



Central Crossing High School Instrumental Music Department

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Greetings Band Family!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful July 4th holiday and a great start to your summer! The CCHS Band's first performance of the year occurred at the annual WABA parade and was a resounding success! It was awesome to see so many "younger" members contributing at such a high level this early in the season. In fact, over two-thirds of the 2022 CCHS Band are freshmen and sophomores! The entire band staff is extremely proud of how well this "young" group is already performing!

It is hard to believe it is already mid-July and time for our traditional summer band camps to begin. It is at these summer camps where we really learn the music and drill to our 2022 competition show, learn our pre game routine, learn all of our school songs, and bond as a team. It is also the time of year where attendance becomes very critical for students to maintain pace with their peers as a great deal of new information is presented and learned daily! Remember, the schedule for all band rehearsals can always be found here: <http://www.centralcrossingband.org/calendar.html> Please reach out to section leaders if there are any issues with rides for summer camp rehearsals. There are many families willing to help!

Below you will find some July highlights in an effort to help keep everyone informed!

July Rehearsal Highlights, also found here: <http://www.centralcrossingband.org/calendar.html>

7/12	Guard & Percussion rehearsals (see band calendar, link above)
7/13	9am-12:30pm WINDS Leaders and New Members (guard & percussion follow your specific schedules on band calendar)
7/14-15	9am-4pm Pre-Camp for all WINDS & PERCUSSION (no guard, see calendar)
7/19-22	9am-4pm Pre-Camp for all WINDS & PERCUSSION; Guard 1pm-8pm
7/25	Booster Band Parent Meeting 7pm (monthly informational meeting)
7/26-29	9am-9:30pm Band Camp!
7/30	9am band rehearsal followed by 11:00am parent preview performance

Summer Rehearsal Dress Code

- No jeans or flip flop style shoes
- All students should remain covered from chest to thigh throughout rehearsal (no removal of shirts, crop tops, sports tops, midriff shirts, cut-out sides of shirts). T-shirts and tank tops are perfect!
- Hats and sunglasses are recommended (and sunscreen!)
- In general, dress to be comfortable in warmer weather!

Pre-Camp and Post-Camp Rehearsals

- All rehearsals take place at CCHS
- All “full band” pre-camp and post-camp rehearsals are 9am-4pm with a noon lunch break. **Food is not provided on these days.** Students should bring a sack lunch or have a plan for food.
- Students must bring water “jugs” to each rehearsal to stay hydrated.
- Please have students contact section leaders with any ride issues.
- Please do everything possible to schedule appointments etc outside of these times as new material will be presented daily

*PRE-CAMP REHEARSALS: I have recently been informed that the air conditioning is being serviced until July 25th (originally estimated July 18th). Section leaders should coordinate students bringing in portable fans to school to help keep cool during these rehearsals.

Band Camp Rehearsals, July 26-30

- All rehearsals take place at CCHS
- Students must bring water “jugs” to each rehearsal to stay hydrated.
- Please have students contact section leaders with any ride issues.
- Please do everything possible to schedule appointments etc outside of these times as new material will be presented daily
- All Band Camp rehearsals are from 9am-9:30pmn the week starting Tuesday, July 26. Below is a typical schedule for each day
 - 9:00am Visual Block, usually outside, learn marching fundamentals and drill to the show
 - 12:00 Lunch, **not provided** (please bring a sack lunch or have a plan)
 - 1:00 Music Block, usually inside, learn music for the show and all school songs
 - 3:30 Planned activities for students
 - 5:00 Dinner, **provided**
 - 6:00 Full Ensemble Block, usually outside, putting the music and the drill together on the field
 - 8:00 End rehearsal and transition to evening activities
 - 8:30 Planned social activities to strengthen bonds between students
 - 9:30 End, all students go home
- Saturday July 30 Friends & Family Preview Performance schedule
 - 9:00am Full Band Rehearsal
 - 11:00am Break
 - 11:30am Friends & Family Preview Performance on the band’s parking lot practice field. Anyone attending can view the performance from the sidewalk area along the road at the main entrance to the school. Students will perform what they have learned up to that point!

Absences from Rehearsals

- For safety reasons, all absences need to be communicated by an adult. We need to know that a parent or guardian knows that a student is not with us to help make sure that all students are safe and accounted for.

- Because the success of our team depends on the success of each member, we encourage you to do everything possible to schedule events around currently scheduled rehearsals and performances to allow students to learn, grow, and succeed together.
- If a student misses material presented at a rehearsal due to an absence, it may affect a student's ability to participate in any upcoming performance due to missing the necessary material to perform. It is then logical to assume that the more absences a student experiences, the greater the potential for fewer performance opportunities (until the student successfully demonstrates they have learned what was missed).
- Send an email to jeff.blume@swcsd.us to report any absences

Pay to Participate Fee

The district Pay to Participate fee is due July 15th. This can be paid online through Infinite Campus (easiest way) or can be paid directly to the school's front office. The band directors DO NOT collect district Pay to Participate fees. If you have applied for an SBC scholarship, if awarded, any funds already paid will be returned to you. More information can be found here: <https://athletics.swcsd.us/pay-to-participate> There are some conflicting dates listed on the district website, please use the due dates that are listed on the actual forms!

Band Fees

All four district high school bands have a Band Fee tied to the Band and Flags classes. These fees help to partially fund the incredible experiences provided to students participating in our district's fine band programs (the remaining is funded through family participation in fundraising). By following the payment schedule that is listed on the payment coupons, you will greatly assist the band in paying the debts that are incurred throughout the band season. The payment coupons and information on paying band fees can be found here: <http://www.centralcrossingband.org/fee-payment.html>

Have questions or need assistance?

Feel free to contact me at any time! eric.hubbell@swcsd.us

Or, if you would like to talk to an experienced band parent that is eager to assist you, here is a list of current parents that have volunteered to make themselves available to help you have a wonderful experience in band!

<http://www.centralcrossingband.org/band-boosters.html>

For percussion specific questions contact Donnie Ross at donnie@capcitypercussion.com

For guard specific questions contact Nikki Szymanski at nms0720@swcsd.us