

2016 Summer Band



Parents/Guardians & Band Students,

Thank you for an incredible year! We hope you enjoy your summer break. We're attaching a copy of the calendar as a reminder for upcoming summer band camp. These weeks are very important to the success of our organization. All band students are required to attend camp as this is when we build fundamentals and establish a disciplined and progressive band family. On the back of this sheet you'll find some information regarding some of our performance and auditions dates, rehearsal schedule and other important information.

Notice the uniform sizing day. We will take care of registration forms/fees, shirt/shoe orders, size for uniforms on this day. Registration fee for those who already have the newly designed shirt from last year will be \$10. Freshmen/new student fee will be \$20; this covers registration and a band shirt. The required white marching shoes are an additional \$30. Those of you who have a pair from this year can keep that pair; we are using the same type of shoe.

Summer Band Rehearsal Reminders:

IMPORTANT!: The summer is usually hot & humid! Please take care of yourselves by drinking plenty of water throughout the day and eating a good breakfast every day!

We will provide Gatorade throughout the day, but you are responsible for your meals – snacks are recommended throughout the rehearsal day. We will be outside quite a bit so it is very important for you to eat breakfast and drink water or the Gatorade that's provided.

Those who will be new to the High School Band will be a great addition to a great program. Let's hit the ground running in July. Our first football game falls on the first Friday once school begins! This means we have a LOT of music and drill to cover before school starts. We're looking forward to an incredible year.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful summer break and we'll see you in July!

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Preliminary Calendar of Events

All events are required of all eligible band members.
Events marked with an asterisk are encouraged but optional.

Fall 2016

July 25-August 18.....	Summer Band Camp
August 22.....	First Day of School
August 26.....	Varsity Game @ Nacogdoches
September 2.....	Varsity Game vs. Gladewater
TBD.....	Homecoming Parade
September 9.....	Varsity Game @ Pine Tree
September 16.....	Varsity Game @ Texas High
September 23.....	Varsity Game vs. Palestine
September 30.....	Varsity Game @ Chapel Hill
October 7.....	Varsity Game vs. Carthage
TBD.....	Pre-UIL Marching Band Contest
October 14.....	Varsity Game @ Henderson
October 18.....	UIL Region 4 Marching Competition
October 28.....	Varsity Game vs. Center
October 29.....	Area C Marching Band Competition
November 4.....	Varsity Game @ Bullard
November 12.....	UIL Region 4 Twirling Competition*
November 29.....	Christmas Parade
December 10.....	All-Region Honor Band Auditions*
TBD.....	Christmas Concert

Once school begins, every Monday (Labor Day excluded) the full marching band will rehearse at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium 6-8:30pm. Monday evening rehearsals will end following Area Marching Contest.

Spring 2017

January 7.....	Area C State Auditions
February 17.....	UIL Region 4 Solo/Ensemble*
TBD.....	Pre-UIL Concert/Sight-Reading
April 12-13.....	UIL Region 4 Concert/Sight-Reading
TBD.....	Six Flags Trip*
TBD.....	Drum Major, Twirler, Flag Tryouts
TBD.....	Spring Concert
TBD.....	Band Banquet

As the school year progresses, we will send home newsletters with updated information and specific times.

Parents, friends & family are all encouraged to attend our monthly Band Booster Meetings to keep up with band events and help with supporting our district-wide band program. Booster organization information will be sent home before the school year begins. Thank you, parents, guardians and families for all you do for our band students!