

Hello Band Family!

We had so many great comments from our performance Friday night and our parade on Saturday!

**Please remember, any “down time” students have in between rehearsal , end of school or performances needs to be used to do school work. Missing assignments are not acceptable.**

**Absences must be communicated prior to events (rehearsals,performances). There is no way to make up a performance. Early communication will help with problem solving.**

**CONTEST SEASON IS HERE. Lots of information! All information will be in your weekly schedule. Please be sure to have LONG BLACK SOCKS FOR EVERY MOMENT YOU ARE IN UNIFORM.**

PLEASE WATCH YOUR PERFORMANCE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8xIKqAm7kw>

How can you improve? Read these notes...

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yjXLjD7cNFxnpXE7erkSVthVsVivHaNTG5bt\\_9XRxd0/edt?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yjXLjD7cNFxnpXE7erkSVthVsVivHaNTG5bt_9XRxd0/edt?usp=sharing)

**Part 3 marching this week! LOOK OVER YOUR SETS. Part 4 will be learned Monday when we take you out. Goal of 10 sets or more**

**📁 Prop Assignments** Use this link to find your prop assignments. Vinyl came in last week! We will be using props in rehearsal and performing with them from here on!

**PARENTS:**

We need PARENT/GRANDPARENT/ALUMNI/AUNT/UNCLE HELP!

**Halftime & Contest Sign up!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48A9AC22A4F94-halftime>

**Plume and Groom**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48A9AC22A4F94-competition>

**Food SignUp**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A48A9AC22A4F94-breakfast>

**Full Uniform** - (anytime you wear the uniform)

- We all wear the full uniform zipped and properly worn. If we take our jacket off it will be done together. After unloading the trailers, all students must be in uniform when joining the group.
- No ball caps, **No dangling earrings**, No Sun Glasses on the field.

- All hair should fit inside the hat rim. Long hair should be in a clean bun. Use bobby pins to get fly-aways.
- **LONG BLACK SOCKS** are REQUIRED. No ankles should be seen.

**Wednesdays** - This is your day to go to tutoring. If you need extra help, speak to your teacher. All Staff understands our schedule. At 6 weeks we pull grades (UIL RULE). This will determine if you are passing. NO PASS, NO PLAY will go into effect. Turn in your assignments on time. Check Skyward often. Don't know your login? Email [kelly.patterson@commerceisd.org](mailto:kelly.patterson@commerceisd.org) to get your information. These are YOUR GRADES, you EARN them!

If you have any questions or concerns or needs please let the band directors know!

**Schedule for the Week: Please Double Check All Times!**

**THIS WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**SEP 26 (M)**

**SLT- working lunch in band hall**

**Caddo Mills Contest**

1:07pm: **Release- Students dress into GRAY shirts, Band Shorts, Long Black Socks, Marching Shoes. Hats on the field. Musical Warm-Up**  
**8th Graders-will be bussed over after lunches**

2:00pm: **Rehearse- On the Grid (LEARN PART 4)**

3:30pm: **Early Dinner- Subway Box Dinners**

3:50pm: **Load Trailers-**

4:30pm: **Depart CHS-**

5:10pm: **Arrive-**

5:15pm: **Unload-**

5:50pm: **Move to Warm-Up-**

6:00pm: **Warm-up-**

6:20pm: **Move-**

6:30pm: **Perform-**

7:00pm: **Load Trailers-**

7:30pm: **Depart Caddo Mills**

8:00pm: **Arrive at CHS**

**SEP 27 (T)**

**4:00-6:30pm - ASR**

**\*\*LEARN ALL OF PART 4\*\***

**FULL SHOW ON THE FIELD**

**Mr. Best from Mineola out to Clinician**

**SEP 28 (W)**

**Use this opportunity to go to tutorials, doctors appointments, and practice sets on the grid! LOTS TO WORK ON!**

**SEP 29 (TH)**

**4:00-6:30pm - ASR**

**SEP 30 (F) Winnsboro HOME**

**4th-8th** - Loading Crew/Percussion/Prop Crew Load UHAUL and Band Trailer

**2:50pm - Pep Rally**

**3:25pm** - ACE Dinner or bring your own

**3:25pm** - FINISH Loading Crew/Percussion/Prop Crew Load UHAUL and Band Trailer

**3:30pm** - ACE Dinner (must be signed up for ACE)

**5:45pm** -in warm up arcs, check attendance and following supplies.

\*FULL UNIFORM - dressed in black shorts, long black socks, black marching shoes, OUR **GRAY** Shirt and bring hat box

\*have flip folder, all music, lyre

\*FULL WATER JUG

GUARD - We had timing issues last game ensuring we were all ready to go with the entire ensemble. Others did not remember to bring proper under-clothing for our uniforms, let's make sure we are prepared this time around!

**6:00pm** - get on assigned bus (we may have only 2 buses to shuttle, percussion and loading crews leave first)

**6:10pm** - Depart for **TAMUC**

**6:15pm** - Arrive at **TAMUC**

\*Loading Crew/Percussion/Prop Crew - Unload

**6:30pm** - Band takes the stands

\*Students will get into lines by sections, stand with the part that you play on stand tunes.

The order of entry into the stands is:

+Drumline, Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Mellophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Euphoniums, Sousaphone

When seated, you must maintain your line, front to back and left to right. Restroom breaks, 2 at a time. Drum Majors will be in charge of this. If there is an issue please let directors know. Use the buddy system, especially when we are not at our HOME stadium. Do NOT go to the concession stands or socialize outside of the stands. Our job is to inspire our football team and our community in the stands.

**7:30pm** - Kick Off!

**10:30ish** - We pack up and depart for CHS, we will send a REMIND as we approach CHS.

**11:30pm** - We ALL will unload the Uhauls and store our uniforms properly. Take your marching shoes and instrument home with you. **Drums and Front Ensemble stay on the truck.**

**Oct 1 (SAT)**

**Mesquite Memorial Marching Contest**

Park Trailers in Parking Lot (leave percussion on the trailer?)

7:30am: **Band Hall Opens**

8:00am: **Rehearse-** (Heart Shirt & Shorts)(Winds bring cases outside for loading)

**BREAKFAST**

9:30am: **Load Trailers-** (props are already loaded)

10:20am: **Full Uniform in Arcs**

10:35am: **Load Buses**

10:45am: **Depart CHS-** (1hr 15min)

11:50am: **Arrive-**

12:00pm: **Unload/Build Props-**

12:55pm: **Move to Warm-Up-**

1:10pm: **Warm-up-**

1:55pm: **Move-**

2:15pm: **Perform-**

2:30pm: **Load Trailers-**

**Late Lunch - Subway (something healthy/delivers) Boxes for the way home**

3:15pm: **Depart-**

4:30pm: **Arrive at CHS-**

**Unload all equipment**

**NEXT 2 WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**Oct 3 (M)**

**4:00-6:30pm - ASR**

**6:00pm - Band Booster Meeting in Cafeteria**

**KWallace - judging Garland ISD contest**

**Mr. Duschatko will be filling in**

**Oct 4 (T)**

**4:00-6:30pm - ASR**

**Oct 6 (TH)**

**4:00-6:30pm - ASR**

**Oct 7 (F)**

**Grading Period Ends - Lose/Gain Eligibility**

**Winnsboro (HOME)**

**4th-8th - Loading Crew/Percussion/Prop Crew Load UHAUL and Band Trailer**

**Pep Rally - 2:50pm**

**Set out - instruments to load - continue to load until complete**

**3:25pm - ACE Dinner (have your paperwork in!) or bring your own**

**3:25pm - FINISH Loading Crew/Percussion/Prop Crew Load UHAUL and Band Trailer**

**3:30pm - ACE Dinner (must be signed up for ACE)**

**5:30pm -in warm up arcs, check attendance and following supplies.**

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OUR **GRAY** Shirt and

\*have flip folder, all music, lyre

**\*FULL WATER JUG**

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+Trombones, Euphoniums, Trumpets, Mellophones, Saxophones, Clarinets, Flutes. Drumline will either be in the front or the middle of brass and WW's, depending on the size of the stands.

When seated, you must maintain your line, front to back and left to right. Restroom breaks, 2 at a time. Drum Majors will be in charge of this. If there is an issue please let directors know. Use the buddy system, especially when we are not at our HOME stadium. Do NOT go to the concession stands or socialize outside of the stands. Our job is to inspire our football team and our community in the stands.

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**Oct 8 (S)**

**ROYSE CITY MARCHING FESTIVAL**

Park Trailers in Parking Lot (leave percussion on the trailer?)

**Heart and Soul Shirt, black shorts, LONG BLACK SOCKS**

7:30am: **Band Hall Opens**

8:00am: **Rehearse-** (Heart Shirt & Shorts)(Winds bring cases outside for loading)

9:00am: **BREAKFAST:**

9:15am: **Load Trailers-**

10:10am: **Load Bus-**

10:20am: **Depart CHS-**

11:00am: **Arrive-**

11:15am: **Unload/Build Props-**

12:00pm: **Move to Warm-Up-**

12:15pm: **Warm-up-**

12:45pm: **Move to gate-**

12:55pm: **Field entrance-**

1:00pm: **Perform-**

1:30pm: **Lunch BOOSTERS**

**Load Trailers- After Finals Schedule is announced**

**Dinner - concessions / Buc ee's / Bandwiches available**

**Depart- after finals performance**

**Couple of things regarding security for the event.**

The clear bag policy applies to spectators entering the stadium and it will be enforced. It does NOT apply to your competing students or staff members. It would be our preference that student bags not enter the seating area. We understand they may need to use them to change clothes in the restrooms, but would prefer they be taken to the buses after that.

Information Link for spectators and performers

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CT0YAL-Ub6U5UTYU9ngWcRb0cN8Vt6Qe/view?usp=sharing>

**Oct 10 (M)**

**Mineola - Oct 10**

**Food: be prepared for breakfast, lunch, and dinner**

**Heart and Soul Shirt, black shorts, LONG BLACK SOCKS**

7:00am: **Band Hall Opens**

7:30am: **Rehearse-**

**BREAKFAST: grab and go**

8:40am: **Load Trailers-**

9:20am: **Arcs (full uniform)**

9:30am: **Load Bus**

9:40am: **Depart CHS-**

10:50am: **Arrive-**

11:00am: **Unload-**

11:50am: **Move to Warm-Up-**

12:00pm: **Warm-up-**

12:30pm: **Move-**

12:40pm: **Ready Position-**

12:45pm: **Perform-**

**LUNCH - BOOSTERS**

4:30pm: TJC Band Performance

4:45pm: **Prelims Awards and Drum Major Retreat**

6:05pm: **first band of finals leaves for warm up**

**DINNER: concessions / Bandwiches available**

**Load Trailers-**

**Depart- after making finals**

**Park Trailers in Teacher Parking**

**Oct 11 (T)**

**12:00pm - 4:00pm TURF Rehearsal**

**Oct 12 (W)**

**Heart and Soul Shirt, black shorts, LONG BLACK SOCKS**

**UIL - Oct 12**

**Food: be prepared for snack stop at buc ee's**

8:00am: **Band Hall Opens / Light Breakfast available BOOSTERS**  
8:30am: **Unload prop uhaul for rehearsal**  
9:00-11:00am: **Rehearse-**  
11:30am: **Lunch - SUBWAY (directors)**  
12:00pm: **Load Trailers- load ice chest of water bottles**  
12:35pm: **ARCS - LONG BLACK SOCKS and all the things checked, water bottles full**  
12:45pm: **Depart CHS-**  
2:00pm: **Arrive-**  
2:20pm: **Unload-**  
3:20pm: **Move to Warm-Up-**  
3:40pm: **Warm-up-**  
4:25pm: **Move-**  
4:45pm: **Perform-**  
5:00pm: **Contest Results announced. We will stay by the field for that, not go into the stands.**  
5:10pm: **Load Trailers-**  
5:40pm: **Depart-**  
6:10pm: **Buc Ee's**  
6:30pm: **Depart for CHS**  
7:00pm: **Arrive at CHS and UnLoad EVERYTHING. Fuel Uhaul and take back.**

#### **Contest Schedule**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rTrM13ZmaLzZJJX6gBzQn52GCtJSoyNu/view?usp=sharing>

Information for performers and spectators

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bzhgfss0hpdfPutsFflhjPWKJ-1pe0UD/view?usp=sharing>

## ***Eligibility!!***

**Students need to turn in ANY missing assignments. Grades will be pulled for eligibility Monday morning, September 26th. Friday October 7th is the 9 Weeks mark. Missing assignments are not acceptable.**

Weekly emails will also be available to view on our band website,  
<http://www.commercetigerband.org/weekly-announcements.html>

***Here is the link to our Amazon Band Wish List***

***<https://a.co/ajd7upo>***

***New items needed!***

## Pass Offs

Directors will be pulling students for Pass Offs. This will continue over the next few weeks. Your parts **MUST** be learned!

### Band Dues:

Continue to make payments as you can if you still owe! If you have any questions about your balance or need any assistance, please contact Mr. Duschatko at [logan.duschatko@commerceisd.org](mailto:logan.duschatko@commerceisd.org).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SEP 26 (M) - Caddo Mills Contest**

**SEP 27 (T) - Mr. Best at ASR (Mineola Band Director)**

**SEP 30 (F) - Winnsboro Football - HOME**

**OCT 1 (S) - Mesquite Marching Contest**

**OCT 7 (F) - Rains Football - AWAY**

**OCT 8 (S) - Royse City Marching Festival**

**OCT 10 (M) - Mineola Marching Contest**

**OCT 12 (W) - UIL Regional Marching Contest**

## Information from Past Emails

### Full Uniform -

- We all wear the full uniform zipped and properly worn. If we take our jacket off it will be done together. After unloading the trailers, all students must be in uniform when joining the group.
- No ball caps, No dangling earrings, No Sun Glasses on the field.
- All hair should fit inside the hat rim. Long hair should be in a clean bun. Use bobby pins to get fly-aways.
- LONG BLACK SOCKS are REQUIRED. No ankles should be seen.

Here is the link to the Band Pictures! WE are so adorable 🥰

Band Picture Link:

<https://amandarenephotographytx.pixieset.com/22-23chsteampictures/band/>

Band website ([www.commercetigerband.com](http://www.commercetigerband.com)). If there is any information that you need that is not provided in this email, please email Mr. Duschatko, Mr. Wilkerson and Mrs. Wallace.



[logan.duschatko@commerceisd.org](mailto:logan.duschatko@commerceisd.org), [nick.wilkerson@commerceisd.org](mailto:nick.wilkerson@commerceisd.org), and [kara.wallace@commerceisd.org](mailto:kara.wallace@commerceisd.org) This will ensure that we get to you ASAP!

At the bottom of this email you will find our Google Calendar (please download), our REMIND lists, and the link to join the Google Classroom. Please join all of these things! Most of your questions will be answered in these forums.

Parents, we would love for you to volunteer and travel with us to our football games and performances during the year! All Middle School parents are able to volunteer with the Band Boosters. The Band Boosters serve both HS & MS Bands. So bring a friend if you would like to!

Our students are ALL involved in other activities and sports with the school. Please look at our schedule and see where there are conflicts. I LOVE working in Commerce because ALL the faculty is on board with working together for our students. We CAN and WILL work with any conflicts.

### **7th/8th Grade Marchers:**

For After school rehearsal, either workout a ride from CMS OR ride the STAFF bus (#14) from CMS. If you are an athlete of CMS, tell me who you are! Please workout a ride to rehearsal, if you cannot, let a director know so we can come up with a solution. Coach Holcomb and I are great at sharing!

**ASR begins at 4pm, everyone needs to be ready on the grid before 4pm. To be early, is to be on time. Sign up for ACE so you can get a meal before your rehearsal. You have plenty of time to change, eat and be on time to rehearsal.**

Things you need to bring for ASR:

- \*Change of clothes
- \*Athletic shoes! No marching in boots!
- \*\*FULL BAND WATER JUG\*\*
- \*Hat / Glasses (we march into the sun, be prepared to look for your drum major)
- \*Flip Folder/Lyre (all music in alphabetical order in your flip folder)
  - \*\*Write your name on your Flip Folder
- \*Music memorized
- \*Device fully charged

**Flipfolders and Lyres need to be ordered, so students are prepared for performances!**

We already have some orders that have come in, they will be handed out to students

### **Band Supplies:**

You can order straight from Brook Mays and they will deliver to our band hall! This link will also be found on the home page of our band website for future reference!

[https://rental.brookmays.com/Rental\\_Choose\\_Instrument?schoolid=924](https://rental.brookmays.com/Rental_Choose_Instrument?schoolid=924)

**ACE - AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

ACE provides meals after school and tutoring! If you are interested in eating after school, you MUST turn in your paperwork. Please go to this link to find it, <https://www.commerceisd.org/departments/texas-ace> . We will have printed applications in the band hall. It is lengthy!

## **AVENUES OF COMMUNICATION**

### **NEW REMINDS:**

22-23 Parental Units - <https://www.remind.com/join/d9f9dfc>

22-23 Students (Marching Band) - <https://www.remind.com/join/c8a89g>

22-23 SLT - <https://www.remind.com/join/fke9a8>

22-23 Jazz Cats - <https://www.remind.com/join/af8f9b6>

22-23 Percussion Section - <https://www.remind.com/join/chsdrumsfe>

Band Boosters - <https://www.remind.com/join/c9b34h3>

**BAND WEBSITE:** <http://www.commercetigerband.org>

The Roaring Tiger Calendar is available for you to download! This has our Summer and Fall schedule!

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=roaringtigerband%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

Join our Commerce Roaring Tiger Band FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/CommerceBands>

### **GOOGLE CLASSROOM:**

22-23 Marching Band -

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTIxMDg2MjQ2MTM0?cjc=fv4xy5u>

22-23 Percussion Section -

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzU0OTc2MzMxMjA0?cjc=ve3pvhz>

Jazz Cats -

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzI0NTg1NzkzNjNa?cjc=utsffmb>

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Percussion Director

Robert Schmidt - [robert.schmidt@commerceisd.org](mailto:robert.schmidt@commerceisd.org)  
Color Guard Director

Be sure to communicate, in advance, with your conflicts or absences.

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Do you want to take lessons over the summer to help prepare for All Region Auditions or to just be a better musician?? Let Mr. Wilkerson or Mrs. Wallace know!  
[nick.wilkerson@commerceisd.org](mailto:nick.wilkerson@commerceisd.org) or [kara.wallace@commerceisd.org](mailto:kara.wallace@commerceisd.org)

## **SAFETY Protocol:**

***Always enter/exit through the Tiger Path, DO NOT drop off or pickup in the staff parking lot. This is for the safety of the students.***

***Thank you in advance for observing this request.***

***\*8th graders if you are running late from CMS campus you are able to drop off at the grid.***

During the school day, entry/exit of the band hall is only through the Fine Arts Hall. Do not use the double doors near the exterior exit.

Keep lockers locked at all times. Lockers are for instrument storage. Do not store food or personal items in your lockers.

## **22-23 Tentative Band Dates**

\*These dates will adjust as needed on the Google calendar

The Roaring Tiger Calendar is available for you to download! This has our Summer and Fall schedule!

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=roaringtigerband%40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

September 26: Caddo Mills Invitational Marching Classic - 3:30pm - Caddo Mills  
September 27, 29: ASR 4:00pm-6:30pm  
September 27: Jim Best out to Clinic  
September 30: Football - Winnsboro - HOME

October:

October 1: Mesquite Marching Contest - Mesquite  
October 3-4, 6: ASR 4:00pm-6:30pm  
October 7: Football - Rains - AWAY  
October 8: Royse City Marching Festival - Royse City  
October 10: Mineola Marching Contest - Mineola  
October 11: Marching Band Rehearsal - (No School on This Day)  
October 12: 3A REGION MARCHING CONTEST - Mesquite Memorial Stadium  
October 17: Marching Band Rehearsal - 4:00pm-6:30pm (No School on This Day)  
October 18, 20: ASR 4:00pm-6:30pm  
October 21: Football - Mt. Vernon - HOME  
October 22: 3A AREA MARCHING CONTEST - C.H. Collins Stadium - Denton  
October 24-25, 27: ASR 4:00pm-6:30pm  
October 28: Football - Pottsboro - AWAY

November:

November 1, 3: ASR 4:00pm-6:30pm  
November 4: Football - Mineola - HOME  
November 14-15: All-Region Jazz Clinic and Concert - Sunnyvale HS  
November 16-17: Spring Band Auditions - Commerce HS  
November 18-19: Junior/Senior Honor Band - TAMUC Music Building

December:

December 2: Middle School All-Region Auditions - Ford HS - Quinlan  
December 3: Christmas Parade - Commerce  
December 5: High School All-Region Auditions - Eustace HS - Eustace  
December 8: CMS/CHS Holiday Concert

January:

January 7: HS Area Auditions - Ranchview HS - Irving  
January 13-14: MS/HS All-Region Clinic and Concert

February:

February 4: Band UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest - Canton HS - Canton

February 6: Pre-UIL Concert

February 8-11: TMEA All-State Band and Convention - San Antonio

February 25: Choir and Piano Solo and Ensemble Contest - West Mesquite HS - Mesquite

February 28: HS UIL Concert and Sight Reading Day 1 - Canton HS - Canton

March:

March 1: HS UIL Concert and Sight Reading Day 2 - Canton HS - Canton

March 28: MS UIL Concert and Sight Reading Day 1 - Canton HS - Canton

March 29: MS UIL Concert and Sight Reading Day 2 - Canton HS - Canton

April:

April 11: ATSSB Jazz Festival - Sunnyvale HS - Sunnyvale

April 18-19: Leadership Interviews

April 27-29: Dallas Winds Invitational

May:

May 3, 4: Marching Mini Camp and 23-24 Band Registration

May 6: CISD Solo and Ensemble Contest

May 9: CMS/CHS Spring Concert

May 13: Band Banquet

May 17-18: Fall Auditions

May 26: Last Day of School/Graduation

Q: Which horn can send text messages?

A: SousaPHONE.