



Columbia Central High School Band Parent Meeting 2018

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Dear Band Parents,

Thank you for supporting your child's interest in the Columbia Central High School Band program.

Marching Band is a bit of both pageantry and sport. We perform music and use movement to interpret the music in order to entertain the audience. Many hours will be spent conditioning, training, and eventually rehearsing the music and movement that will be the marching show this Fall. After months of hard work, your children will take their show to the field and perform both for audiences at football games, and at field competitions where they will face off against bands from other high schools. The students will develop a foundation in marching fundamentals and continue to develop their skills on their instrument. Additionally, we hope that this activity will foster in your child an increased self-confidence, will develop their leadership skills and will provide a great time making new friends.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for parents in this program. We appreciate chaperones for band camp, football games and competitions and we always need help from parent volunteers for sewing flags, uniforms and many other tasks.

You probably have many questions about the activity in which your child is about to participate. We will provide a few handouts to address most of the questions you may have. Please take a moment to read through these materials. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

Again, we want to thank you for your continued support. Without the invaluable support of our members' parents, we wouldn't be able to provide the students the educational, competitive, and worthwhile experience we seek to offer.

Sincerely,

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TOP THINGS TO KNOW

We are very excited that your family has chosen to participate with one of the most successful band programs in the State of Tennessee. The Columbia Central High School Marching Band has a successful tradition of excellence spanning 80 years. This will be a unique and rewarding experience for both you and your child.

This handbook has been put together to assist both the student and parent. The band and guard programs provide many great opportunities for your student. As with all great programs, there is a lot of preparation and support required to make everything work.

10 Things You Should Know as a Student

1. ALWAYS be on time, which really means 10-15 minutes early.
2. When in doubt, stop talking.
3. Show respect to everyone and listen to constructive comments.
4. Don't expect to know everything the first day. Even people who have marched before still have things to learn.
5. Take things seriously, but not personal.
6. We are very good at what we do because we can focus.
7. Stay well rested, fed, and even better hydrated. Hydration must happen before rehearsals!
8. Always have all your materials on you or close enough that you can get them quickly.
9. Keep up on your schoolwork. Take every opportunity to do your homework. On the bus, extra time in class, at appointments — do whatever it takes. Be as productive as possible.
10. Always trust the instructors. Especially when you think they aren't right. They are rarely wrong.

BAND CAMP – A Hard Day's Night

July 16th-20th, 2018

Monday:	7:30 am to 8:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:30-6:00
Tuesday:	7:30 am to 8:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:30-6:00
Wednesday:	7:30 am to 4:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	
Thursday:	7:30 am to 8:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:30-6:00
Friday:	7:30 am to 8:30 pm	Lunch- 11:30-12:30	Dinner- 4:30-6:00

There will be a "Show and Tell" performance on Friday from 8:00-8:30 pm in which we will feature sections of the band in performance of what we have worked on during the week!!!

- Suggested items for camp are instrument, water jug, music folder, towels, washcloths, 2 pairs of tennis shoes, 2 pairs of socks per day, light jacket or sweatshirt, flashlight, toiletries, loose fitting clothing, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, rainwear, long pants, dot book, pencils, notebook with strap, gloves for brass players, insect repellent, money for drinks from the vending machine if they wish.
- There will be dress up/spirit days. These will be advised by the Drum Majors.

A Hat, Socks, and good Sneakers must be worn at all rehearsals. No Sandals!

Food

Students will need to bring or purchase their food during band camp. At camp, two meals a day plus snacks (2-3) should be accounted for. Students may bring cooler or have food delivered. Many students gather money to order pizza. **NO STUDENTS MAY LEAVE CAMPUS WITH OTHER STUDENTS UNLESS A WRITTEN LETTER OF CONSENT IS SIGNED AND GIVEN TO THE DIRECTORS BY A LEGAL PARENT OR GUARDIAN!**

A word about **sunburn**, our biggest and most troublesome problem at band camp can be sunburn. Some students could even develop severe burns from being out in the sun with little to no protection. We would suggest a sunblock of SPF 30+. Any lower number, you are at your own risk!

The Regular School Year

School begins on August 1st. The following day will mark the beginning of our regular rehearsal schedule. Due to high temperatures and risk of heat related illnesses, we will conduct all rehearsals before Labor Day (September 3rd) from 5:00-8:30 pm in order to avoid being in the early afternoon heat. After Labor Day, our rehearsals are as follows:

- Monday: Sectionals- 3:00-5:00
- Tuesday and Thursday: Full Band- 3:00-6:30
- Friday: Football Games when applicable
- Saturday: Mini-Camp September 15th

Competitions

- September 29th (Columbia Invitational) in Columbia, TN (We host)
- October 13th (South Gibson) in Medina, TN
- October 20th (Mid-South Invitational) in Clarksville, TN (APSU)
- October 27th (Contest of Champions) in Murfreesboro, TN (MTSU)
- November 3rd (US Bands) in Chattanooga, TN

Band Fees

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Marching Band

Item	Band Student (without Shoes)	New Band Student (Including Shoes)
Band Camp	\$50.00	\$50.00
Uniform Rental/T-Shirt	\$30.00	\$30.00
Music	\$20.00	\$20.00
Visual Design	\$30.00	\$30.00
Drill Writing	\$20.00	\$20.00
Contest Entry Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00
Instructional Staff	\$75.00	\$75.00
Equipment/Props/Flags	\$40.00	\$40.00
Copyright Fee	\$10.00	\$10.00
Transportation	\$40.00	\$40.00
Gloves	\$5.00	\$5.00
Sub-Total	\$330.00	\$330.00
BAND TOTAL DUE	\$330.00	\$365.00
PAYMENT SCHEDULE		
May 10, 2018	\$120.00	\$120.00
July 20, 2018	\$70.00	\$70.00
August 17, 2018	\$70.00	\$70.00
September 21, 2018	\$70.00	\$70.00

Color Guard Fees

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Item	Color Guard Fees #1 (regular band fees)
Band Camp	\$50.00
Instructional Staff	\$75.00
Props/Flag Materials	\$60.00
Transportation	\$50.00
Visual Design	\$35.00
Drill Writing	\$30.00
Choreography	\$30.00
Sub-Total	\$330.00
	Fees #2
	(Color Guard Specific)
Uniforms	\$140.00
Guard Bags	\$80.00
Shoes	\$35.00
T-Shirt	\$10.00
Make-up	\$5.00
Sub-Total	\$270.00
GUARD TOTAL DUE	\$600.00
PAYMENT SCHEDULE	
May 10, 2018	\$150.00
June 22, 2018	\$150.00
July 20, 2018	\$100.00
August 17, 2018	\$100.00
September 21, 2018	\$100.00