. We perform on a weekly basis during marching band season, and many students love the thrill of marching the show in front of a crowd of 5,000-10,000 people in a stadium on Saturday night. There is, in all honesty, no greater experience.

In Band at Coppell, the physical demands of being a performer are rather high. Through marching band, students will become physically fit. We exercise on a daily basis during marching season (pushups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, running, etc.). All these routines make us stronger physically and mentally and give us a great advantage over our competitors late in the season.

To remain musically "fit", we strongly encourage private lessons throughout the summer and during school. At this time, over 97% of the students in the Coppell Band are enrolled in private lessons. This experience is one that will strengthen your musical abilities beyond what we're able to do in class. The one-on-one time you spend with your private teacher will aid in your growth and development as a competent, individual musician.

You will find that, with marching band, there are a number of skills and items you'll need for band that seem more like what you'd need for athletics – and you're right! Marching Band is, literally, the Sport of the Arts. It's physically demanding and the experience of performing is one you'll remember for the rest of your life. The summer band experience is tough, but students come back every year because they love the way they feel when performing after investing so much time and energy. We're sure you'll feel the same.

Band is a busy activity, with before and after-school rehearsals running year-round. However, if you have interests in other areas (athletics, clubs, organizations), we welcome you to do both. You can make it work in your schedule, and we're happy to help you realize your goals by being a member of multiple teams. We currently have Band students in football, theater, choir, track, cross country, and more. No student at CHS will be made to choose one over the other – being a part of the CHS Community is important, and your contributions are valued.

After reviewing this document, please email us with any questions you have.

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2017 Summer Marching Band Calendar

Coppell Band Orientation – aka “Hype Day”

Students will be introduced to basic marching fundamentals and a brief music rehearsal this day. This event is for all Coppell Band, Color Guard and Drumline members.

Saturday, May 6 from 9:00am-4:00pm (lunch will be provided)

Coppell Band New Member Meeting (for PARENTS and students)

Parents are introduced to the program, meet the staff and student leaders, and may ask questions about any facet of the program.

Monday, May 15 from 7:00-8:30pm (CHS Band Hall)

Start-of-Summer Color Guard/Percussion Camp

Start-of-Summer Percussion Camp will introduce students to the drumline, secure positions for the Fall season, and aid in individual development over the coming weeks of break.

Guard: Monday, June 5 – Thursday, June 8 from 10:00am-6:00pm (bring a lunch)

Percussion Mini-Camp: Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9 – specific times based on section (bring a lunch)

Percussion Full Camp: Monday, June 12 – Friday, June 16 from 10:00am-6:00pm (bring a lunch)

Woodwind/Brass Sectionals

During the summer, all woodwind and brass players meet weekly. Attendance at all events is not required, but if your family is in town, we would ask that your student-performer be in attendance.

Woodwinds – Tuesday, June 13, 20, 27; July 11 and 18 from 5:00-9:00pm

Brass – Thursday, June 15, 22, 29; July 13 and 20 from 5:00-9:00pm

End-of-Summer Color Guard/Percussion Camp

The Color Guard and Drumline members meet for one additional week of camp in late July. Students work on fundamentals and begin show design during this portion of the summer.

Guard: Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28 from 9:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

Percussion: Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9 from 8:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

MANDATORY Fundamentals Camp

Fundamentals Camp presents students with all the marching and playing fundamentals they will need to be prepared for the upcoming marching season. This is primarily an indoor camp, though some portions consist of aerobic exercise and strength training, some of which will take place outdoors.

Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28, and Monday, July 31 from 8:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

MANDATORY Band Registration

On this date, students will register for all the band supplies and equipment they need. They will try on shirts, shoes, and sign up for meal choices. Parents attend to complete necessary forms, volunteer for activities, and purchase spirit items.

Saturday, July 30 from 9:00am-3:00pm (times vary by class/last name)

MANDATORY Summer Band Camp

These camp days are the MOST IMPORTANT days of the summer for our Band program. Students will begin to learn the marching drill and music for the 2017 competition show. Absences are not excused on these days, and students who do not participate will not march in the competition show. Rehearsals primarily take place outdoors, and students should physically prepare for extremely hot weather.

Tuesday, August 1 - Friday, August 4 from 8:00am-8:00pm

Monday, August 7 - Friday, August 11 from 8:00am-8:00pm

Monday, August 14 - Thursday, August 17 from 5:00-9:00pm*

*- on these dates, Guard/Percussion traditionally meet at 10:00am to begin their day.

2017 Summer-Fall Marching Band Calendar

Thursday, August 17: 2017 Competition Show Debut Performance and Booster Meeting

The competition show debut begins at 8:00pm and is intended for the Band parents and the Coppell Community. During the performance, we will demonstrate marching fundamentals and will march the first portion of our show.

Friday, August 18: Band Social

To celebrate a successful end to the long Summer Band days, we will host a social (usually a swim party). Plan to join us – hang out – and have fun celebrating the beginning of an amazing adventure.

Monday, August 21: Classes Begin at CHS

The first day of your Freshman year of high school will be one that you remember forever. Being a part of Band will help that process. You will, as a member of the Band, receive an advance copy of your schedule and have time, with the help of an upperclassmen, to find all your classes, your locker, and learn about the school before any of your classmates.

Football Game Performances

The CHS Band performs at EVERY Coppell Varsity Football Game. Most games take place on Friday nights, though some playoff games can be on Saturdays. Each performance is an opportunity for us to perform, affront a crowd, in preparation for our major contests (below).

- Friday, September 1 – CHS vs. LD Bell HS at 7:30pm (Pennington Field in HEB ISD)
- Friday, September 8 – CHS vs. McKinney Boyd HS at 7:30pm (Coppell HS Stadium)
- Friday, September 15 – CHS vs. Allen HS at 7:30pm (Eagle Stadium in Allen ISD)
- Friday, September 22 – OFF – no game scheduled
- Friday, September 29 – CHS vs. Jesuit HS at 7:30pm (Coppell HS Stadium)
- Friday, October 6 – CHS vs. JJ Pearce HS at 7:30pm (Eagle-Mustang Stadium in Richardson ISD)
- Friday, October 13 – CHS vs. Lake Highlands HS at 7:30pm (Coppell HS Stadium) – HOMECOMING
- Friday, October 20 – CHS vs. WT White HS at 7:30pm (Coppell HS Stadium) – SENIOR NIGHT
- Friday, October 27 – CHS vs. LV Berkner HS at 7:30pm (Wildcat-Ram Stadium in Richardson ISD)
- Friday, November 3 – CHS vs. Skyline HS at 7:30pm (Dallas ISD Stadium – exact location TBD)
- Friday, November 10 – CHS vs. Richardson HS at 7:30pm (Coppell HS Stadium)

Marching Contest Performances

Marching Contests allow the Coppell Band to perform our full show for a panel of judges. Most contests are “Prelims-Finals Format”, meaning that approximately 30 bands perform in Prelims, and the top 10 are invited back that evening to perform again in Finals. On these days, it is generally best to plan for a full day of activities.

- Saturday, September 23: Plano Drumline Contest (Clark Stadium) – DRUMLINE ONLY
- Saturday, September 30: Bands of America Dallas-Fort Worth Regional (Dragon Stadium in Southlake)
- Saturday, October 7: Bands of America Houston Regional (Conroe ISD Stadium)
- Saturday, October 14: Birdville ISD Marching Contest (Birdville ISD Stadium)
- Tuesday, October 17: UIL Region 31 Marching Contest (HEBISD Stadium)
- Saturday, October 21: Plano East Marching Contest (Clark Stadium)
- Saturday, October 28: Host USBands Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Contest (Coppell HS Stadium)
- Saturday, November 3-4: Bands of America San Antonio Super Regional (Alamodome)
- Saturday, November 11: Lone Star Drumline Contest (Marcus HS Stadium) – DRUMLINE ONLY

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