

**CYPRESS LAKE HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND
2015-2016**



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Band Department

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Dear 2015-16 Cypress Lake High School Band Member,

I would like to welcome you and commend you on your choice of program. We understand that the transition from middle school to high school is a very big step in your lives and we are hoping to make your transition as easily as possible.

Being a part of a band has a couple of advantages. You are continually surrounded by a group of your best friends, which is why we call our band our band family. You have an opportunity to meet these people and transition into high school before anyone else. Lastly, you will be a part of tradition of excellence in performance, academics, and life.

We're so excited to share with you the details about our upcoming Kick-Off Camp and Band Camp. We are looking forward to continuing a fantastic season and a great 2015-2016 school year!

We will be holding **Spring Kick-Off Camp**, this is required of all members wishing to enroll in the 2015-2016 school year and will be held May 23, 26 and 28. This will help us solidify our drill as well as help orient all members, especially new members and parents, to our way of life in the CLHS band program. This event is intended for all members of the CLHS band program but especially for new members and new parents.

Band Camp will begin in the beginning of July and end mid August. We ask that you plan any vacations or trips around this band schedule.

Website. Please take a few minutes to look over our website Cypresslakeband.com. There is a plethora of information. We host our calendar on the website. It is a Google based calendar that is always up-to-date. You can view it or even migrate our calendar to your personal calendar. Also, please visit our **Marching Pride** page and fill out the **NEW MEMBER** registration before Kick off Camp Starts.

Our goal as a band program is to put on a great show. However, the result is not our main focus, it is how we get there. There are many different life skills that we work on every single day during rehearsals. Some of these are responsibility, leadership, and teamwork. We need students to take responsibility to prepare music, have drill on the field, bring water bottles, and show up prepared at the call time. Leadership, the ability for students, and parents, to step up and take action to help guide this program towards success. And most importantly, teamwork, working in unison to create one sound, one performance, and one band. With these three traits, we will be highly successful on the field, on the stage, and in life.

Musically Yours,

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2015-2016 Cypress Lake High School Band Program

With the Director of Band's approval, membership is open to **all** Cypress Lake High School Students with **previous band experience**; those without previous experience are encouraged to try our Concert Band. Placement in the various classes is determined by a playing audition and/or the recommendation of your previous band director.

Band I, II, III, IV (Concert Band) Grade 9-12

Generally comprised of beginners or those not part of the Marching Pride, the CLHS Concert Band is a course requiring daily class work and periodic after school rehearsals and performances.

Band III, IV, V, VI (Symphonic Band) Grade 9-12

Generally comprised of underclassmen, the CLHS Symphonic Band is a course requiring daily class work and periodic after school rehearsals and performances. ****Participation in the Marching Pride is required.***

Band III, IV, V, V Honors, VI, VI Honors (Wind Ensemble) Grade 9-12

Membership is usually comprised of upperclassmen that have significantly advanced their musical skills and concepts. The Wind Ensemble explores significant literature via orchestral transcriptions and more contemporary compositions specifically written for wind band. ****Participation in the Marching Pride is required.***

Jazz Ensemble (I, II, III, IV) Grade 9-12

Students will be introduced to concepts unique jazz such as improvisation, composition and the myriad of styles embedded within the history of jazz. This course requires daily class work and periodic after school rehearsals and performances. ****Student must be enrolled in a regular Band Class to participate in Jazz Band.***

Color Guard (Eurhythmics I, II, III, IV) Grade 9-12

Students enrolled in this course will receive specialized instruction on flag, rifle, and saber. The group meets as a class daily. After marching season, members perform in the Winter Guard in South Florida Winter Guard Association events.

****Participation in the Marching Pride is required.***

Percussion Ensemble I, II, III, IV Grade 9-12

Students enrolled in this course will develop basic musicianship and ensemble performance skills. Focus will be on building music techniques, music literacy, listening skills and aesthetic awareness. This ensemble is highly encourage for ALL drum-line members.

Instrumental Techniques I, II, III, IV Grade 9-12

Students enrolled in this course will develop basic musicianship and solo performance skills. Focus will be on building music techniques, music literacy, and listening skills, aesthetic awareness, and performance ability.

***Band Courses** in Lee County are co-curricular, **not** extracurricular, and music being performed is rehearsed primarily during class time. Students are assessed based on their ability to perform the literature in a satisfactory manner. Lee County Course Descriptions for High School Band I through VI state the following: "This course requires extra rehearsals and performances beyond the school day. Participation in this course requires a commitment to a one-year course of study."

CLHS Band Auditions

Color Guard Informational Meeting

Band

AUDITIONS

If you didn't audition for the Center and are interested in trying out for our most prestigious ensembles, Jazz Band and/or Wind Ensemble, please prepare:

Jazz Band: 12 major scales and HS or Middle School All County Jazz audition etudes or two jazz selections showing your technical and lyrical capabilities.

Wind Ensemble: 12 major scales and HS or Middle School All County Band audition etudes or two jazz selections showing your technical and lyrical capabilities.

Auditions are in the CLHS Band room:

Monday, May 18 from 4 - 6

Tuesday, May 19 from 4 - 6

If you are not interested in auditioning for either of these groups, you will be placed in the appropriate ensemble per your band director's recommendation.



Color Guard

– NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY –

We will hold an informational meeting on **Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30** in the band room for all interested in being a part of this ensemble. Before you come to this informational meeting, we ask you log on to cypresslakeband.com and access our Marching Pride webpage. From there, please fill out the registration form.

If interested in being a part of this dynamic group, you will need to register for Eurhythmics. This is a 1 credit class required for all members of the Color Guard.



Band Program Overview

Participation in the Marching Band is REQUIRED for ALL students in Band I-Band VI and Eurhythmics I- IV

Students are required to:

- **Attend Kick-off Camp & Band Camp**
- **Attend After School Rehearsals** every Tuesday and Thursday
- **Attend Home and Away Football games**
- **Attend Local Competitions**
- **Attend Competition Day rehearsals**
- **Attend All Parades**
- **Attend All Pep-Rally's**

- **Band required purchases** Music Flip Folder, Music Lyre, marching shoes, gloves. These items (except marching shoes, music flip folder, and music lyre) may be purchased from the band store in August). There will be a fitting for shoes in August during band camp.

- **Band & Guard provided items** “Official” Season Shirt, “Official” Band Hat, “Official” Athletic Shorts, Water Bottle. These items will be provided in the students first year, with the “Official” Season Shirt provided yearly. These items are available for purchase if lost.

- **Color Guard required purchases** Shoes, gloves, Tights, and athletic bag.

- **Fundraising Fair Share Marching Pride(\$200)** This Fundraising Fair Share will help cover the cost for the Custom Show Design, Custom Music Arrangement, Visual Instructors, Woodwind Instructors, Brass Instructors, Percussion Instructors, Guard Instructors, “Official” Season Shirt, Competition registration cost, Truck Cost, Music, Instrument Repair, Office Supplies, etc.

Band Camp 2015

Summer band camp is required of all band and color guard members. Any student who does not attend the full band camp may be designated as an alternate member and will automatically be transferred to Beginning Band. We will learn the marching show drill and music during this time. Please schedule family vacations and appointments to allow your student to participate in this important camp.

Saturday, May 23

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Picnic/Great Race - all 2015 members and parents are invited to celebrate a successful start to a season @Wakehatchee Recreation Facility

Tuesday, May 26

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration - all 2015 members submit all registration documents and get your signature page notarized @CLHS Band Room

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Student Orientation - all 2015 members will meet their sections, learn traditions, and work on music @CLHS Band Room

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parent Orientation - all 2015 parents will get a look into life as a parent in the organization

Thursday, May 28

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Student Orientation - all 2015 members will meet their sections, learn traditions, and work on music @CLHS Band Room

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Parent Orientation/Booster Meeting - all 2015 parents will get a look into life as a parent in the organization @CLHS Band Room

all kick-off camp events are mandatory for students intending to enroll in band in 2015-2016

Monday, July 27

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Leadership Training

Tuesday, July 28 - Thursday, July 30

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Executive Leadership Training and Workdays

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Guard and Drumline pre-camp and placements

Monday, August 3 - Friday, August 7

8:00 am - 1:00 pm Marching Band Camp - *bring a lunch*

Monday, August 10 - Thursday, August 13

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Band Camp - pick up is promptly at 5:00 pm - *bring a lunch*

Friday, August 14

8:00 am - 11:15 pm Band Camp

11:30 pm - 12:00 pm Band Camp Show Preview - open to all parents, friends, and family

6:00 pm - 7:15 pm Band Camp Skits/Senior show

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Band Camp Dance - cafeteria