

Welcome to the Canyon HS Band Program!!

Marching Band

Concert Band

Color Guard

Cougarettes



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Band 101

- Everyone is a part of the “Marching Band.”
- Marching Band is a “Zero Hour” extra-curricular course. (P.E. Credit / Waiver)
- There are various levels of marching band...more on this in a minute.
- Every student is also part of a co-curricular course during the school day (Band/Music, Dance, etc.) that receives fine arts credit.

Communication

- Band Website: www.canyonband.org
- CHARMS www.charmsoffice.com
- “This Week in Band” (TWIB)
- Join the Remind:
- 2020 Marching Band Remind: Text: **@d2020 chsma** to **81010**
- Twitter @BandCanyon
- Booster Club Meetings

Good old fashion hand outs

Calendar

- Marching Band is from July 27th – November 7th
- Let's look at the calendar:
 - www.canyonband.org/calendar.html
- Google Calendar

Attendance / Handbook

- Attendance at events is mandatory.
- Student performances are evaluated for mastery of rehearsed skills.
- What constitutes an excused absence?
 - Illness (with parent communication)
 - Death in the family / family emergency
- Communication is key

Grading

- Student's are evaluated in the curricular subject (band, dance, etc.) via the Comal ISD grading policy.
- Rehearsal/Performance attendance makes up the major grades...Mastery of TEKS.
- Quiz grades are typically from "pass-offs" of learned material.
- Daily grades are typically having supplies, dressing out, etiquette, etc.

Academic Grades

- Students in the Canyon Cougar Marching Band represent some of the best and brightest at CHS!!
- Students must pass every grading period to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular events (Games, Contests, etc). UIL No-Pass / No Play.

Fees

- Each group (Band, Color Guard, Cougarettes) have their own fee sheet.
- What is the “fair share” fee?
 - This is a fee implemented by most band programs to help supplement the enormous expenses related to running a competitive program.
 - Funds help with marching show drill designers, music arrangers, props, electronics, hydration equipment, consultants, and much more.
- If you are on Free/Reduced lunch program, speak with a director about potential fee assistance.

Volunteer Opportunities!!!

- www.canyonband.org
- We would love to have your help!
- Please sign-up for a variety of opportunities to help the group be successful.
- Everyone can join the band boosters!

Fees and Supplies

- Let's split into two groups now for some specific information:
 - Band and Color Guard
- Let's look at the band fee sheet and the needed supplies.
- Big Frog (our apparel supplier)

Varsity / JV / Cadet

- Varsity: Students that demonstrate average or above musicianship, and an average or above sense of coordination. Demonstrated potential to learn and memorize an 8 minute competition marching show.
- JV: Students that are developing good skills, but may need further training. Serve as “alternates” for students in case of absence, illness, etc.
- Cadet: Students that need either some further training in musician or coordination, or perhaps have a school sponsored conflict that prohibits attendance at events. More limited rehearsal schedule.

Rehearsal Schedule

Varsity /JV Marching Band School Rehearsal Schedule: August 24 – October 28

- Mondays: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Cougarettes attend this rehearsal
- Tuesdays: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (All)
- Thursdays: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - Cougarettes attend this rehearsal
 - Percussion rehearse 7:45 – 8:45 a.m. on Tuesdays *instead* of Tuesday afternoons and 7:45 – 8:45 a.m. on Thursdays *in addition* to Thursday afternoon from 8/28 – 9/28

Instruments & Equipment

- The band program provides:
 - Low Brass Instruments, Low Reed and Double Reed Instruments, French Horns, and Percussion Instruments.
 - There is an \$80 per year instrument usage fee.
 - Summer Instrument Check-Out at CHS Band Hall
- All band students are provided with a locker and a combination lock upon request

What's After Marching Season??

- **Concert Season**
 - See calendar for public concert events
 - A weekly sectional rehearsal for brass and woodwinds
 - Percussion Ensembles; Night of Percussion
- **Individual Musicianship**
 - All-Region Band Auditions
 - Solo & Ensemble
 - Master Classes and Lessons
- **Other Fun Things!**
 - Band Banquet
 - Band Trips (every two years)

Questions?