



# CANYON BAND BOOSTERS

## Parent 101

### **Is there a Student Band Handbook?**

Yes, you can access the Student Band Handbook, Canyon Band webpage at <http://www.canyonband.org/>

### **What communication methods are used to share information?**

Refer to <http://www.canyonband.org> for all band communication methods. You can also follow the band on Twitter @BandCanyon

### **What is Charms?**

The band program uses Charms Office Assistant to manage student accounts and used as a primary form of communication. **Email addresses & phone numbers for all family members should be kept current in the students Charms account. This is your responsibility and is key to receiving daily and weekly information from the Directors!** <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>. The log-in for charms is nbcanyonband and the password is either your student ID# or a password you created. You can have your password e-mailed to you if you forgot it.

Charms manages all student information, contact information for all family members (phone numbers, email and home addresses) along with items that are checked out to students (uniforms and instruments).

### **How do I volunteer for the Band & Guard program**

First, all adult volunteers must complete the Comal ISD Volunteer Application annually, visit [https://www2.comalisd.org/Volunteer/Volunteer\\_Form.asp](https://www2.comalisd.org/Volunteer/Volunteer_Form.asp)

Next, families should create a personal SignUpGenius account. All volunteer opportunities are communicated through our SignUpGenius account. Find our active SignUps for Canyon Band using our email address, [canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com)

### **I am apprehensive about volunteering, where should I start?**

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at [canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com), who will answer all of your questions, discuss how the parent support roles benefit our band program, discuss our different opportunities and how to find them.

### **Is there a volunteer training?**

Yes, a mandatory volunteer training is scheduled annually and is an overview of our 'Friday Night Lights' and SignUpGenius. 'Friday Night Lights' refers to our volunteer positions with Pit Crew, Chaperones, Meals and Uniforms specifically. 'SignUpGenius' refers to our online account where everyone accesses our volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in filling any of these support roles, plan to attend this training! Our Volunteer Coordinator, [canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:canyonbandvolunteers@gmail.com), is a useful resource.

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## **Where can I find the Canyon Band & Guard performance schedule?**

The Canyon Band & Color Guard's performance schedule is available on the calendar at <http://www.canyonband.org>. Their performance seasons consist of Marching Season, Concert Season, Color Guard and Winter Guard.

## **What does my student need to bring to Summer Band & Color Guard Camp?**

Refer to the Band Handbook for a detailed list, <http://www.canyonband.org>

## **Can parents watch rehearsals?**

Yes! Families are encouraged to enjoy the evening watching their students rehearse. It's a great opportunity to meet families and ask questions! Monday evening rehearsals are best which are held in the stadium.

## **How long are practices?**

Per State of Texas UIL rules, band students are limited to 8 hours a week of practice outside of class time during the school year. See [www.canyonband.org](http://www.canyonband.org) for rehearsal schedules.

## **What are the band fees?**

Band fees are determined annually by the Band Director. See [www.canyonband.org](http://www.canyonband.org) for the current fee sheet. These fees go towards competitive show design, music consultants, props for marching season, instruments, choreography, etc. Special circumstances can be discussed with the Director. Various Winter/Spring events may require additional fees. Know that the Canyon Band program maintains one of the most reasonable band fee structures in the region.

## **How can I offset my Band & Guard fees?**

Wurstfest & Winter Guard Competitions assist the Band in keeping our annual fees for the students reasonable. Please volunteer as this assists in offsetting the total registration funds needed to run a successful Band Program.

## **What if my student is absent?**

Always communicate absences to the Directors; this includes illnesses. Refer to the Band Handbook for the official absence policy, <http://www.canyonband.org>

## **Will my student have time to study or attend tutorials?**

Yes. The rehearsal and school schedule is designed to allow students to be successful academically. Many high achieving academic students are in the band program.

## **How are students able to balance band with other extracurricular activities?**

Communication with the Band Directors is strongly advised. The Directors work with students to arrange a schedule that are accommodating to everyone.

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## What competitions do we compete in?

Refer to *Academic Eligibility rules in the Band Handbook*.

- **Texas UIL Marching Contests**
- **Texas UIL Concert Contests**
- **Various Invitational Marching Contests**
- **TMEA Region/Area/State (individual)**
- **Texas UIL Solo & Ensemble (individual)**

## Appearance and Dress Code

Refer to <http://www.canyonband.org> for the handbook.

## How can I provide sponsorship?

Refer to <http://www.canyonband.org> or you may contact the President.

**What are approved snacks during Marching Season?** The Meal and Volunteer coordinators will determine what approved snacks can be donated for the Band and Color Guard based on diet and allergies. The Volunteer Coordinator will then send out a sign up genius email for parents to bring in approved snacks. Items that are NOT approved at all are foods containing nuts, chocolate and no cookies.

## When are Spirit Nights?

The Band Boosters partner with local restaurants to host a Spirit Night on prearranged evenings. The restaurant will donate a percentage of the sales from that evening to our band program.

## Color Guard Questions

Refer all questions to the Color Guard Director.

## Band Language

Bibber – This is the underneath **pants** portion of a Marching Band Uniform.

Pit – The front ensemble in a Marching Band.

Dinkles- Band marching shoes

Show Shirt – A show themed t-shirt new each year.

Performance T-Shirt – A dri-fit shirt worn under the band uniform

Winds- Any instrument that uses “Wind” to play. Brass and woodwinds.

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