

# Welcome to the Canyon HS Band Program!!

Marching Band

Concert Band

Color Guard

Cougarettes



# Introductions / Contacts

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## **Music Program Contractors / Consultants:**

- Rene Gonzalez: Percussion
- To Be Determined: Color Guard

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President: Natascha Reynoso

# 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](http://www.canyonband.org)
- CHARMS...Being phased out. Soon “Cut Time” will be here!
- “This Week in Band” (TWIB)
- Join the Remind:
- 2019 Marching Band Remind: Text: **@dfd4ca4** to **81010**
- 2019 Color Guard Remind: Text **@g2h874** to **81010**
- Twitter @BandCanyon
- Booster Club Meetings

Good old fashion hand outs

# Calendar

- Marching Band is from July 29<sup>th</sup> – November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Let's look at the calendar:
  - [www.canyonband.org/calendar.html](http://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.

# Physicals!

- **All** band and color guard students are required to have completed physicals like athletics beginning 8/1/2019.
  - **Option 1:** Wednesday, 5/29, CHS Music Building
    - 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (During Exam Times at CHS)
    - Provided by practitioners from the UT Health Science Center
    - Cost: \$35 Cash or Check made out to Canyon Band Boosters
    - Complete General Consent Form (Attached) and top portion of Medical History Form (Attached) prior to arrival.
  - **Option 2:** Wednesday, 6/5, CHS Music Building
    - 9:00 a.m. – Noon
    - Provided by practitioners from the UT Health Science Center
    - Cost: \$35 Cash or Check made out to Canyon Band Boosters
    - Complete General Consent Form (Attached) and top portion of Medical History Form (Attached) prior to arrival.
  - **Option 3:** On your own
    - Arrange an appointment at your own physician / clinic.
    - *Must* be completed and to the band office prior to 8/1.
    - Use required Medical History Form (Attached)
  - **Option 4:** Athletics Department
    - If your student is also in a sport that requires a physical, you may use the same physical for band.
    - Please notify Mr. Adam at the CHS Band of this.

# Volunteer Opportunities!!!

- [www.canyonband.org](http://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 27 – October 28

- Mondays: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (All)
- Thursdays: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
  - 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 8/27 – 9/19

# 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.
- All band students are provided with a locker and a combination lock

# Need a school instrument??

- Friday, 5/31, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 6/5, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
  - Same time as physicals



# 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 / Parties
- Big Band Trips (every two years)

***Questions?***