



**The Woodlands
High School Band**

2009-2010

Band

Handbook

**Everything you ever wanted
to know about Marching Band
but were afraid to ask!**



Dear Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year with the Woodlands High School Band! With all of the activities and trips planned for this year, I know that many new parents and students have questions about what lies ahead. Hopefully your questions will be answered by the information that follows. Included in this packet are:

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After you review this information with your student, if you find that you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me. I'm happy to help you with anything that is not clear to you. Marching season is a very busy time and can be overwhelming to new students and parents. Please don't hesitate to call anyone listed in this packet if you need help or clarification. The more organized we all are, the more smoothly things will go. Remember to read the band calendar carefully and transfer dates to your family calendar.

Make plans to attend the Band Exhibition and BBQ on Friday, August 21, 2008. You'll get to see the progress the Band has made during summer practice, as well as sign up for chaperoning and concession duties, order t-shirts and other items, and gather general information about the upcoming season. Plan to get involved with this amazing Band—we look forward to having you join us!

Sincerely,
Alison Whiddon and Anne Blount
Second Vice President. TWHS Band Boosters
membership@twhsband.com
281-814-5805- Alison
832-257-8492-Anne

Student/Parent Contact Information

In order to be considered for a competitive marching spot, you must sign and return this page to the band directors by Friday, August 14th

Please Print:

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Section: _____

(Be specific: ie: tenor sax, Guard)

Student Information:

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Student email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name(s): _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Parent #1 Cell: _____ email: _____

Parent #2 Cell: _____ email: _____

Parent #1 wk ph: _____ #2 wk ph: _____

• Preferred email for band updates: _____

• Person Responsible for band fees: _____

Student information is necessary in order for the squad leaders to contact students to remind them of practices, games, competitions, and other related activities.

Parent/Guardian contact information is necessary for emergency purposes and in order to keep you abreast of updates with the band and your student.

Both the student and parent information is compiled into a Student Directory that is printed up and given to band students and parents. The publication of this information is not required.

Please check one of the following statements:

_____ Yes, you can publish my child's information in the Student Directory.

_____ Yes, you can publish parent information in the Student Directory.

_____ No, please do not use any of my information in the Student Directory.

_____ Date: _____
Student Signature

_____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

TWHS Band Booster Commitment Signature Page

In order to be considered for a competitive marching spot, you must sign and return this page to the band directors by Friday, August 7th

Please print:

Name of Student: _____

List any known schedule/calendar conflicts: _____

2009-2010 Band and Color Guard Fee Schedule		
	Band Fee	Color Guard Fee**
Due Date	Band fee + Travel fee= Amount Due	Band Fee + Travel Fee= Amount Due
Aug 7*	150 + 200 = \$350.00	150 + 200 = \$350.00
Sept 1***	150 + 200 = \$350.00	150 + 200 = \$350.00
Sept 22	125 + 300 = \$425.00	125 + 300 = \$425.00
Oct 15	100 + 350 = \$450.00	100 + 350 = \$450.00
<u>Total</u>	525 + 1,050 = \$1575.00	525 + 1,050 = \$1575.00

* Deposit must be rec'd by this date in order to be considered for a competitive marching spot.
 ** Winter Guard fees are extra.

Direct payment by check may be mailed to P.O. Box 130744, The Woodlands, TX 77393-0744 or dropped off in the lockbox in the Band Hall near the Directors' office. Checks should be made payable to the TWHS Band Boosters. There are also several fundraising opportunities by which credit can be earned toward fees (working at the Pavilion, Grocery Cards, and Raffle). Information about these fundraisers and a copy of this fee schedule may be found at our website www.twhsband.com.

If you have any questions or concerns about the payment of your fees, please contact Chris Gaynor, Receivables Treasurer (receivables@twhsband.com) or Gary Williford, President (president@twhsband.com).

As a member of the 2009-2010 TWHS Band, I understand and agree to this commitment.

Date: _____

Student Signature

As a parent/guardian of the 2009-2010 TWHS Band student listed above and a member of the TWHS Band Booster organization, I understand and agree to this commitment and the fee schedule.

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

The Woodlands High School Band Staff

The Woodlands High School (Research Forest Campus) 936-273-4837
TWHS Band Hall At Research Forest 936-273-8532
Mr. Johnson's cell phone 832-257-1640

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email (with @conroeisd.net)</u>
Head Band Director	Brett Johnson	bjohnson
Band Director	Joni Perez	jperez
Band Director	Chris Allen	cdallen
Band director/Percussion	Andy Salmon	asalmon
Color Guard	Andy Acheson	cavi38@yahoo.com
Color Guard Manager	Claire Salmon	csalmon
Color Guard Assistant	Megan Kelley	
Color Guard Assistant	William Martin	
Percussion Writer	Andy Salmon	
Pit Program Consultant	John Best	
Visual Tech	Lauren Lucero	
Visual Tech	Kristen Finley	
Visual Tech	Robert Beavers	
Visual Tech	Matt Lamm	
Visual Tech	Alex Badour	
Visual Tech	Matt Beal	
Visual Tech	Kevin Gates	
Visual Tech	Dario Pallotta	
Program Consultant	Wayne Downey	
Program Consultant	Charlie Gumbert	
Program Consultant	Karl Lowe	
Music Arranger	Don Hill	
Program Coord/Drill Writer	Jon VanDerkolff	

TWHS Band Booster Officers for 2009-2010

Officer	Name(s)	Email (add "@twhsband.com")
President	Gary Williford	president
1 st VP - Ways and Means	Dan Lemieux	firstvp
2 nd VP - Membership	Alison Whiddon Ann Blount	membership
Secretary	Becky Seeber	secretary
Treasurer - Accts Receivable	Chris Gaynor	receivables
Treasurer - Accts Payable	Sarah Ramirez	payables
Color Guard Liaison	Vicki Baum	colorguard
Concessions Chair	Ken Nickolas	concessions
Grocery Certificates	DeeAnne Fritz	grocery
Communications Chair	Andy Prochaska	communications
Lone Star Preview Chairs	Jeannette Lemieux	lonestar
Pit Crew Chair	Jim Wilke	pitcrew
Spirit	Dana Beach	spirit
Fundraisers	Denise Torrisi	fundraisers
Uniforms	Sherry Lewallen	uniforms
Corporate Donations Chair	Brent Stokes	donations
Merchandise	Val Lawler MaryEvelyn Daniels	merchandise
Travel	Peggy Uptigrove	travel

The Woodlands Band Calendar

2009 - 2010

JUNE

8 - 12 - Percussion Camp, Grades 9 - 12 - 9am - 4pm

JULY

4 - July 4th Parade

16 & 17 - Houston drum corps show - Cy Fair Berry Ctr.

18 - D.C.I. Southwest - San Antonio - Alamodome

26 - 29 - Texas Band Directors Convention

29 - Officer Training - 1pm - 6pm - Mr. J's - 6:30 - 9pm

30 & 31 - Percussion Camp, Grades 9 - 12

same rehearsal areas - 9 am - 4 pm

30 - 8am - 1pm - 9th gr. winds & officers inside marching
10 - 10:45 - snack

5 - 9 pm - full band inside playing, outside marching

31 - 8 - 10am - full band outside marching, 10 - noon inside
playing. 5 - 9pm same as 30th

AUGUST

3 - 14 - Summer Band Rehearsals - 8 - noon & 4 - 9 pm

* Missing these rehearsals could cause a student to not get a spot in the contest show. Attendance alone however, does not guarantee a contest position.

3, 4 & 5 - Charlie Gumbert clinician

6 - noon - Orders taken for shoes(\$37) and gloves (\$3.00 pr.). recommend you purchase at least three pairs of gloves. (Mandatory items). Garment bag (\$30) and small tote bag(\$34) large tote bag (\$40). Prices incl. tax. (Non mandatory items). Make checks payable to **Tote**. Rain poncho (\$5)

7 - \$350 Fall Travel deposit due - this must be paid to be considered for a spot in the contest show

7 - Region jazz entry deadline

7 - No Rehearsal - directors travel to Indianapolis

8 - Drum Corps Int. Finals - Lucas Oil Stadium - Indy

10, 11 & 12 - Charlie Gumbert clinician

14 - Rock-a-Thon - 11PM Friday - 7AM Sat. @TWHS

15 - Region Meeting - ORHS - 9 am - Directors only

17 - 20 - Summer Band Rehearsals 4 - 9 PM only (5-9 on the 19th & 20th) B. Hall, perc., orch., choir, LGI

20 - Make up Tote orders - 3 pm (last chance)

21 - Rehearsal begins 5:00 PM - 6:30 - Exhibition

7:00 Barbeque Supper/8:30 - midnight - Dance in Band Hall

TBA - Meet the Players

24 - First Day of Classes

25 - After school rehearsals begin - 3:30 - 6:30

29 - Football v. Cy Fair - There - Saturday - 6:00pm

31 - TWHS Senior Campus open house - 7pm

31 - First Concert Band Aud. - 1/2 etude region music

PLEASE PLAN ON EVERY FRI. AND SAT. FROM 11/13 UNTIL THEY END BEING TAKEN UP WITH PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAMES. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD AND NOTIFY MR. J OF CONFLICTS IN AUGUST

Students are not allowed to leave games

after halftime unless absence is pre arranged

with director

After School Marching Rehearsal Schedule

Mon.- Color Guard & Percussion-3:15-5:15

Tue. & Thurs. - Full Band - 3:15 - 6:15

Wed.-Brass and Woodwinds- 3:15-5:15-Add Perc. 9/29

*Modifications to normal sched. listed on Calendar

ALL REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY

SEPTEMBER

1 - \$350 Fall travel deposit due

1 - TWHS Ninth Grade Campus open house - 7pm

4 - Football v. Katy - There - Friday - 7:30pm

7 - Labor Day - No School

9 - Full Band rehearsal - 3:15 - 5:15

12 - Rehearsal 8 - 11am

12 - Football v. Clear Lake - There - Saturday - 7:00pm

14 - Second Round Concert Band Aud. - 1/2 etude

15 - Rehearsal - 3:15 - 5:15

16 - no rehearsal

17 - Rehearsal - 3:15 - 6:15

17 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 P.M.

18 - Football v. Kingwood - Home - Friday - 7:30pm

19 - Rehearsal 8 - 11am

21 - Region Jazz Aud. - \$10 - 4PM register, Aud begin 5PM - Tomball H.S.

22 - \$425 Fall travel deposit due

24 - NHS Induction - 7pm - Rehearsal 3:15 - 5:30

25 - Football v. Port Arthur Memorial - There - Friday - 7:30pm

28 - Third Round Concert Band Aud. - 1/2 etude

OCTOBER

2 - Bye week - no football game

3 - BOA Houston Regional - Pearland

7 - Red and Green Parade

8 - Band Booster Meeting - 7:30 PM

9 - Football v. College Park - Home - Friday - 7:30pm - Homecoming

12 - Columbus Day - no school

14 - Wayne arrives - no rehearsal

15 - \$450 Fall travel deposit due

16 - Football v. Oak Ridge - Home - Friday - 7:30pm

17 - Reg. Orch. Entries due

17 - Lone Star Preview - Woodforest Stad. - clinic/reh. as close to 9am as possible

19 - Rehearsal - 3:15 - 6:15

20 - U.I.L. Marching Contest - Woodforest Stadium

21 - no rehearsal

22 & 23 - Semester Exams - Rehearsal 1 - 4 pm on 22nd, 2 - 4 on 23rd

23 - Football v. Conroe - There - Friday - 7:30pm

24 - BOA Super Regional - San Antonio Alamodome

30 - Football v. Lufkin - There - Friday - 7:30pm

31 - Rehearsal - noon - 3pm

NOVEMBER

2 - Fourth Round Concert Band Aud. - 1/2 etude

3 - Rehearsal - 3:15 - 5:15

5 - Football v. New Caney - Home - Thursday - 7:00pm

7 - Rehearsal @ Woodforest Stadium 8am - noon

7 - Challenger Football Camp - 3pm

9 - Region Orchestra Wind and Percussion Aud. - Klein Oak

11 - 14 - BOA Grand Nationals - Lucas Oil Stadium - Indianapolis

13 or 14 - Football playoff game Fri. or Sat.(if needed)

16 - Region Orchestra Sectional Rehearsals - Klein

TBA - Region Band entry deadline - \$100 plus \$10 each

19 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 PM

20 & 21 - Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert - Klein Forest

23 - Fifth Round Concert Band Aud. - 1/2 etude

20 or 21 - Football playoff game (if needed)

25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

27 or 28 - Football playoff game (if needed)

DECEMBER

- 4 - Phase. I Reg. Band Aud. for Fl., Clar., Bassoon,
Horn, Trumpet, Tuba & Percussion
Dekaney H.S. - Register @ 4 PM
- 5 - Phase I Region Band Aud. For all other instruments
Dekaney H.S. - Register @ 2:30 PM - **Phase II** for ALL
instruments registers @ 6:30 PM
- 4 or 5 - Football Playoff Game Fri. or Sat.(if needed)
- 10 - Solo & Ensemble Display 3:00 - 6:00 - Band Hall
- 10 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 P.M.
- 11 & 12 - Region Band Clinic/Concert - Tomball H.S.
- 11 or 12 - Football Playoff Game Fri. or Sat.(if needed)
- 18 or 19 - Football Playoff Game Fri. or Sat.(if needed)
- 21 - 1/4 - Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

- 1 - 4 - Christmas Holiday continues
- 7 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 P.M.
- 8 - UIL S&E entry & fee deadline
- 9 - Area Band Auditions
- 13 & 14 - Semester Exams
- 15 - teacher work day - no school
- 18 - M.L.K. Holiday - No School
- 25 - TWHS 9th Grade Campus Open House - 7pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 - TWHS Senior Campus Spring Open House - 7pm
- 8 - Rising ninth grade parent information night - 7 pm
- 10 - 13 - T.M.E.A. Clinic/Convention - San Antonio
- 15 - Presidents' Day - staff development - no school
- 18 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 PM
- 19 - U.I.L. Solo/Ens. Contest - CPHS
- 25 - 28 -TWHS Band Million Dollar Hole in One Shootout

MARCH

- TBA - Region Jazz Clinic/Concert - N. Harris Comm. Coll.
- 3 - TAKS ELA
- 4 - Mid Winter Concert - 7pm - set up at 7am
- 4 - 7 - Hole in One Shootout rain dates
- TBA - Winterguard Houston Regional
- 8 & 9 - C.I.S.D. Pre U.I.L. Con. Fest.
- 15 - 19 - Spring Break
- 25 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 PM
- 25 & 26 - Semester Exams
- 26 - Early release

APRIL

- 2 - Good Friday - no school
- 4 - Easter
- TBA - Winter Guard State Championships
- 5 & 6 - Rehearsal in Aud. during day.
move in 7am & rehearse until 5 pm
- 7 & 8 - UIL Concert/S. Reading - Non Varsity Bands - Klein Oak H.S.
- 13 - UIL Concert/S. Reading - Wind Ensemble - Westfield H.S.
- 15 - Band Booster Meeting - 7:30 PM - Band Hall
- 19 - 22 - TWHS Chamber Music Festival 3 - 9 PM Perc Rm., orch. & choir
- 22 - Percussion Ensemble Rehearsal - Auditorium - 5:00 - 10:00 PM
- 23 - Percussion Ensemble Concert - TWHS Auditorium - 7:00 PM
- 27 - 30 - TAKS Tests

MAY

- 3 - 14 - AP Tests
- 3, 4 & 10,11 - Drum Major Audition practice
- 6 - Chamber Music Festival Semifinals - 4 - 10 pm
- TBA - University of Houston Invitational (Wind Ensemble)
- 8 - Chamber Music Honor Recital - Lone Star Coll. - 7 pm
- 12 - Drum Major Audition
- 13 - Band Booster Meeting - Band Hall - 7:30 P.M.
- 14 - Band Banquet - 6:30 PM
- 15 - Prom 9am - 1am - Marriott
- 16 - Senior Prom breakfast
- 20 - Spring Concert -TWHS Auditorium - 6:30 PM - audit. move in 7am
- TBA - State Solo & Ensemble Contest - U.T. Austin
- 29 - Music Rehearsal Day - 1 - 5 pm followed by social activity
- 31 - Memorial Day - no school (inclement weather day)
- TBA - TWHS Senior Awards Night

JUNE

- 1 - Graduation
- 2 & 3 - Semester Exams
- 3 - Last day of school

Sectionals and after school rehearsals for all concert bands begin when football season ends. Each section in each band will have a one hour sectional each week and each band will have a two hour rehearsal each week. Exact times of these rehearsals will be scheduled after marching season ends.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL REHEARSALS IS MANDATORY

If students miss any rehearsals or performances with an unexcused absence, they will be removed from the competitive marching show. If taking a standardized test (ACT, SAT) causes students to miss a contest performance they can't march in the competitive show. Please schedule tests on dates that don't conflict with contest performances.

Standardized Testing Dates

SAT Testing Dates

- *June 6, 2009 - **GREAT** Testing Day
- *Oct. 10, 2009 - Great Testing Day
- Nov. 7, 2009 - Marching Band Rehearsal**
- *Dec. 5, 2009 - Great Testing Day
- *Jan. 23, 2010 - Great Testing Day
- *March 6, 2010 - Great Testing Day
- *March 13, 2010 SAT I only
- *May 1, 2010 - Great Testing Day
- *June 5, 2010 - Great Testing Day

***Non conflicting test dates**

***Dec. 5 isn't a conflict because Region Band auditions begin after the test

Please don't schedule a test on conflicting dates

ACT Testing Dates

- *June 13, 2009 - Great Testing Day
- Sept. 12, 2009 - Football @ Clear Lake**
- Oct. 24, 2009 - San Antonio Super Regional**
- Dec. 12, 2009 - Region Band Clinic/Concert**
- *Feb. 6, 2010 - Great Testing Day
- *April 10, 2010 - Great Testing Day
- *June 12, 2010 - Great Testing Day

PSAT

- *Oct. 14, 2009 (Wed.)

2009 Marching Season **Important Dates**

Exhibition and Barbecue

Friday, August 21, 2009
Exhibition 6:30 PM Barbecue 7:00 PM
Student Dance 8:30PM until midnight

Friday, August 7th, First band fee payment due-\$350

Rock-a-Thon

Friday, August 14, 20067
11:00 PM – 7:00 AM

Football Games

Saturday, Aug. 29	Cy-Fair-Away
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Second band fee due-\$350
Friday, Sept. 4	Katy – Away
Saturday, Sept. 12	Clear Lake –Away
Friday, Sept. 18	Kingwood-Home
Tuesday, Sept 22	Third band fee due-\$425
Friday, Sept. 25	Port Arthur- Away
Friday, Oct. 9	College Park-Homecoming
Thursday, Oct.15	Final band fee due-\$450
Friday, Oct.16	Oak Ridge-Home
Friday, Oct. 23	Conroe-Away
Saturday, Oct 30	Lufkin-Away
* Nov. 13 or 14	Playoff Game if needed
* Nov. 20 or 21	Playoff Game if needed
* Dec. 4 or 5	Playoff Game if needed

Competitions and Exhibitions

Saturday, Oct. 3	BOA Houston Regional- Pearland
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Red and Green Parade
Saturday, Oct. 17	Lone Star Preview
Tuesday, Oct. 20	U.I.L. Marching Contest-Woodforest Stadium
Saturday, Oct. 24	BOA Super Regional-San Antonio
Wed., Nov. 11-14	BOA Grand Nationals-Indianapolis

Band Booster Meetings

All Booster meetings are on Thursdays at 7:30 PM, unless otherwise noted

Sept. 17, 2009
Oct. 8, 2009
Nov. 19, 2009
Dec. 10, 2009
Jan. 7, 2010
Feb. 18, 2010
Mar. 25, 2010
April 15, 2010
May 13, 2010

TWHS Summer Band Schedule

Attendance is required at these rehearsals to be considered for a contest marching spot.

July 30 & 31 July 29	Percussion Camp Officer Training Officer Meeting @ Mr. J's	9AM-Noon, 1-4PM 1PM-6PM 6:30PM-9PM
July 30	Summer Band Begins	8:00AM-1:00PM (9 th grade & officers) 5:00PM-9:00PM (Full band)
July 31	Full Band	8:00AM to Noon 5:00PM to 9:00PM
Aug.3-14	Summer Band Practice	8:00AM-12:00PM 4:00PM-9:00PM
Aug. 14	Rock-A-Thon	11:00pm Friday Until 7:00AM Sat.
Aug. 21	Rehearsal Begins Exhibition Barbeque Dance for Students	5:00-6:30PM 6:30PM 7:00PM 8:30PM-12:00AM
Aug. 24	First Day of Classes	
Aug. 25	After school rehearsal	3:30PM-6:30PM
Aug. 29	Football vs. Cy-Fair	6:00PM

“Ready to March” Checklist

Bring with you: (Label, Label, Label Everything!!!!!!)

Tote Bag

Garment Bag

Assigned marching band hat (hat in hat box fit well in large tote bag)***

Marching shoes (label with silver sharpie on tongue of shoe or on bottom arch of sole)

Black socks (over the ankle)

2 pair of gloves (recommend purchasing extra pairs to keep at home)

Uniform t-shirts

Black hand towel to sit on at games (uniforms can snag on metal bleachers)

Water bottle/jug

Sunscreen

Hair elastics/bobby pins (hair MUST BE SECURED UNDER HAT FOR EVERYONE)

*****Special Notes on Marching Band Hats**

1. Students are responsible for keeping track of assigned hat in order to be able to march at games/contests.
2. Assigned marching band hats may be taken home or placed in band lockers between events.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE HATS/BOXES ON FLOOR OF BAND HALL ☺

Pick up from Uniform Room

The items below will be picked up prior to loading buses for games/contests and should be placed in garment bags immediately upon receipt:

1. ASSIGNED jacket with decorative plaque
2. ASSIGNED bibs/pants
3. ASSIGNED gauntlets

ALL 3 ASSIGNED ITEMS ABOVE MUST BE RETURNED TO UNIFORM ROOM AFTER EACH MARCHING EVENT!!

** Uniform repairs and washings may take place in between marching events

Recommended for bus ride:

Pajama pants or sweatpants

Sweatshirt or clean T-shirt

A change of shoes or socks

Cell phone

Small pillow or blanket for long rides

Totes Unlimited Orders

Order Dates:

August 6 at 12 Noon to 3PM right after morning practice

Late orders will taken on August 20 at 3PM to 4:30PM

To guarantee student will have the items by the 1st football game be sure and order on August 6th.

The items available thru Totes unlimited are as follows:

Required Items:

Viper Marching Shoes	\$38.00
Black long wristed gloves- at least 3 pairs recommended	\$ 3.00/pair

Optional Items:

Hanging Bag with Embroidery (up to 3 initials or 1 st or last name)	\$30.00
Sport Tote Bag with Embroidery (up to 3 initials or 1 st or last name)	\$36.00
Larger Tote Bag with Embroidery (up to 3 initials or 1 st or last name)	\$40.00
Rain Poncho	\$6.00

Drum Majors

Drum Major Patent Shoes	\$32.00
Gloves	\$3.00

Samples of items will be available on the order day for you to preview as well as shoes and gloves to try on for sizing.

Email Franka Riggs at fcriggs@hotmail.net if you have any questions.

Chaperone Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in chaperoning our band! Chaperones travel with the band to make sure that our students are safe. We accompany them to football games, marching contests and exhibitions. We try to accommodate chaperones who want to ride the same bus as their child; however there are times when we have too many parents wanting to ride the same bus. Be flexible and have fun! ☺

Students sign up for their buses at the start of the school year. They'll have two different bus number assignments, one for school buses (football games), and one for charter buses (competitions outside the Houston area). The Guard will always be on their own bus so they can change and apply makeup on the way to an event. We do not let the students switch buses after they make their selections.

Students can be VERY loud on the way to an event. This is okay, as long as they stay seated and the bus driver can operate the bus safely. Different bus drivers have different standards of discipline on their particular bus and will often dictate what is acceptable on their bus. The band students, for the most part, are very respectful and know what behavior is expected of them. If you have any problems, please find Anne or Katie and we'll talk to a band director if necessary.

C.D. players and MP3 players are popular and many students have headphones on for at least some of the trip. On long bus trips (charter buses) the students can bring videos (PG and PG-13 only) and they're usually quiet as they watch the movie.

Travel Procedures:

- When you arrive, you'll receive attendance sheets for your assigned bus. You need to take attendance twice – once before we depart TWHS, and again before we leave the venue to return to TWHS. All students MUST be accounted for. If a student rides home from a game with their parents, they must give you a WRITTEN note (turn this in to us when we get back to TWHS). A student may only ride with their own parents unless prior arrangements have been made and Mr. J has received a NOTARIZED LETTER from the parents.
- It is very important that the students clean up after themselves. There are trash bags on each bus; it's a good idea to pass the bags back several times to keep the buses clean.
- No instruments played on the buses. No hands or limbs outside the bus windows—ever. Never open the back door of the bus unless you are instructed to, Nothing is thrown out of the bus windows. Students know that they are representing TWHS and are usually well behaved. They are an amazing group of students! ☺
- The students must stay seated until we approach the football stadium. When we are nearing the stadium, they're allowed to stand up and get dressed into their uniforms. They must be fully dressed before they exit the bus, so it is important that they start dressing before the buses park at an event. They will get their gauntlets and plaques when they get off the bus. You may be needed to hand these out. They will be collected before the students get back on the bus.
- Check the bus before the students are allowed to get off. **Remind the students to pick up their hats, gloves and shoes before they depart the bus.** We find countless single gloves, socks and shoes after games. You cannot emphasize this enough with the students. Always tell them to check and double check for their hatboxes, two shoes, two socks and two gloves.

We'll send reminder emails to chaperones on the week you are signed up. If you cannot chaperone that week, try to give us as much advance notice as possible. We always try to have two chaperones on each bus so we'll need to find replacements. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you during marching season!

Alison Whiddon and Anne Blount
281-814-5805 (Alison's cell) 832-257-8492 (Anne's cell)
membership@twhsband.com

The Kroger Grocery Card fundraiser program

- Each card costs \$1.00 and can be paid for with cash or check through the TWHS Band Boosters Club.
Initial cost for the card is \$1.00. You must “recharge/reload” this card before use. **Before purchasing groceries**, have your card “recharged/reloaded” at any register (please tell the checker ahead of time) or the Customer Service Booth for an amount up to \$500.00. You may have more than one card, but please keep in mind they are reusable. You can “recharge/reload” cards with cash, check, or credit card. In the past there have been times that Kroger will not allow checks for reloads. This varies and is fairly inconsistent among stores. Just be prepared in case you run into this circumstance.
- For each \$100.00 recharge/reload, the student you designate receives a 5% or \$5.00 credit. You get the full \$100 worth of groceries!
- When the card is depleted, recharge/reload and continue using. PLEASE DO NOT THROW CARDS AWAY UNLESS DAMAGED OR CANNOT BE SCANNED!
- You can purchase Kroger Cards from the following locations only:
Wells Fargo Bank, 4880 W. Panther Creek (in the Professional Plaza across from Panther Creek Shopping Center), contacts are Jerilynn Litterer and Mary Page or let a teller know you are there for TWHS Band Grocery Cards – 281-362-2400. Please keep in mind they may need to help bank customers before helping you and remember to be patient as they are doing this as a favor to our Band!
You may also purchase Kroger Cards at all Band Booster Meetings!

The Randall’s Grocery Card fundraiser program

- Each card costs \$100.00 and can be paid for with cash or check through the TWHS Band Boosters Club.
- For each \$100.00 card you purchase, the student you designate receives a 5% or \$5.00 credit. You get the full \$100 worth of groceries!
- When the card is depleted, throw it away and buy a new card. Randall’s cards are to be used like a gift card and are not rechargeable/reloadable.
- You can buy Randall’s Cards from the following locations only:
Wells Fargo Bank, 4880 W. Panther Creek (in the Professional Plaza across from Panther Creek Shopping Center), contacts are Jerilynn Litterer and Mary Page or let a teller know you are there for TWHS Band Grocery Cards – 281-362-2400. Please keep in mind they may need to help bank customers before helping you and remember to be patient as they are doing this as a favor to our Band!
You may also purchase Randalls Cards at all Band Booster Meetings!

Please read the back of the card for other details!

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I buy more than one card? Yes. Each card will be assigned to one student. (When you first buy a Kroger rechargeable/reloadable card, ensure the card number matches the sign-up sheet line number.)

Do the cards expire? A Kroger gift card with a zero balance for over 90 days will be voided out of the system. You must then buy a new card. Try to keep at least \$1.00 balance on the card or recharge it regularly to maintain its currency. Randall's cards do not expire, but may become "dormant" after twelve months of non-use.

Can the credit for my card go to more than one student? No. You must buy a card for each student.

How does my child receive credit for my Kroger recharges? TWHS Band Boosters receives a monthly statement from Kroger indicating the card number (from the back of the card,) any "recharge/reload" date(s) for that card number, and the dollar amount. (When you buy the card the number on the back of the card will be assigned to a student you designate.)

Can I recharge the Kroger card for amounts other than increments of \$100.00? Yes, but please keep in mind it is easier for you, as well as our Accounts Payable Treasurer, to keep track if your recharge/reload amounts are in dollar amounts only.

Can I recharge the Kroger card when I checkout with my groceries? The Kroger card must be recharged/reloaded and paid for **PRIOR** to being used as payment for groceries. **In other words, you must tell the cashier you wish to recharge the card as a separate transaction from the grocery purchase.**

I have lost my card. Can it be replaced? No. If you lose the card, you must purchase a new one. However, the balance of your lost Kroger rechargeable card can be transferred to your new card. Please buy the replacement card from our regular outlets.

Can I buy a card at a Kroger or Randall's store and tell them it is for TWHS Band Boosters? **NO!! Cards must be purchased from our organization to receive credit.** You can buy them at the outlets listed on the preceding page only.

What can I purchase with the card? You can purchase anything in a Kroger or Randall's store (and other participating stores nationwide listed on the cards) with the card except for Courtesy Booth services. Services include: money orders, lottery tickets, stamps, hunting/fishing licenses, and Western Union. If you are unsure, ask someone at the Customer Service counter. Fuel can be purchased at Randall's only if an attendant is present.

How do I know the balance of the card? The balance of the card is always printed at the bottom of the last receipt. See the back of the card for other methods of obtaining your balance.

Can friends or relatives use a card? Yes. The cards are accepted in all Kroger and Randall's Stores and affiliates throughout the U.S. They can be sent to friends or family locally or out of state and still benefit your student.

If you have any further questions or problems call DeeAnne Fritz, 281-296-2158 – home or 832-428-9564 - cell, or email at grocery@twhsband.com. I will have grocery cards available at booster meetings and some other band events. The businesses that allow grocery cards to be sold at their locations do this as a service to TWHS Band Boosters. They **cannot** answer questions about the program. Please show your appreciation for their help by patronizing their businesses. **Please remember that the bank is doing this as a courtesy only- you may have to wait until they finish with a customer before they can help you purchase any grocery cards.**

Concessions

Working at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion concession stand is a great way to earn money for **your child's** band fee, meet other band parents and have a good time!

Every person working our concession booth must be TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Comm.) certified. No exceptions can be made. Classes are scheduled in groups or can be taken online. The purpose of the class is to educate every person on state laws regarding the sale of alcohol. To take the course online, the TABC website is: www.tabc.state.tx.us/. The cost is around \$25.

The season runs from March through Nov. Our booth is open for 25-35 events held at the pavilion. The schedule is posted on the band's website and updated frequently. Our booster club staffs the booth with a volunteer for each open register and enough shift captains to assist the volunteers.

The boosters are paid in commission; the more we sell the more we make. The commission is computed in percentage of sales (1% - 8%). If we sell a soda for \$5 and the commission is 8%, our share is 40¢. If the inventory numbers don't balance at the end of the night, we're charged for all missing items. Since inventory is generally counted by containers, if we lose a cup the full retail price is deducted from our commission. Cash drawer shortages are also deducted. **Mistakes are costly.** The actual amount per shift is not known until the end of the season. It has averaged between \$45-\$65/shift in the past. The shift payout amount is an average of commissions and tips divided by the number of shifts. Allocations to your child's account will be made twice a year, July and November. Anything made in one year can be carried over to next year.

When an event is announced, I will start a sign-up sheet for volunteers by e-mail to parents who have emailed us with interest. The workers are signed up on a first come-first served basis. **Please watch your e-mail.** I cannot honor requests to automatically schedule a volunteer for every event. I will maintain a standby list and depending on what is needed for that concert, I will go down the list and assign names. I will also try my best to let you know we do not need you for a concert.

About a week before an event, I'll send a reminder e-mail to those scheduled to work. I will include a reply-by date (2-3 days prior to the event). **You must confirm via e-mail by the date requested or your shift will be canceled and given to the next person on the list.** This may sound harsh, but last minute changes require a response from you. If you will be out of town or do not have access to your e-mail, please let me know in advance. This process protects us both from misunderstandings.

If a Volunteer fails to show for a confirmed shift assignment, \$50.00 can be deducted from our commission to pay an Aramark employee to fill the spot. With that in mind, if you are not able to work your shift it is very important to give as much notice as possible so a replacement can be found. We reserve the right to charge any Volunteer for late cancellations or no-shows.

Volunteers must arrive for their shift on time and in uniform; khaki bottoms, Aramark shirt (purchased for \$20), band/guard hat and tennis shoes. It is required that each Volunteer brings their driver's license with them for every shift. At the end of every shift our booth must be cleaned. To be fair, **ALL** Volunteers must assist as needed.

The Pavilion has requested that all volunteers park in the Silver or Green Lot (not the mall). A map of all Pavilion lots can be found on The Woodlands website: <http://www.pavilion.woodlandscenter.org>.

Just so you know, many details are out of my control. Aramark sets the call time and the event ticket sales determine the number of people we need in our booth. Communication is critical. This is a big business and requires an on-going commitment by every person involved. Please do not hesitate to ask questions. By working together we can continue to make this a successful fund-raising opportunity for our band!

Ken Nickolas, TWHS Band Concessions
concessions@twhsband.com

TRAVEL CHAIR (aka – FEED THE BAND)

Feed The Band! (Game Day Meal Program)

FEED THE BAND is a convenient way to ensure that your band or color guard student has dinner before Friday night Football Games. The travel chair provides this service to all band/color guard students and chaperones through the use of a pre-game meal order form. This form will be available soon on the band website at TWHSBAND.COM and will also be available inside the band hall. This year, meals can be pre-ordered from Chick-fil-A OR Potbelly Sandwich Works. Purchasing meals is entirely optional. Meals will NOT include drinks.

How does it work? Complete an order form and pay for your food on Wednesday before 6pm. There is a large, **dark camo green box in the band hall** to deposit an envelope containing your completed order form and cash payment. **ABSOLUTELY NO CHECKS. CASH ONLY.** Meals will be distributed between 3-4pm on the day of the game in the breezeway. The travel chair is in need of several parents who are able to help with distribution. If you are one of them, please email travel@twhsband.com with your name and phone number – someone WILL follow up with you.

Throughout marching season, there are other opportunities where the Travel Chair is involved in providing pizza at competitions, drinks/water and snacks. This is where parent involvement will also be critical, not necessarily in being at games or competitions but by way of donations. Watch for future emails from our band secretary when these items will be needed.

If you have any questions, please contact travel@twhsband.com

Corporate Sponsorship

The 2009-2010 Woodlands High School Band continues the tradition of being nationally ranked and locally strong.

We are seeing your help in building our base of corporate sponsorships that will not only help with expenses but enable support for the best educational enrichment for our students.

Parents please consider lending your support by becoming a sponsor. The sponsorship packet in this section outlines various levels of participation.

We will need help with design and printing of event programs and welcome volunteers who can contribute time and expertise to that effort.

If you would like to become involved, or have some contacts in the corporate world that you think could help us, please call me.

Thank you for your commitment to the Woodlands High School Booster Club. We're looking forward to a great year!

J. Brent Stokes
Office 936.321.2244
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donations@twhsband.com

The Pit Crew Wants YOU!

Thank you for your interest in joining the Pit Crew for our Woodlands High School Band! Our fearless pit crew leader for the 2009 marching band season, Jim "Eagle Scout" Wilke, is actively recruiting members for the pit crew. This elite special-ops force is responsible for loading, unloading, and staging band equipment at football games and marching band competitions. It also conducts a secret mission code-named Prop Construction on a "weekend" to be determined. **Qualifications:** A **pulse** and a **"can do" attitude**. You may read the fine print below, then send your enrollment application (the sentence "Yes, I will help.") to Jim at: Pitcrew@twhsband.com. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Jim at 832-559-1332 (office) or 832-444-0454 (Cell). We look forward to you joining our family!

TWHS Pit Crew 2009

Overview: The Pit Crew exists to assist with the movement of instruments, equipment, props, and other items of the TWHS Marching Band. It consists of parent volunteers (which aren't necessarily the percussion "Pit" band parents). The Pit Crew assists in the loading and unloading of the Band Trailer, and the Auxiliary Trailer before, during and after all events in which the band travels.

The Band Trailer: The Woodlands High School is fortunate to have a semi-tractor trailer for the transportation of instruments. The band students are responsible for making sure their instrument (and everything needed to make sure the instrument is ready to use) is loaded onto the trailer. Once the instruments are loaded, all other equipment (ladders, platforms, sound cart(s), etc.) are loaded onto the trailer.

The Auxiliary Trailer: also referred to as the "Prop Trailer". Again, the band is fortunate to have a 15' pull-behind, fully enclosed trailer for use in hauling props used in the band performance. The prop trailer is loaded and unloaded by the pit crew. The prop trailer is pulled by one of the parents in the pit crew. *Who ever has the biggest truck!* Props aren't necessarily used in all performances. The prop trailer is used in hauling other items (such as coolers, water, etc.) as needed to support the other band organizations.

Props: If props are to be used during the performance season, the pit crew is generally responsible for the design and fabrication. The director's staff will decide the prop concept and the pit crew will have construction nights, days, or weekends to construct the bulk of the props.

Travel: The Band will generally travel to all of The Woodlands High School football games and to certain State, Regional, and National band competitions.

Football Games Loading: The home games (and many district away games) are played in the 1 year-old Woodforest Stadium. Other away games will be at various locations in the Houston area and around Texas. Regardless of game location, on game days, the pit crew will arrive at the High School at the designated time. Often the band will practice after school on game days and the trailers will be loaded following their practice. Once the trailer(s) are loaded, the trucks will leave for the stadium. The Pit Crew will meet up at the stadium and begin unloading, usually before the band buses arrive. Once all the instruments are un-cased by the students, the cases may (or may not) be loaded back onto the trailer. The Pit Crew will assist with staging the performance equipment and props to the designated staging area.

Half-Time Performance: Once the equipment is staged, the pit crew assignments are given out and everyone is dismissed until about 10 minutes before halftime. When the director begins to assemble the band on the end-field, it is the time for the pit crew to report – each to their assign duty. When duties are carried out and the band is in place for performance, the pit crew will generally stand on the track in front of the pit area. After the performance, the same duty assignments are performed to remove the equipment and return it to the trucks for reloading. Props are generally loaded up at the conclusion of half-time performance and the pit equipment is staged around the truck. In inclement weather, tarps are tied over equipments as needed.

Football Games Unloading: The re-loading of the truck will be done at the conclusion of the football game. The students will re-case their instruments and load the semi-trailer as before. When the trailer is packed, the truck will depart back to the high school where the students and pit crew will unload the instruments and props for storage.

Band Competitions: Much like the football game procedures. There is the likelihood of overnight trips where loading may occur the day before and times will be coordinated for unloading for performance and/or practice. Some of the competitions limit the number of pit crew allowed on the field and therefore field passes will be limited.

Communication – Email: The week of a band event, word will be sent out about special times or factors particular to the event. The Pit Crew is always an all-call. If you know you won't be at an event, please send an email to pitcrew@twhsband.com. If you can only be there for a portion of the event, then please send an email about the times. Otherwise, it is assumed you are planning to be there. There will be copies of the pit crew roster with email addresses and phone numbers for your use.

Pit Crew Wear: For identification purposes, you are requested to wear the pit crew t-shirt and lanyard with id-pass. The t-shirt cost approximately \$15. Your pit crew id is your pass into the event.