

Cypress Woods High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet (Week of August 28)

<https://www.cywoodsband.org/>



Weekly Schedule

(Week of August 28, 2023)

- Monday, August 28 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)
- Tuesday, August 29 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (6pm-8:30pm)
- Wednesday, August 30 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)
- Thursday, August 31 - **GAME vs Dulles @ Mercer Stadium (7pm-10pm)***
- Friday, September 1 - No Rehearsal! Class time to rest and do homework/study! Take horns home!

(Week of September 4, 2023)

- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day (No Rehearsal)
- Tuesday, September 5 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (6pm-8:30pm)
- Wednesday, September 6 - No Rehearsal!
- Thursday, September 7 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)
- Friday, September 8 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)
- Saturday, September 9 - **GAME vs Cy-Fair @ Pridgeon Stadium (6pm-9pm)***

Director Announcements

What a great first public performance that our band had of our fall production "Along the Edge" this past Friday night! The staff could not be more proud of students for all of their hard work during summer band this year. Friday's game was a celebration of all of those efforts put forth over the past five weeks, and it was great seeing everybody enjoy themselves. We cannot wait to reveal more of the show over the coming weeks, leading up to our first Bands of America contest performance at the end of September.

The WiddyUp fundraiser ends this week, so please have your student follow up with anyone they shared with. Again, we could not operate to our full capacity without the financial support of our fundraisers!

For the first week of school, here are a few reminders and/or important things to note:

- The band hall will open at 6:30am before school for those arriving early to drop off instruments, change of clothes, etc.
 - Only band students will be allowed through the back band hall doors at any time
- Band students who come to the band hall before 7am will not be allowed to leave the band hall and go down to the commons or to their first class until after 7am (per Mr. Kinninger's directive)
- Note the MONDAY rehearsal this week due to the Thursday game
- Note the TUESDAY evening rehearsal times
 - Wear the grey dri-fit shirt and viper shoes for this rehearsal!
 - Students may leave to go eat and then return to campus for this rehearsal. This is also a good opportunity to do homework before rehearsal. If your student leaves, they must be back at 5:20pm.
- Students need to eat a good lunch and hydrate all day long...after school is going to be hot for the first couple of weeks
 - Students should bring a change of clothes for after school rehearsal...jeans and other heavy long attire will not be permitted due to student safety in the heat. Make sure your students bring their water jug filled with ice water at the start of the day.
- For Thursday's game, I will adjust the start times and communicate those asap if we receive any changes from athletic directors/officials...for now I'm going off the original start time

Attendance

As we approach the start of school, please do your best to schedule any appointments around the rehearsal and performance calendar posted on the website Google Calendar. Please communicate with Mr. Peterman in advance and provide a doctor's note upon return. Unexcused absences by a director may result in loss of competitive spot or not being allowed to perform at that week's events. Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Official Band Calendar: Please visit our official Google Calendar on the band website. It is updated on a regular basis and has all upcoming events posted for the current school year. Be familiar with the rehearsal and performance schedule on the band website calendar. You are expected to know the schedule and required to be at all rehearsals and events.

<https://www.cywoodsband.org/calendar>

Itineraries

Game vs Dulles @ Mercer Stadium (August 31)

2:40 PM - School Ends/Change into Red & Black Performance Gear
3:00 PM - Rehearsal
4:00 PM - Load and Eat - **Those who do not opt in for the booster meal will need to bring a meal for dinner!**
5:10 PM - Depart for Mercer Stadium
6:10 PM - Arrive
6:40 PM - In Stadium
7:00 PM - Game Begins
10:00 PM - Game Finishes
10:30 PM - Depart Mercer Stadium
11:30 PM - Arrive back at Woods/Pick up students in front of the Auditorium. DO NOT pick up around back.


Required Game Attire/Materials:

- Red Dri-Fit
 - Black Band Shorts (Must have these to perform)
 - Long Black Socks
 - Black Viper Shoes
 - Flip Folder/Lyre
 - Instrument
 - Grey Water Jug
 - Garment Bag
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Boosters Announcements

From the President - Carrin Booth



Congrats to our kids...Along The Edge part 1 looked and sounded really good at the game on Friday night. Everything ran very smoothly, especially for the first game of the season! Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! They were out in the heat with your children keeping them safe and hydrated.

- We have some exciting news! We are the host school for this year's UIL Region Marching Contest at the Berry Center! This event takes place on October 14th. That means we will need double the volunteers on that day, since our band will not only host the event, but we will also perform in the contest and we have a game that evening. A short survey will be sent later this week to see who will be interested in volunteering. More info will be coming as soon as possible.
- With continued preparation of our show, the props will start being used at practice soon. Some of the props are currently stored in the school and will most likely have to be pushed around the portables to get to and from the field. To avoid an accident, please **DO NOT** drive to the back lot or park on the driveways to pick up after practice. I know from 4 years of experience that parking in a spot & waiting for your child is the safest and fastest way to pick your child up after practice. Look at the map carefully, it is a little different from the Event Pickup map. We appreciate your cooperation with these new rules!  Pickup After Practice
- Our *Pit Crew* has again been working on weekends and some weekdays to prepare all of the awesome props and stages that will be part of our Along the Edge show this year! These gentlemen and ladies work so hard, especially in this heat, to make our show look fantastic! We are so fortunate to have such talented, hard-working people be part of our Pit Crew! THANK YOU all so much for your dedication to our band program!

From the VP - Michelle Jendral

- Individual pictures will be taken during the school day on September 19th. Please see attached order form.
 Individual Photos Order Form 23-24.pdf

FOR SENIORS ONLY:

- Please make sure to sign up for one slot for Senior Family Photos on September 9th on the sign-up genius. [Senior Band/Nova: 2023-2024 Band and Nova Senior Family Pictures \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)
- Also, the order form PDF that our photographer sent out is showing incorrect prices when pulled up on a phone. To see the PDF correctly, please open it on a computer. The correct prices are \$45 for the Silver Plan, \$47 for the Gold Plan, and \$55 for the Platinum Plan. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused. Please see attached form.
 CW BAND senior Parent 2024.pdf
- Remember that if you want to submit a Senior Ad for the Football Program, they are due Sept 15th. Please follow the directions on this flyer.  Student ad letter.pdf

From the VP of Fundraising - Kim Fenney

Our Widdy Up fundraiser is quickly coming to a close! Currently our band & NOVA have raised over \$35,000 in donations!! With only a few days left to go, let's show that 212 spirit and keep those donations coming... Our goal is to raise \$70,000 this year! Remember, the money raised through this fundraiser goes towards keeping band & NOVA fees down along with helping offset the cost of contest fees, equipment, and other items needed to help our organization run smoothly! Don't forget, our top overall earner wins a \$100 Amazon gift card!!

Clear Backpack & Stadium Bags:

If you still need to purchase your clear backpacks or stadium bags (which are required at most stadiums and facilities), click the link below to get ordering information for Wlack and Bwhite, our Cy-Woods Band & NOVA clear bag sponsor. Use the promo code on the flyer to get your discount! Promotion runs through Monday August 28th, so check it out if you haven't already! Our Band & NOVA program receive a donation for each clear backpack & stadium bag sold during this promotion.

Link to Promo Flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/6/my-drive>

Kim Fenney

Phone: 832-283-9868

Email: cwwoodsband.vpfund@gmail.com

From the Treasurers - Valerie Therrien & MaryPat Christ

Band and NOVA payments are now due. If your student has outstanding fees that are due, please take a moment to log into Charms and make a payment or send a check or cash with your child to be placed in the locked, RED box in the band hall. Charms instructions are included below.

Band/Percussion - \$645 plus uniform deposit

Uniform Deposit - Band (\$141), Tubas (\$106), Battery (\$105), Front Ensemble (\$70) –now past due

\$215 August 1 – now past due

\$215 due September 1

\$215 due October 1

NOVA - \$525 (\$750 including the uniform deposit) *

\$225 Uniform Deposit – now past due

\$175 August 1 – now past due

\$175 due September 1

\$175 due October 1

*Additional fees will be due in January for Winter Guard students that wish to participate in Winter Guard during the spring semester. Fees may be paid by cash, check (made out to CWBBA) or online by credit/debit card in your student's Charms account.

How to pay on Charms:

Log into your student's Charms account (www.charmsoffice.com – on a computer, not cell phone) School Code – CWHSBAND

Enter your student's Charms Password . For first time users, your password is your student's Student ID (without the S). New users will be prompted to reset their password upon initial log-in.

Click on the Finance icon

In the "Paid By" column, click on the PayPal switch to turn it blue next to the fee installment(s) you want to pay (you can pay more than one if you want)

Click on the blue box that says, "Pay Fixed Payments"

Chaperones

Thank you to all the Amazing parents who donated snacks for the game. We are good on snacks for this week's game so no signup genius this week for snacks. If you have bought some over the weekend to donate, please hold on to them as we will use them the

next week or when the snack signup genius goes out again. Thank you so much for donating, the students were all so happy and they enjoyed getting these special treats after the game. They did Fantastic! Thank you all so much for everyone who volunteered to help make their 1st game Fantastic! We look forward to seeing you all at the next game. Have a wonderful 1st week of school everyone.

Kind regards,

Martha Price & Ionna Chowdhury cywoodsband.chaperones@gmail.com

First Aid and Water Committee

- The afternoon heat is very different than the morning heat. It takes a week or two for everyone to acclimate to these temperatures. PLEASE make sure your student packs electrolytes. A hat will keep them more comfortable as well.
- Please have your students arrive at rehearsal with a CLEAN insulated water jug filled with ice and water! They should have a designated water bottle for school and another for band rehearsal. Encourage your student to stay hydrated during the school day.
- Please remind your student to EAT LUNCH! It might be helpful to also bring a healthy snack to eat before rehearsals begin.
- We still have many opportunities for you to volunteer. Please visit our SignUpGenius for all the details.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5af23ab9-first>

Committee Chairs:

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Stephanie Ferreira - (281) 250-8049 Brenda Myers - (713) 419-8623
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Uniforms

We had a wonderful week of try-ons for the custom uniforms. The students were patient even when hot and exhausted from practice!! A special thank you to Carolyn Hunter, Laura Wilt, Stephanie Murdoch, Kelly Ferris, Ashley Taylor, Kristi Knight and Wendy Mancuso for the endless hard work you put into each student's try on, ironing, sewing and organizing racks!!! The students will look incredible!!!

We should also be receiving our red shirt order this week for all those students that still need a second small red dri-fit shirt that was ordered prior to or at registration night.

Every student should have at least one piece of every mandatory uniform item in his/her possession. We did notice quite a few students who were not wearing the correct black band shorts with the CyWoods logo and the correct long black socks (we sell these for \$2 (in uniform room) at the game Friday evening against Katy. We kindly remind every student and family that these are mandatory uniform items that must be worn to each mandatory game/performance. We must reinforce this. It is not fair for a student to be out of uniform when everyone else is. This does teach your student to do the correct thing and make good choices for the entirety of the band!! It IS the little things, like every student being in the correct uniform, that makes us stand out as not just being a good band, but the chance to be the BEST band!! And we all know this program, these students and these directors are worth it!!!

Game this week Dulles at Mercer stadium mandatory uniform attire and what to bring with you to school Thursday, August 31st in your garment bag:

- Red dri-fit shirt
- Black band shorts with band logo
- Long black socks (must pull up to at least mid-calf and have no logos or stripes or wording)
- Black marching shoes
- Poncho in side pocket of garment bag
- Folded new trash bag in side pocket of garment bag
- Flip Folder/Lyre
- Instrument
- 2023 grey water jug filled with ice/water
- Extra deodorant
- Wet Wipes

Please always feel free to reach out should you have any questions pertaining to uniform. We are truly are happy to help! Email CyWoods.uniforms@gmail.com or text/call Bridget @ 281-840-7774.

Thank you!

Hospitality

Howdy from the Hospitality Committee!

It's our pleasure to offer the optional Game Day Meals Program which ensures our students are fed so they can perform at their best on game and contest days. As you can imagine, feeding 375+ people is a challenge, and we are psyched to do it, but we need your help to ensure success!

If you placed a "Once and Done" order (all 11 meals), THANK YOU, your kiddo is set for the season!

If you are ordering week by week please place your student's meal order no later than Sunday evening @ 10 PM for that week's meal. For example, if you want a meal for August 31st, we need your order placed by 10 PM on Sunday August 27th. Please understand, we need time to coordinate with our catering partner (they need advance notice too) and make sure that all dietary preferences and restrictions are accommodated.

Placing your meal orders in a timely manner not only helps us provide a successful meal event, keeps our Band and Nova members fed and hydrated, but it also keeps us on schedule AND makes Mr. Peterman happy!

To place your orders, please visit our online order form at

<https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36006267#page>

If you elect not to order a meal for a specific date, please ensure your child brings a meal or you drop off a meal CLEARLY MARKED WITH THEIR NAME by 3:45 pm to the Band Hall. Every student needs to have a meal so they can be prepared to participate.

One more thing, we can't do it without YOUR help on Game & Contest Days! Please consider volunteering with Hospitality when your schedule allows! This fast paced activity only needs about an hour of your time! If you are interested in helping out, please visit our Sign Up genius at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44AF2EABFB6-cwhs> ! Pro tip: It's a great way to see the kids before their performances!

Thanks for your help with the order deadlines and volunteering! We look forward to a fantastic season filled with outstanding performances and memorable experiences for both the Wildcat Band and Nova students.

Suzy Weaver & Kristin Escobar
CW Band Hospitality Co-Chairs 2023-2024
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Pit Crew

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came out to our workday yesterday...Mike Jendral, Elmer Lobell, Richard Christ, Brian Kelnar, Jimmy & Courtney Johnson, Butch Mancuso, Matt Lewis, Kelly Seegers, Ryan & Cameo Morris, James Hadaegh, Giles Eastwood, Chris Cameron, Robbie Zamora, and Mr. Peterman. We still have some projects to complete before our first marching competition at the end of September so if you are interested in helping out with some of our projects or wanting to help out on the field, you can reach me at cywoodsband.pitcrew@gmail.com or (832) 287-9470. ~John M Fenney from Pit Crew

Spirit Shop

****Last Call for Spirit Shop & Yard Signs!****

We will close out our first Spirit Shop gear and our ONLY yard sign order form tonight!

For the yard signs please use the link below:

<https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36501492#page>

For the Spirit Shop gear use the link below:

<https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36483124#page>

If you have any questions email me at cywoodsband.spiritshop@gmail.com

Thank you!
Kiley Holbrook

Additional Information & Resources

Handbook Acknowledgement

- If you have not done so, please take care of this week. All students and a parent/guard are required to read and acknowledge the expectations laid out in the [Band Handbook](#). Once you read through it, complete the Google Form: [Acknowledge & Sign Here!](#)

Passwords

- Music Materials: All student music materials like marching show music, recordings, and performance videos can be found on the band website in the Google Drive folder; the new password will be sent in a separate CHARMS email to ensure that only our students are gaining access to our materials. Mr. Peterman will grant access to the Google Drive upon request.
- SmugMug: Find event photos here! The password is CWHS212! <https://www.cywoodsband.org/photos>

Who Do I Ask? Not sure which director to go to for help with _____? Click here! <https://www.cywoodsband.org/who-do-i-ask>