



Dear Falcon Band Family:

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a relaxing summer! We are so grateful to the many parents and students that volunteered their time at the TNT fireworks stand. Funds raised from the stand benefit all students all year long. Because of our hard working families, we are able to keep our fees lower than neighboring schools and still offer valuable educational experiences.

New Band Director:

We are excited to announce the addition of Hunter Bown to our band staff. Read about Mr. Bown under the directors tab of our website – www.timbercreekband.org

New Colorguard Instructor:

Ashley Maldonado has already been busy getting our colorguard program up and running for the year. She is joining us from the Richardson/McKinney area. You may read her bio under the director link at www.timbercreekband.org.

Online Calendar:

Have you checked out the band calendar? Go to www.timbercreekband.org. A short “agenda” version is available on the home page. The full calendar for the year is available by clicking on the “calendar” button on the right side of the screen. Click on each event to see start and end times and any additional information. Please refer to this calendar weekly, as updates will be added on a regular basis.

Consider importing the band’s Google calendar into your own Google calendar!

- 1) go to your Google calendar
- 2) under “other calendars” it should say in a light font, “add a friend’s calendar”
- 3) type google@timbercreekband.org
- 4) the band calendar should automatically populate into your calendar!

Important Dates Coming Soon:

Check the website for specific times! www.timbercreekband.org

July 20-24, Guard Camp

July 28-29, Leadership Prep/Training

July 30-31, Band Camp Begins (WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD)

August 1, Band Registration for (WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD)

*Assigned times are coming soon!

August 3-7, Band Camp (WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD)

August 10-13, Band Camp (WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD)

August 14, Required Seminar for WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD with

Scott Lang – check him out at www.scottlangleadership.com

August 17, 18, Night rehearsals and assorted student led sectionals

August 20, Falcon Band Preview Performance (WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION, COLOGUARD)

August 24, First Day of School – Regular practice begins

August 27, First Game

August 28, Section Pictures in Full Uniform 4pm to Complete– We will have a professional photographer here for section pictures. This would be an excellent chance for you to bring your camera and get pictures of your son or daughter in uniform.

*All rehearsals are scheduled for TCHS facilities.

*All rehearsals are mandatory for members.

SAT and ACT Test Dates:

Are you thinking about taking the ACT or SAT this year? Below are a list of ACT and SAT dates that do not conflict with Saturday band events and contests. Please take note of these dates when you are scheduling your SAT or ACT tests. For your convenience, these are listed on the band calendar as “Recommended ACT and SAT Test Dates.”

When you commit to be a varsity band member, you are saying that you will be at all contests. Take care to arrange your test dates around our marching band competition schedule! Contests are ALL DAY events. Stick with this list and you will be fine!

Recommended ACT test dates:

September 12

December 12

February 6

April 9

June 11

Recommended SAT test dates:

October 3

November 7

January 23

May 7

June 4

Decipher Your Emails:

Throughout the year you will receive emails from the directors and from the band boosters. Director emails will contain information about dates, times, concerts, school events, region auditions etc. Director emails will be sent from the director'sname@charmsmusic.com. The Band Parent Association will be sending emails regarding fundraisers, volunteer opportunities. BPA emails will appear in your inbox as TCHS Band.

Communication Guidelines:

The best way to communicate directly with band directors is through email. Please avoid sending private Facebook messages to the band directors. We would like to keep our Facebook messages for our own personal use. Thank you for helping us stay organized by having our individual parent/student messages all in one place.

Supplies:

Below is a supply list. These items are due very soon! Please arrive to band camp with your supplies in a bag. Label all of the supplies with your first and last name. Having the proper supplies will allow your son or daughter to earn full credit for their band grade as well as participate in activities where specific attire is required.

Ladies Concert Uniform:

Take advantage of the summer sales to purchase ladies concert attire! We will be strictly enforcing the guidelines below. Feel free to ask the Ms. McBryde or Ms. Nelson if you have any questions. A general rule of thumb is "when in doubt, don't!"

Fish Camp:

All Band Freshmen will attend Fish Camp on August 12th. They will rejoin the band for the Region Master Classes that night.

2015-2016 General Band Supply List

Purchase these items on your own

****NEW (due ASAP)** – Everyone will need a lanyard of any color or style

****NEW (due ASAP)** – Tubas players will need a black plastic crate to store their things underneath their tuba racks

Flip Folder (due ASAP) – all woodwinds, brass, and battery percussion (snare, bass, quads)
Available at Bell's Music Shop

Extra Flip Folder Sleeves (due ASAP) – all woodwinds, brass, and battery percussion (snare, bass, quads)
Available at Bell's Music Shop

Lyre (due ASAP) – clarinets, saxophones, bass clarinets, trumpets, French horns
(flute "lyres" are attached to the flip folder have a band that wraps around the wrist.
Trombones use lyres with attached clamps). Available at Bell's Music Shop

Sturdy 3 Ring Binder (due 7/30) – All woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard members

50 Sheet Protectors (bring 10 on 7/30) – All woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard members

Snark SN-8 Tuner (due 7/30) – all woodwinds and all brass. Available at Bell's Music Shop

2 Liter Water Cooler or Camelbak (due 7/30) – All woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard members

Solid Black Long Gold Toe (or similar style) socks (due 9/1) – All woodwinds, brass, and percussion

Solid Black Short Socks for Summer Uniform (8/9) – All woodwinds, brass, and percussion

½ inch PVC ball valve (threaded or unthreaded) (due 7/30) – All woodwinds and brass

Several Pencils (due 7/30) – All woodwinds, brass, percussion, and guard members

1-2 Different Highlighters (due 7/30) – All woodwinds, brass, percussion, and guard members

Black and White Electrical Tape (due 7/30) – Guard members

Percussion (due 9/1) – black wrist bands (do not purchase these until band camp)

Reeds, valve oil, slide grease, spray bottles, water containers where applicable

Bath or Beach Towel (due 7/30)

Combination Lock for Locker (due 5/30) – for woodwinds, brass, and percussionists that use band lockers.
Directors will keep the combination on file.

Female Concert Attire (due 12/1) – see description below

Male Concert Attire (due 12/1) – White Wing Collar Tuxedo Shirt

The List in Pictures



Flip Folder



Flute Flip Folder



Assorted Lyres

Ask the sales representative for the one that fits your instrument

NEW!!! Crates for Tubists



NEW!!! Lanyard
(any type)





2 liter water jug



Camelbak (optional)



Long Solid Black Socks (like Gold Toe)



Short Solid Black Socks



Snark SN-8 Tuner
Available at Amazon.com (under \$15)



½ inch PVC Ball Valve
Available at Home Depot or Lowes (\$3)

TCHS Band Concert Attire Guidelines for Ladies

Ladies will wear solid black, professional concert attire

The following items are acceptable and expected:

- Black ankle-length skirt (slit no higher than knee), dress, or pants
- Black blouse or sweater with sleeves (quarter sleeve or more)
- Black hose, knee highs, or trouser socks
- Black **closed-toe** dress shoes (no sequins or metallic embellishments)

The following are **NOT** acceptable as concert attire:

- Shorts, short skirts, Capri pants, skirts with slits above the knee
- Sleeveless or strapless shirts or tops of any kind
- Bare shoulders, midriffs, legs, or feet
- Patterned clothing or colors other than black
- Excessive sequins, beads, etc.
- Blacks that obviously don't match (avoid velvet if possible)
- Excessive jewelry

Remember, this is a “dress-up” event. Dress as you would for church or a nice wedding, etc. Our image needs to be as professional as that of any major performing group (Ft. Worth Symphony, etc.). If you have questions about the acceptability of any item, please feel free to see a director for approval. Remember...“if in doubt...don't”. Anyone not dressed appropriately for any TCHS Band concert event will be sent home, and their participation grade will be affected.

*Tuxedos are provided for Gentlemen

*Gentlemen must purchase their own tuxedo shirt



Timber Creek Band Fees

Payable Online to TCHS via KISD Web Store due by August 1st:

Band Fee \$150	Everyone
Uniform Cleaning Fee \$40	Brass/Woodwinds/Percussion
Instrument Rental Fee \$100	Percussionists and those that rent a school owned instrument
Jazz Band Fee \$25	Jazz Band Members Only
Out of State Trip Fee \$300 (\$150 ONLY due August First)	Varsity Marching Band Required JV Marching Band Encouraged

****Cost of the trip may significantly be reduced through fundraisers****

Payable to BPA at Band Registration on August 1st via Cash, Check or, Credit Card:

Meals for Games and Contests approximately \$100	Everyone
Spirit Shirt (black) \$12.50	Everyone except colorguard
Show Shirt \$12.50	Everyone
Shorts \$15	Everyone except female colorguard members
Marching Shoes \$40	Everyone except Colorguard
Gloves \$6	Everyone except Drumline and Colorguard
Duffle Bag \$30	Everyone except Colorguard

Other Events Throughout the Year to be Billed at a Later Date:

All-Region Entry Fee \$12	Top three bands
Solo Fee \$10	Top three bands
Accompanist Fee \$40	As needed
Ensemble Fee \$5	As needed

We ask that you pay your TCHS band fees (the fees in the top portion) first, and then pay your BPA fees. Please note that colorguard members have a uniform and a Texas Motion Sports Company expense that is exclusive to the colorguard members. Drumline members may also have additional expenses. If needed, we offer payment plans, and we will be happy to discuss those plans on an individual basis.

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