

## Welcome to the Tigard High School Band program

August 7, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to (or back to) the THS Band program. The purpose of this letter is to let you know what is coming your way for the next school year. We are an extremely active group both at school and in the community. It is important that you check the band website and calendar **weekly** for updates. It can be overwhelming at times, but stick with it, come to our events, and ask questions.

We use Charms Office for much of our administrative processes, so we will be verifying your contact information several times this fall. If you are new to the program, please see the attached letter regarding the Charms login. Please login and verify/update your information, both student and parent.

Not all students participate in every event throughout the year, so it is vital for you to know what the expectations and obligations are. We discuss this in class and at the ALL-BAND PICNIC, Friday, August 24, 6pm THS Cafeteria. and it is in the [Band Handbook](#) All events are posted on the CALENDAR OF EVENTS on the Band website

[www.ttsdschools.org/Page/5440](http://www.ttsdschools.org/Page/5440)

Please go to the THS Band website (see above) and poke around for all the great information.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Students will perform in a variety of activities: concert performances in December, March, May, and June; assemblies, football and basketball games, Homecoming Parade, Starlight Parade, and Graduation.. All events are/will be posted on the Band Calendar of Events. Any changes will be posted on the calendar and through Charms.

Students also support the program by working at our various required fundraising events: Garage Sale, Craft Fair, Rhythmfest, Can Drives, and the optional yet always fun Balloon Festival.

**If you need to rent a school instrument, email me to see what is available** The rental fee for the year is \$150 (payable to THS Band). If you require a second instrument, the fee for the second instrument will be \$100.

**All Percussionists** (in class, Marching Band, Winter Drumline) will pay the \$150 instrument rental fee on the first day of camp or class.  
**Rental fee checks are made out to "THS Band" and given to Mr. Irving.**

All students in the program pay a support fee to the Band Boosters. [www.tigardhighbandboosters.com](http://www.tigardhighbandboosters.com) The fee helps pay for festivals, contests, instructors, music, instrument repair, uniforms, transportation and cheese. **A fee coupon is attached or can be downloaded from the Band Website.**

**All Fall fees must be paid by Sept. 28, 2018. All Winter fees must be paid by Jan. 25, 2019.**

### COMPETITIVE MARCHING BAND & COLORGUARD STUDENTS

The Competitive Marching Band (field show) camp starts on **Wednesday, August 15**, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Evening rehearsals will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-9pm beginning August 27th. If you know someone who is interested in our band program that has not signed up, please encourage them to contact Kati McKee.

**All Percussion players (Pit & Battery) will pay the \$150 instrument rental fee on the first day of camp. Rental fee checks are made out to "THS Band" and given to Mr. Irving.**

### CONCERT/ SYMPHONIC BAND, WIND ENSEMBLE, PERCUSSION TECHNIQUES, JAZZ LAB

Your camp is Thursday August 23, 1-3pm and Friday, August 24, 1pm-5pm. You will be learning a great deal of music and preparing for a variety of performances (see General Information).

**All Percussion players will pay the \$150 instrument rental fee on the first day of camp.  
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The following music must be **memorized** by Aug 23th. : Star Spangled Banner, Fight Song, Celebration, Everybody's Everything (Karate), Eye of the Tiger, Gimme Some Lovin, which are all in the Pep Packets. Also find in the folder: Fat Bottom and Shake.

**Pep Packets are available for download in the "Listening Library" on the Band Website.  
Listening Library>Pep-Misc>Pep Packets Username: thsband Password: morendo**

### JAZZ ENSEMBLE STUDENTS

Your first day of class will be September 10th, 2018. Class starts at 6:30 am. The performance uniform remains the same: Black Collar long sleeve shirts, black slacks, black shoes and socks. Ladies have chosen to purchase a black dress with black flats. We have a very busy schedule this year, so prepare to hit the ground running. Yes, coffee is our friend.

### BAND CAMP SCHEDULE FOR ALL STUDENTS Aug 15-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Location: Tigard HS Bandroom(we hope)**

Bring instruments, music, water, comfortable tennis shoes, water, sunglasses, hat, water, and lunch. (McKee says more water)

August 15-24	8:30am-4:30pm	Competitive Marching Band and Color Guard Camp
August 17-18	9am-3pm	Band Booster Garage Sale, Southwest Church of Christ, corner Durham Rd and 98th Ave.
August	TBA	Uniform fitting
August 23	1-3pm	Concert/Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Perc. Tech, Jazz Lab/Ensemble Camp
August 24	1-5pm	Concert/Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Perc. Tech, Jazz Lab/Ensemble Camp
August 24 <sup>1</sup>	6-7pm	<b>ALL BAND Picnic and Parent/Student Meeting in Cafeteria</b>

### WE NEED YOUR HELP.

One aspect of our program that affects all students is funding. The expenses for essential equipment, maintenance, and operation far exceed the funds provided by the district. The [Tigard High School Band and Auxiliary Boosters](#) do a fantastic job in making up the difference. Each year they raise over \$80,000 to support the band program. Money raised by the Boosters (which is you) helps pay for staff, music purchase, instrument repair/replacement, uniform maintenance/replacement, transportation, and other expenses. When called upon to assist in the various activities throughout the year, please share a few hours of your time.

Our first Booster meeting will be at the picnic August 24 and regularly scheduled meetings are the (usually)3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the THS Library. Please check the web calendar for updates. You may contact any of the Booster Board members at:

[thsbandboosters@gmail.com](mailto:thsbandboosters@gmail.com)

If you have questions about any aspect of the band program, visit our website or contact me at: [jirving@ttsd.k12.or.us](mailto:jirving@ttsd.k12.or.us)

See you at Camp and remember – Hug your parents and practice your scales daily.

Musically,

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McKee's page of wonderment and knowledge

<http://mckeesfabulousforum.blogspot.com/>

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<sup>1</sup> To be early, is to be on time. To be on time, is to be late. To be late, is to be fired.



**Tigard High School Band & Auxiliary Boosters  
2018-2019 FEE SCHEDULE**

These fees are collected by our Band Booster Organization, which provides support for **all** the Band program.

**Category A**

**Fall Competitive Marching Band/Color Guard Total Fee = \$375 per student**

**\$100 due on Aug. 15, balance \$275 due by Sept. 28, 2018.**

(Yes, you may pay the entire amount on Aug. 15.)

Note: All students that do not own marching shoes will need to purchase them. Cost is \$40.

Gloves will also need to be purchased at \$4 per pair.

Contact the Uniform Mom Kris Hotchkiss: 503-432-5474 [krishotchkiss@comcast.net](mailto:krishotchkiss@comcast.net) for information.

**Students who pay this category do not pay Category B.**

**Winter Drumline/Colorguard Total Fee=\$325:**

**\$100 due on Dec. 3, balance of \$225, due by Jan 25, 2019.**

**Category B**

**Concert/Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab, Percussion Tech.**

**Total Fee = \$80 per student (not per class)**

**Option 1:** Pay full amount by 1<sup>st</sup> day of class.

**Payment Coupon**

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**THS Band Boosters**

Payments go into the black Booster box in the bandroom.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Fee  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Winter Fee  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Category B Fee  
  
\$ 40 Shoes (if needed)  
\$ 4 Gloves  
Total

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_