

# WoodCreek Junior High Band Handbook

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# Welcome to the WoodCreek Junior High Timberwolf Band!

This document is a handbook of important information for band students and their parents. Please read each page carefully together, and keep for reference throughout the school year.

## Philosophy

The WoodCreek Band Program is dedicated to helping young people experience the joy of studying and performing music, to foster a lifelong love of music, and to help the students acquire character and team building skills that will help them throughout their lives.

## Band Descriptions

**Honors Band:** The Honors Band is the Varsity performing ensemble comprised of the most advanced students from the seventh and eighth grades. This band meets daily for one class period during normal school hours. In addition to the ensemble instruction during the school day, **each student is required to attend one section rehearsal per week before school.** Section rehearsals give us the opportunity to continue with skill development on each family of instruments and to do detail work on music that is not possible during the school day. All Honors Band members will also participate in all performances for the band to be published in a separate calendar that will be sent home. Additional full band rehearsals may be called in the spring semester as needed.

### Required Events:

Weekly Section Rehearsals,  
Community/School Pep-rallies,  
WCJH Football Game Performances,  
TMEA All-Region Band Audition,  
Fall, Winter and Spring Concerts

Solo and Ensemble Contest  
Pre-UIL Benchmark Concert  
UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation  
Spring Festival Performance

**Symphonic Band:** The Symphonic Band is the Non-Varsity performing ensemble comprised of seventh and eighth graders. Concepts and expectations are the same for all students in the seventh and eighth grade bands; the music is just not quite as difficult. This band meets daily for one class period during normal school hours. In addition to the ensemble instruction during the school day, **each student is required to attend one section rehearsal per week before school.** Section rehearsals give us the opportunity to continue with skill development on each family of instruments, and to do detail work on music that is not possible during the school day. All Symphonic Band members will also participate in all performances for the band to be published in a separate calendar that will be sent home. Additional full band rehearsals may be called in the spring semester as needed.

### Required Events:

Weekly Section Rehearsals  
Community/School Pep-Rallies  
WCJH Football Game Performances  
Fall, Winter and Spring Concerts  
Solo and Ensemble Contest

Pre-UIL Benchmark  
UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation  
Spring Festival Performance

Optional:\* TMEA All-Region Band Audition

**Concert Band:** The Concert Band is the Sub-Non-Varsity performing ensemble comprised of seventh and eighth graders. Concepts and expectations are the same for all students in the seventh and eighth grade bands; the music is just not quite as difficult. This band meets daily for one class period during normal school hours. In addition to the ensemble instruction during the school day, **each student is required to attend one section rehearsal per week before school.** Section rehearsals give us the opportunity to continue with skill development on each family of instruments, and to do detail work on music that is not possible during the school day. All Symphonic Band members will also participate in all performances for the band to be published in a separate calendar that will be sent home. Additional full band rehearsals may be called in the spring semester as needed.

**Required Events:**

Weekly Section Rehearsals  
Community/School Pep-Rallies  
WCJH Football Game Performances  
Fall, Winter and Spring Concerts  
Solo and Ensemble Contest

Pre-UIL Benchmark  
UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation  
Spring Festival Performance

**Optional:**\* TMEA All-Region Band Audition

**First-Year Band:** The First-Year Band is comprised of like-instrument classes that meet during the school day. The goal in the first year of band is for students to get a solid foundation on their instrument so they are able to achieve their musical goals as they progress through middle school and high school band. There are no regular after school rehearsals, except for one after school rehearsal immediately prior to each performance. First-Year Band members will be required to participate in the Winter and Spring concerts, and the KISD Young Band Festival.

## **Extracurricular Groups**

**Jazz Band:** Members of the performing bands are eligible to audition for the WCJH Jazz Band. Members of this group will be chosen through audition in August. This group is limited to a small number of members because of instrumentation and difficulty of music. All members will be required to attend rehearsals weekly after school (4:15pm-5:15pm). *WCJH Jazz Band members will be expected to participate at the Winter Concert, Coffee House Concert and Katy Jazz Festival and 1-2 additional performances in the Spring semester (TBD).*

**Please note:** Students selected for the Jazz Band will have rehearsals *in addition* to sectional rehearsals as needed. Because many students are involved in other academic and athletic activities at WCJH, we are asking that these students split their time between activities. Should any student miss three Jazz rehearsals without communicating with us, the directors reserve the right to remove the student from jazz band.

**Drumline:** All performing band percussionists are eligible for the WCJH Drumline. All Concert, Symphonic, and Honors Band members are required to be a member of the WCJH Drumline through October (last football game band performance) and will meet once a week through October ***in lieu of section rehearsal***. After the Fall Concert, students will switch to section rehearsals with their designated band. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled throughout the year if needed.

## Commitment to the Band Schedule

**All students are required to attend all sectionals, rehearsals, and performances.** Excused absences include, but may not be limited to, student personal illness, family emergency, or death in the family. Unexcused absences include, but may not be limited to, **non-WoodCreek Junior High activities**, vacations, or forgetting the event. Absences will be categorized as excused or unexcused at the discretion of the WCJH Band Directors. Students with unexcused absences from any of these events will result in a failing grade for the event and possible removal from that performing group. These are curricular activities and are therefore an extension of the learning day meaning that all of these events are graded.

Occasionally, band events may conflict with another WCJH *school event*. In that case, the sponsors of both organizations will work with the parents and students so that the students' and groups' best interests are met. Please notify the director within 1 week of WCJH conflict. **In the event that a student has an excused absence, a make-up assignment may be requested** (ex. attend another section's afterschool rehearsal, written assignment, playing assignment). It is the responsibility of the student to procure the assignment from their band director and return within one week of the excused absence. There are **NO** make-up assignments for unexcused absences.

## District Attendance Policy

Students must be in attendance according to school and organization published criteria in order to participate in a musical concert or contest or club/organization special trip or activity. Students assigned to in-school suspension (ISS), out-of-school suspension (OSS), the District's disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP), or juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP) may not participate in or attend any extracurricular practice or event until the day following the last date of the placement or suspension. Students who are absent from school because of illness may not attend any band activities until the following day.

## Academic Eligibility

State of Texas law states that a student shall be suspended in all extra-curricular activities sponsored or sanctioned by the school district during the six week period following a grade reporting period in which the student received a grade lower than 70.0 in any class on their report card. A student who receives an "I" (incomplete) on their report card shall also be considered ineligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. Students have one week to clear an incomplete – students who do not clear the incomplete within one week of the end of the grading period are considered ineligible until the next grading period. This suspension begins seven days after the end of the six weeks period. Events affected by this State ruling would include:

- Any band contest where ratings are awarded, both individual and/or group. (This includes spring trips and festivals)
- Any band performance associated with an event where admission is charged.

This **would NOT include** the UIL Concert & Sight-reading Evaluation or any concert where no admission is charged. Concerts are considered an extension of learning in the classroom and are therefore curricular, not extra-curricular.

A suspended student may regain eligibility seven days after the grading period ends, or after the three-week evaluation period (progress report) if **all classes** are indicated as passing with a 70.0 or above.

## Code of Conduct

All band classes and events are conducted in a positive, motivating manner in which all students have the opportunity for success. Proper student behavior is expected at all times from WCJH Band Members including but not limited to use of appropriate language, following directions, being considerate to others and their property. One student's poor conduct affects the entire organization and will not be tolerated. No conduct will be permitted that is not ordinarily permitted in the academic classroom.

KISD discipline management code, dress code, and bus rules apply on all trips. WCJH Band members are expected to be respectful of bus drivers, sponsors, and chaperones. Poor conduct by a WCJH band member during rehearsals, band functions, or trips may result in the suspension of that individual from extra-curricular band activities for the remainder of the school year, reassignment into a different band class, or even dismissal from the band program. The Directors reserve the right to make these decisions.

## District Extracurricular Code of Conduct Guidelines

Any student member of an extracurricular organization or campus club representing themselves, or their organization, in an unfavorable, questionable or illegal manner through electronic media (i.e. websites, personal home pages, blogs, text messages, chat rooms or similar websites/files accessible through a server or internet) or using electronic communication devices in such a way as to bring discredit, dishonor, or disgrace on their organization or members of any other school organization including themselves (i.e. camera phones, digital photos, electronic descriptions) will be subject to the disciplinary actions determined by appropriate school officials and/or organization.

## Rehearsal Expectations

- Be on time! Be in the band hall when the tardy bell rings and in your seat ready for class within two minutes of the tardy bell. Actively participate in class.
- Be prepared. Make sure you have all your equipment and materials with you at your seat. Make sure to practice every night so that you will be prepared the following day.
- Be polite. Raise your hand and wait for permission before you speak.
- Be respectful of equipment and facilities. Only handle your own instrument and band equipment. Gum, food, and drinks are not allowed in the band hall. Running or horseplay is also not allowed.

## Grading Policy

- 15% (Other) Classroom Engagement and Preparedness
- 30% (Minor) Weekly Assignments (First-Year Band), Sectional Attendance (Performing Bands)
- 55% (Major) Performances and Playing Tests
  - Playing tests over pre-assigned material
  - Written tests over pre-assigned material
  - Co-curricular performances and clinics\*\*
  - Appropriate attire for performances

\*\*Any **unexcused** absences from sectionals, rehearsals, and required performances may result in the suspension of that student from any other extra-curricular band activities the remainder of the school year, removal from the performing band, and/or demotion within the particular section. The student's band grade will also be adversely affected. Students who have an excused absence will have 1 week to procure and complete a make-up assignment.

## Home Practice

Home practice is necessary due to the physical requirements for producing a quality tone and building technique. Students typically get 45 minutes of class instruction per day. It is important for them to review and work out that day's material so that they are ready to learn new material the next day. With appropriate practice habits, band will be a successful and gratifying process for the student.

Guidance and parental support are key factors in establishing a regular practice schedule. Here are some tips for effective home practice:

- Practice in a quiet rehearsal space with all necessary supplies (chair, instrument, music stand, music, pencil, metronome/tuner, music apps)
- Practice is most effective when done consistently over the course of the week (30 minutes/day) instead of one long practice session
- A practice session should mirror a class period, consisting of tone warm-up, technique, rhythm, & band music. It's also great to add extra music that can be purchased at local music stores or online.
- Practice with a goal in mind. Isolate problem areas and work slowly through challenging parts.

## Private Lesson Program

The Fine Arts Program of the Katy Independent School District offers private lessons to interested instrumental music students. Those interested in getting the most benefit from their band experience are encouraged to take advantage of this program.

Lessons are held once a week, after school, in 30-minute time slots on designated days and campuses. The instructors are highly qualified professional musicians and/or university music students who have been carefully screened by KISD band directors. Tuition fees are based on teacher degrees per half hour lesson and are paid directly to the private lesson instructor. Once students have enrolled in the program, a list of private teachers will be sent home. The students for each particular instrument will then contact the private teacher and schedule lesson times. Lessons are on an availability basis, and the individual private teacher determines the day and campus.

**We highly encourage you to take advantage of this outstanding program.** Private lessons are designed to benefit all band students. Students who are having difficulties with fundamentals can receive the extra attention and tutoring needed to become successful. Students already performing well will gain great strength from the advanced pace and more challenging material the lesson teacher can provide. The benefit of private lessons is invaluable to all students' musical progress. The one on one attention that students receive is simply not possible in a large band class. Students learn more about their instrument, are challenged further, and tend to gain immense self-confidence from the private lesson experience. For more information on private lessons, please email the band directors.

## Braces and Orthodontic Procedures

**Brass and Woodwind Players:** If there are plans for orthodontics (braces) please be mindful of the timing involved in getting them and PLEASE communicate with us so that we can discuss options with you/you're your child's orthodontist. Braces are a fact of life for many students, and if you should get braces, you will continue to be successful after the first week or so after getting them. (It takes time to get used to them). We only ask that you kindly consider not getting them put on, removed, or adjusted in close proximity to major performances (i.e. region band auditions, UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluations, Solo and Ensemble Contest, Winter and Spring concerts, and audition time). Please inform us early of your intention to get braces or have them taken off so that you have adequate time to adjust to your "new" mouth.

## Band Expenses

Each student that participates in the band program will have certain expenses that will require payment. Other expenses may only apply to certain students, for certain events. All students are required to pay a flat amount for their Yearly Band Costs. This payment helps the band department continue to provide necessary supplies to the students for use throughout the year, provide food and drink for various events, as well as clinicians to come in and help students with music. This cost covers the band t-shirt that is worn with our informal uniform (see UNIFORM section), band binders, instrument identification, and band contest entry fees. There will be times when other events may require a small additional fee for participation and/or food. Not all of these will be required. *We respectfully ask that all payments to the band are made with exact change or by check, as we do not hold petty cash to make change. Any overpayments will be considered a donation to the band program.*

## Refunds

Refunds will only be issued if the vendor has not been paid and/or if the vendor is willing to issue a refund to the band program. The band department will not issue refunds for missed events due to academic eligibility or discipline consequence. In order to close out our financial accounts, all refund requests must be received prior to May 1st.

### Performing Bands

*Yearly Band Costs:	\$50 (Required)
Region Band Entry:	\$15 (Required for any student auditioning)
*KISD Instrument Maintenance Fee:	\$80 (School Instruments Only)
Solo/Ensemble:	\$10 per event
Solo Accompanist:	\$35
Spring Contest (Fiesta, TX):	TBD (paid in 3 separate payments)

### First-Year Band Fees:

*Yearly Band Costs:	\$50 (Required)
*KISD Instrument Maintenance Fee:	\$80 (School Provided Instruments Only)
First-Year Band Spring Trip:	TBD (Paid in Spring)

## Supplies

\*Payments are due by September 8, 2023

(Required instrument supplies are different for each instrument and will be detailed on a separate page)

### Concert, Symphonic, and Honors Bands

- ✓ Instrument and required instrument supplies
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Three ring 1 inch binder (provided)
- ✓ Formal Uniform as described on page 10
- ✓ TimberWolf Band T-shirt (provided)

### First-Year Band

- ✓ Instrument and required instrument supplies
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Three ring 1 inch binder (provided)
- ✓ TimberWolf Band T-shirt (provided)
- ✓ Korg TM60BK Tuner and Metronome Combo with Clip on Microphone



## Uniform

All performing band students will need to have an informal and a formal band uniform.

Informal (Band t-shirt and jeans): All band students will need a TimberWolf band-shirt (included in yearly band cost). This is the “official” band t-shirt that is worn during special school events and the occasional off-campus trips. When worn as an informal performance uniform, the t-shirt is worn tucked into blue jeans with sneakers. Failure to wear proper attire will result in removal from the trip or event.

Formal (Concert, Symphonic, and Honors Bands Only): The students will also have a formal concert uniform that will be worn for formal performances and contests. The bands are judged partly on uniformity of dress at contests. It is essential that all students be dressed appropriately. Failure to wear proper attire will result in removal from the event.

Concert, Symphonic, Honors, and Jazz Bands will wear ALL BLACK.

MEN: Long Sleeve button down black shirt	LADIES: Same as Men <u>OR</u>	Full Length Black Dress/skirt
Black Dress pants		Long Sleeve Black Blouse
Black Dress Socks		Black Closed-toed Dress Shoes
Black Dress Shoes		
Black Closed-toed Dress Shoes		
Black Belt		

Accessories: The purpose of a uniform is for everyone in the band to look as similar as possible so the listeners are not visually distracted from the performance. Therefore accessories should be kept to a minimum. If a student is unsure about an accessory, please see your band director prior to the performance for guidance.

## Personal Property and Equipment

Katy ISD does not provide insurance for individually owned equipment. Certain insurance companies allow you to purchase an additional or “rider” policy to cover musical instruments. These policies are usually very inexpensive and more than sufficient. Please contact your agent for more information on what is covered and under what conditions. Separate musical instrument insurance may be purchased through The Music Agency of Arlington, TX ([www.musicagencyinc.com](http://www.musicagencyinc.com)). Students will have a place within the band hall to keep their instruments during the school day. It is the responsibility of each student to place his or her instrument in the assigned location each day and to retrieve the instrument at the end of the day and take it home. Many students have cases that look the same, so students are required to clearly label their instrument on the outside of the case with a provided school I.D. card.

## School-Owned Equipment

Katy ISD provides certain instruments (oboe, bassoon, tenor/bari saxophone, horn, euphonium, tuba, performing band percussion) for student use. These instruments are generally very expensive and require special maintenance. These are furnished by the school district for the purpose of avoiding large expenditures from the parent. It is the policy of Katy ISD to require a maintenance fee (currently \$100.00 per year) that covers normal “wear and tear”, cleaning, and routine maintenance of the instrument to insure the instrument remains in top working condition and to maximize the life of the instrument. Normal wear and tear is expected and is covered by the maintenance fee. Damages caused by fire, theft, abuse, or neglect will be charged to the student. (This includes dents or dings.) All school-owned equipment will be issued with a form that the parent must sign and return.

## Band Travel

Whenever the band travels we will always publish an itinerary with the times for students to be picked up in advance of the event. The itinerary will be sent home with the students. Parents, please be prompt when picking up your child from a band function. When picking up your child, please do not park in the bus circle. This can create a safety issue when the children are exiting the bus as well as making unloading very difficult. Band students will always be released to the back (northeast) of the school after rehearsals and performances, NEVER the front of the school.

**KISD policy states that students must travel as a group to a band event.** Special permission is required to return with a parent / guardian from the directors and/or campus administrator. Written notice is required 72 hours in advance if your child will not be riding school transportation from a band event. **Students can only be released to his/her parent or guardian.** Relatives, siblings, neighbors, friend's parents, uber, etc. may not take your son/daughter home early from a band trip. Pursuant to local KISD Board Policy, *parents* need to be able to show a photo ID to the band directors and/or chaperones before a student is released, and will have to "sign out" the student on a provided roster.

## Spring Trips

Performing Bands Members of the performing bands are eligible to attend our band spring trip to Fiesta, TX in San Antonio on April 6, 2024 (**TENTATIVE**). The cost of the trip is TBD and includes entry into the park, charter buses, and festival entry. The payment schedule is outlined below.

Oct. 13	1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Trip Payment (\$50 or \$110) Due
Jan. 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Spring Trip Payment (\$30) Due
Mar. 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Spring Trip Final Payment (\$30) Due

A deposit of \$50 must be made (October 13) in order to attend the trip.

First-Year Band: Members of the First-Year Band are highly encouraged to attend the First-Year Band Spring Trip in May. This trip is combined with a contest therefore we want as many First-Year Band students participating as possible. Because this is a contest, students must be passing all classes on the 5<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks report card to be eligible to go. Payment is due by TBD.

## Parent Authorization to Consent to Treatment/Regular Extracurricular Travel Form

KISD requires that each student traveling with the band in any capacity have on file a consent to treatment and permission to travel form current medical form. These forms are to be completed in RANK ONE. Please complete the form included in this handbook and return to the band directors. This form DOES NOT have to be notarized. The forms go with the band whenever the band travels to any off campus location. If a student does not have this form turned in, they cannot attend ANY band events.

## Website

The purpose of our website is to provide information about our program to newcomers and prospective students and a nexus to our other digital sites for current students and parents/guardians. Things NOT included on our website are most photos/videos of our performances (this is on social media), sheet music (linked on Canvas), or schedules/itineraries (distributed via Remind). With the exception of Canvas, you can easily get “plugged in” to our other digital sites by exploring this site!

<https://www.wcjhband.org/>

## Remind

This year, the WCJH Timberwolf Band will be utilizing REMIND as its primary mode of communication. Please join the appropriate group ASAP by texting the appropriate code to 81010 (or by using the app). Students who do not have a smartphone can join using another device by visiting <https://www.remind.com/join/> and entering the appropriate code. We will be sending out our first batch of information on Monday, August 23.

All students MUST have at least one parent/guardian subscribed to their Remind class. In addition, Honors, Symphonic, and Concert Band student members are required to join their Remind class; First-Year Band students are not required to join but it is highly recommended. Please contact the band directors if you have any questions or concerns.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Code</b>
First Year Band Parents	@wcjhfybpar
Performing Band Parents	@wcjhpbpar
First Year Band Students	@wcjhfyb
Concert Band Students	@wcjhcon
Symphonic Band Students	@wcjhsym
Honors Band Students	@wcjhhon

## Social Media

Although messages sent through Remind are our primary means of communication, we also utilize various forms of social media to connect with our program and community. Feel free to follow our public social media accounts using the handle below. We will periodically share public information and photos/videos from our events but will NEVER include specific information regarding our students’ activities. Please do not attempt to contact the directors through Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter, and do not expect specific information to be offered there.

@WCJHBand



## A Brief Guide to Band Contests

### All-Region Band Auditions

All students enrolled in the Honors Band are required to participate in the All Region Band Auditions. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students not enrolled in the Honors Band are welcome to participate with the approval of the directors.

The All-Region Band Auditions are individual competitions in which the students in Katy ISD, Alief ISD, and Houston ISD compete for “chairs” in a highly select musical organization. By learning the scales and audition music required for the competition, students gain valuable audition experience and advanced musical skills. Students who are fortunate to be selected to the All-Region Band will then participate in a special one time All-Region Clinic and Concert.

There is a small entry fee (approx. \$15) for the All-Region Band Auditions. Once a student has been entered, audition fees cannot be refunded for any reason.

### Solo and Ensemble Contest

This event is a very important part of the student’s musical education. The experience of playing solos and ensembles is very different than playing in a band. It gives the student an opportunity to do individual work on solo and ensemble work with a small group of students (trio, quartet, etc.).

Students in the Concert, Symphonic, and Honors bands will be required to participate in an ensemble, and they may choose to participate in a solo if they are taking private lessons. The experience of preparing and performing these types of music increases the student’s musical knowledge and skills and helps them to develop self-confidence, persistence, and teamwork.

Entry fees (approx. \$10.00 per event) must be paid prior to the contest. Entry fees cannot be refunded for students who become ineligible or do not attend the contest for any reason.

Music performed must be listed on the current Texas UIL Prescribed Music List and is broadly categorized into three levels of difficulty.

Class III: medium-easy (suitable for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Class II: medium-difficult (suitable for advanced 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high school)

Class I: difficult (suitable for HS players and extremely advanced 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Students performing solos are required to perform with piano accompaniment. Some students may arrange to be accompanied by their private teacher or other capable pianist. We will assign an accompanist to the students unless other arrangements have been made. For a fee the accompanist will have two or three rehearsals with the student and perform at the contest.

Accompanist Fees: approx. \$35.00

## Full Band Contests and Festivals – Concert, Symphonic, and Honors Bands

The bands participate in full band competitions in the Spring. At this type of contest, the band performs three musical selections for a panel of judges. The judges rate the band's performance on a scale of one to five. The scores are then averaged to come up with the band's final rating. The ratings scale is as follows:

First Division: Superior  
Second Division: Excellent  
Third Division: Average  
Fourth Division: Below Average  
Fifth Division: Poor

The pre-UIL and UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation have an additional component. After the "Concert" portion of the contest, the band goes to another room with three different judges. The students and director are given a piece of music they have never seen before. The band is given a short amount of time for the director to discuss the piece. The students may not make any sound or practice any part of the music out loud during this time. Then the band plays the piece and is given a rating from one to five. The skill of reading music is something the students learn and practice all year long, and this contest is often cited as the most interesting by parents who observe it. After both portions of the contest are over, if the band received a rating of Superior from both the Sight Reading and Concert panels of judges, the band is given the Sweepstakes Award.

## Band Boosters and Volunteering

Parents, we need you! Parent involvement is at the heart of any successful band program. WoodCreek Junior High Band Booster Association was created to support the WoodCreek Junior High Band. Its primary focus is coordinating volunteers and raising funds for the band. Enrollment is open throughout the year and is open to all parents and adult relatives who would like to support the band. Membership dues are \$10 per year and allows you to vote during general membership meetings. Please email Bradi Redmon (VP Membership) at [bradiredmon@hotmail.com](mailto:bradiredmon@hotmail.com) to get information about joining the boosters. Thank you for your support and willingness to help the WCJH Band Program!

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# WoodCreek JH Band Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	GROUP
<b>August</b>				
28	Morning Sectionals Start	Band Hall	7:45-8:30	H, S, C
29	Band Parent Meeting	Band Hall	6 PM - FYB 7 PM - H, S, C	All Parents
29	Jazz Band Auditions Start	Band Hall	Class Time	H, S, C
30	Jazz Band Auditions	Band Hall	Class Time	H, S, C
31	Jazz Band Auditions	Band Hall	Class Time	H, S, C
<b>September</b>				
5	Private Lessons Start	Band Hall	4:15-8:45 PM	Students in Lessons
6	Jazz Band Rehearsals Start	Band Hall	3:30-5 PM	Jazz Band
<b>8</b>	<b>ALL FORMS &amp; FEES DUE</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>ALL</b>
12	Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A	Chick-Fil-A	5-8 PM	ALL
<b>15</b>	<b>Pep Rally</b>	<b>WCJH</b>	<b>3-4:05 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
15	OTHS 8th gr. FB Night	Legacy Stadium	4:30-10 PM	OTHS 8 <sup>th</sup> graders
15	Band Booster Fundraiser Start	Online	Online	ALL
<b>October</b>				
6	Region Audition Entry Fee	Band Hall	ALL DAY	H, S, C
9	Spirit Morning at Shipley Donuts	Shipley Donuts	Morning	ALL
<b>11</b>	<b>8th Gr. FB Trip</b>	<b>Rhodes Stadium</b>	<b>4:30-9 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
13	Fiesta TX Payment #1 Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	H, S, C
19	Houston Symphony Trip Fee Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	FYB
<b>20</b>	<b>Pep Rally</b>	<b>WCJH Gym</b>	<b>3-4:05 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
27	Music Department Photo Day	Band Hall	ALL DAY	ALL
27	KHS 8th gr. FB Night	Legacy Stadium	4:30-10 PM	KHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>30</b>	<b>Masquerade Concert</b>	<b>WCJH Gym</b>	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
<b>November</b>				
2	Houston Symphony Trip	Jones Hall	9-2:30	FYB
8	Spirit Night at Crafted Kitchen	Crafted Kitchen	TBD	ALL
10	Region Band Auditions	Stockdick JH	5:30-9:30 PM	H, S, C
11	Region Band Auditions	Morton Ranch JH	8-4	H, S, C
<b>16</b>	<b>FYB Showcase</b>	<b>WCJH</b>	<b>1st, 5th, and 7th Per.</b>	<b>FYB</b>
28	Elementary Music Showcase Trip	KHS PAC	School Day	H
<b>December</b>				
6	Poinsetta Delivery	Band Hall	4:30-7:30 PM	ALL
8	Region Orch Clinic & Concert	Paetow HS	5-9 PM	Selected students
9	Region Orch Clinic & Concert	Paetow HS	8-5 PM	Selected students
<b>11</b>	<b>FYB Rehearsal</b>	<b>WCJH</b>	<b>4:15-5:30 PM</b>	<b>FYB</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>OTHS PAC</b>	<b>6-9 PM</b>	<b>ALL</b>
14	Spirit Day at Ziggis	Ziggis	ALL DAY	ALL

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<b>January</b>				
5	Fiesta TX Payment #2 Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	H, S, C
12	Music Dept. Social \$\$ Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	ALL
12	Region Band Clinic & Concert	SLHS	5-9 PM	Selected students
13	Region Band Clinic & Concert	SLHS	ALL DAY	Selected students
20	Music Dept. Social	TBD	Morning	FYB, H, S, C
<b>22</b>	<b>FYB Parent Meeting/Concert</b>	<b>Band Hall</b>	<b>5-6:30 PM</b>	<b>FYB Parents and FYB</b>
30	KHS Side by Side Concert Rehearsal	KHS PAC	7-8 PM	KHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
31	OTHS Side by Side Concert/Parent Meeting	OTHS PAC	5-7:30 PM	OTHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>February</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>Pep Rally</b>	<b>WCJH Gym</b>	<b>3-4:05 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
6	KHS Side by Side Concert – KHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	KHS PAC	7:00 PM	KHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>15</b>	<b>Pre-UIL Concert</b>	<b>Taylor High School</b>	<b>5-9 PM</b>	<b>H, S, C</b>
22	Jazz Band Tour (Tentative)	TBD	ALL DAY	Jazz Band
<b>March</b>				
1	Fiesta TX Final Payment Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	H, S, C
19	Concert Band UIL Rehearsal	Band Hall	7:30-8:30 AM	C
20	Symphonic Band UIL Rehearsal	Band Hall	7:30-8:30 AM	S
<b>21-22</b>	<b>UIL Sub-NV/NV</b>	<b>Jordan High School</b>	<b>TIME TBD</b>	<b>S, C</b>
26	Honors Band UIL Rehearsal	Band Hall	7:30-8:30 AM	H
<b>27-28</b>	<b>UIL Varsity</b>	<b>Paetow HS</b>	<b>TIME TBD</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>April</b>				
2	Mandatory Fiesta TX Meeting	Band Hall	6:00 PM	H, S, C
4	FYB Trip \$ Due	Band Hall	ALL DAY	FYB
6	Fiesta TX Trip	San Antonio, TX	ALL DAY	H, S, C
19	Katy Jazz Festival	TBD	ALL DAY	Jazz Band
20	Katy Jazz Festival	TBD	ALL DAY	Jazz Band
23-24	5th Gr. Instrument Selection Night	WCJH Gym	4-9 PM	5th Grade
29-30	OTHS New Marcher Camp	OTHS Band Hall	5-7:30 PM	OTHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
<b>May</b>				
1	Night of Percussion Dress Rehearsal	KHS Band Hall	4:30-6 PM	PERCUSSION STUDENTS
1	OTHS New Marcher Camp	OTHS Band Hall	5-7:30 PM	OTHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders
2	FYB Concert Trip Rehearsal	Band Hall	4:15-5:30 PM	FYB
<b>2</b>	<b>Night of Percussion</b>	<b>KHS PAC</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>PERCUSSION STUDENTS</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Katy Klassic Young Band Festival</b>	<b>KHS PAC</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>FYB</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b>	<b>KHS PAC</b>	<b>6-9 PM</b>	<b>FYB, H, S, C</b>
8	End of Year Auditions Begin	Band Hall	ALL DAY	ALL
17	Pep Rally/8th Gr. Clap Out	WCJH Gym	3-4:05 PM	H, S, C
20	Instrument Check-In	Band Hall	ALL DAY	ALL
20-22	KHS New Marcher Camp	KHS Band Hall	5-6:30 PM	KHS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders

## Syncing your phone calendar with Charms:

### iPhone

1. Go into the Settings app
2. Select "Calendar"
3. Select "Accounts"
4. Select "Add Account"
5. Under Calendars, select "Add Subscribed Calendar"
6. For the Server value, enter the URL for the teacher calendar:  
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=WoodCreekBand>
7. Select "Next" in the upper right corner.
8. It will verify the server then show a subscription page. Change the description if you like.
9. Select "Save" to save the subscription.

### Android

To sync with Android devices, you will need to use your Google account and have a Google calendar created. In your Google calendar on a real computer:

1. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
2. Select "Add by URL"
3. Enter the following URL:  
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsynct.asp?s=WoodCreekBand>
4. Click "Add Calendar"
5. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
6. Click "Settings"
7. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
8. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
9. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync. You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.