

Cypress Woods High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet (Week of September 4)

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



Weekly Schedule

(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) w/Jodie Rhodes

Saturday, September 9 - **GAME vs Cy-Fair @ Pridgeon Stadium (6pm-9pm)***

(Week of September 11, 2023)

Monday, September 11 - Homecoming Parade - REQUIRED (5:30pm- 7:30pm)

Tuesday, September 12 - Berry Stadium Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (6:15pm-8:45pm)

Wednesday, September 13 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)

Thursday, September 14 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)

Friday, September 15 - Homecoming **GAME vs Cypress Ranch @ Berry (7:00pm-10:00pm)***

Director Announcements

We had another great week here at the Woods! The students finished learning all of their dots for the marching show, which we have NEVER done this early in the season. We are very proud of their work. This week we will be performing Part 2 of our fall production, as well as starting to implement more props into the show.

Please note the unique rehearsal schedule this week. Our show designer will be out on Friday. This has been on the calendar since the Spring, so like always with rehearsals, please make sure you have planned accordingly for your student to be there. This week's game is on Saturday, and the itinerary is listed below.

Students who have not purchased knee pads for choreography on the band lot are strongly encouraged to do so. Choosing to not do choreography full-out is not an option. We have talked to the students about it for six weeks, and given them a free alternative (cutting up an old shirt and tying around the knees). We talked to the students about it again last week after rehearsals and class on Friday. We are not concerned about having a specific brand, color, etc. They just need something to protect their knees and make choreo more comfortable if they are currently struggling to perform without them in rehearsal right now.

This week, all brass and woodwind students will start submitting their weekly Schoology scale assignments. They are responsible for two scales a week by Sunday night at 11:59 PM, and the first set will be due September 10th. These are part of their band audition placement score for the Spring, and each scale set is a Relative Application grade where they demonstrate mastery of the skills we work on every day during class. The Schoology codes and info letter will be released to the students during class on Tuesday.

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 Cy-Fair @ Pridgeon Stadium (6pm-9pm)

12:45 PM - Band Hall Opens

1:50 PM - Rehearsal

2:50 PM - Load and Eat - **Those who do not opt in for the booster meal will need to bring a meal for dinner!**

4:00 PM - Depart for Pridgeon

4:45 PM - Arrive

5:00 PM - In Stadium
6:00 PM - Game Begins
9:00 PM - Game Finishes
9:30 PM - Depart Pridgeon Stadium
10:00 PM - Arrive back at Woods/Pick up students in front of the Auditorium. DO NOT pick up around back.

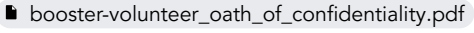

Required Game Attire/Materials:

- Red Dri-Fit
- Black Band Shorts
- Long Black Socks
- Black Viper Shoes
- Flip Folder/Lyre
- Instrument
- Grey Water Jug
- Garment Bag

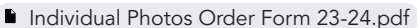
Boosters Announcements

From the President - Carrin Booth


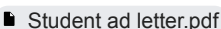
Game 2 is in the books and our kids performed wonderfully at halftime!

- Parents...y'all are the best! We have received dozens of submissions to volunteer at UIL Region. We are organizing all of the info as it comes in. As we get closer to the date and receive more detailed info, we will let you know where you will be positioned and we will send out Sign-ups for needed items. THANK YOU!
- If you would still like to volunteer to help us host the UIL Region Marching Contest please fill out this form... <https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36659637#page>
- If you plan on volunteering for the UIL Region Marching Contest please make sure you have completed the Oath of Confidentiality and send it along with a scan of your driver's license to me at cywoodsband.pres@gmail.com. The best way to send this to me is to fill out the Oath, place your DL in the blank space next to your signature and take a scan of both together. Example:  booster-volunteer_oath_of_confidentiality.pdf Using a scanning app like CamScanner to take the picture & send it as a PDF helps the picture turn out very clear & readable. The front office at Cy-Woods uses their Raptor system to vet all volunteers at our school, so I have to turn these in to them. THANK YOU if you have already done this...you are all set!
- I had to drop off a few items at the band hall on Wednesday afternoon before the end of practice. I have to say THANK YOU for not picking your kids up in the back band lot! This makes things much more safe and efficient for our kids after practice.  Pickup After Practice

From the VP - Michelle Jendral

- Individual pictures will be taken during the school day on September 19th. Please see attached order form. 

FOR SENIORS ONLY:

- Please make sure to sign up for one slot for Senior Family Photos for this Saturday, September 9th on the sign-up genius. [Senior Band/Nova: 2023-2024 Band and Nova Senior Family Pictures \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/Senior-Band-Nova-2023-2024-Band-and-Nova-Senior-Family-Pictures)
- 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. 
- 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. 

From the VP of Fundraising - Kim Fenney

Congratulations to our top earner for the 2023 Widdy Up Fundraiser, Connor Kamenski! Thank you to each Band & NOVA student who helped to bring in donations this season! Our fundraiser brought in a grand total of **\$43,031.37!** Thank you to everyone that helped to make this possible.

Sponsorships:

Do you own your own business or know someone who does?? Do you or someone you know have an interest in sponsoring our Band & NOVA program this season?? Please contact Kim Fenney at cywoodsband.vpfund@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more sponsorship information to come!

Kim Fenney

Phone: 832-283-9868

Email: cywoodsband.vpfund@gmail.com

From the Treasurers - Valerie Therrien & MaryPat Christ

Treasurer Report:

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 September 1 – now past due

\$215 due October 1

NOVA - \$525 plus uniform deposit *

\$225 Uniform Deposit – now past due

\$175 August 1 – now past due

\$175 September 1 – now past due

\$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: <https://www.cywoodsband.org/charms-how-to-pay>

You will be taken to PayPal where you can enter your credit card info to pay

**If you do not know your Charms Password, please let us or a director know, so we can reset it for you. Also note that the parent and student will share the same Password.

Any payments by check may be dropped off in the locked, RED box in the band hall.

ALL CASH PAYMENTS MUST BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO A DIRECTOR AND A RECEIPT OF PAYMENT WILL BE GIVEN.

Please clearly label all RED box payments with the student's name and what fees you are paying, so that the payment can be properly recorded to your student's account.

If you have any questions about paying fees, please let us know. If your circumstances prevent you from making your fee payment at this time and/or you need to set up an alternate payment schedule, please contact Mr. Peterman to discuss at terrance.peterman@cfisd.net.

Thank you,

Valerie Therrien & Mary Pat Christ

CWBBA Treasurers cywoodsband.treasurer@gmail.com

Chaperones

- Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered and came out to the game Thursday night. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. We could not do what we do without your amazing dedication and support.
- There will not be a snack signup genius this week as we have plenty of snacks. If you have already bought snacks, please hold on to them as we will send out a signup genius once the supply is low.
- Thank you so much to all who have already signed up to volunteer for our UIL host at the Berry Center on October 14th. If you are one of our regular crew members who goes to every game and contest you will not be a part of the Hosting crew for UIL as you will continue your regular duties with the band.

- Just so there is no confusion, for those who are signing up for the Host UIL Crew at the Berry Center you will not be riding the bus to the Berry center, you will need to drive yourself there or plan to carpool etc. Once I have a complete list of those who are available to volunteer on the Host crew for UIL, I will put everyone in a GroupMe chat so we all can be on the same page communication wise.
- If you are volunteering for the Host UIL crew and have questions, please feel free to text Ionna at 713-899-5194 and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
- If you are not on our regular Chaperone crew who works every game and contest, please sign up to volunteer and be on the Host UIL crew, Help us represent Cy-Woods well.
- Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36659637#page>
- I will be adding a link in the next newsletter to order your UIL Host Crew T-shirt.

Thank you all so much for all you do every day! Hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

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

First Aid and Water Committee

- PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENT 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 A HEALTHY LUNCH! Pack a healthy snack to eat before rehearsal begins as well.
- In order to participate at rehearsal, students will need to change into clothing appropriate for the outdoors, including shoes. A hat will definitely keep them more comfortable as well.
- 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:

Jill Milkovich - (713) 256-5520 Kim Scherzer - (713) 858-5484
Stephanie Ferreira - (281) 250-8049 Brenda Myers - (713) 419-8623
cywoodsband.firstaidwater@gmail.com

Uniforms

Every student should have at least one piece of every mandatory uniform item in his/her possession as we received our last performance gear order and everything except some extra grey shirts were distributed to those students who ordered. Students did a great job wearing the correct band black shorts and grey dri-fit shirts this past week to JV field rehearsal and then the red dri-fit for Dulles football game. As we get closer to wearing our full custom fit uniforms, we ask the students to have on all correct mandatory uniforms pieces including long black socks (we sell these for \$2 in the uniform room) with no stripes, logos of the maker, etc. The students do incredible choreography with Mr. Byers and it is noticed if black socks are faded grey, have a Nike swoosh on the side, or are not long enough to be pulled up to mid-calf. We kindly remind every student and family that these are mandatory uniform items that must be worn to each mandatory game/performance. Send exact cash of \$2 or a check made out to CWBBA with your student and we are happy to sell him/her long black plain socks.

A BIG thank you to all those who donated to uniforms over the summer:

Natalie McCulloch
Jacquelyn Mercado
Allison Williams
Amber Sessions
Charlotte Daggett
Cindy Dover
Elizabeth Garcia
Jessica Denton
Julie Bishop
Elizabeth Matteson

JV rehearsal 9-5-23
Grey dri-fit shirt
Black band shorts
Long black socks
Black marching shoes
2023 water jug filled

Next game is CyFair 9-9-23 at Pridgeon Stadium 6pm

Stadium mandatory uniform attire and what to bring with you to school: Saturday 9-9-23 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 the side pocket of garment bag
- Flip Folder/Lyre
- Instrument
- 2023 grey water jug filled with ice/water
- Extra deodorant
- Wet Wipes (suggested)

*NO personal hats on performing field at any time

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.

Thanks!

Bridget, Wendy, Kelly, Maggie, Ashley and Kristi

NOVA/Color Guard

The boosters have recently created a new position to represent Nova and serve as a bridge between Mr. Sanders, the boosters, and the guard families. Christa Eshleman and Carolyn Temple will chair this position for the fall season and winter guard, as well. More information to come soon.

Costume reminder: If you haven't already ordered your costume accessories, please do so ASAP. Costumes will be worn soon. Each Nova student will need a convertible body tight that matches their skin color to wear under their costume. The costumes are primarily yellow, and body tights are needed to smooth out under garments and make the costume fit properly since it is a light color. You will need to order the convertible body tight at the Capezio website (\$35.67 w/ tax & shipping) [Capezio.com](https://www.capezio.com). There are many color options and sizes from which to choose. It is important that you choose the color CLOSEST to your skin color because one shoulder of the costume has a sheer mesh panel that will show straps. This body tight also comes with clear straps that can be substituted. **Please note - no one is ballet pink, even though the sample color looks nude – it is really a light pink. Ladies will also need a skin color bra with regular straps (or clear straps). Sports bra straps will not work under this costume. Another tip – please remind your students to wear skin colored underwear. Light costumes, even with body tights on, sometimes show through colors that are opposite of your skin color.

Thanks, and we look forward to working alongside everyone this year!

Christa and Carolyn

Hospitality

- Each week we have more parents taking the "rest of the season" order option and we want to thank you!
- For those of you ordering week-by-week, we'd like to remind you to place your meal orders no later than 10 PM on the Sunday prior to the game day. We've continued to receive a large volume of late orders each week, which causes issues with the overall vendor orders. Unfortunately this has caused us to put a hard deadline on the weekly orders and that week's option will not be available after Sunday night. If you go in to order and the meal price is zero, the orders have already been collected and you'll need to arrange for a meal for your student.
- One more thing that we've seen on the "once and done" orders is that a week (or two) may have been skipped. We presume it was intentional, but we've had students request a meal for which no order was placed. Please check your email confirmation and if you meant to order for the entire season, it should be 11 dates/vendors. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation, feeding 325+ band students is a big job each week!
- Here is the link to order meals: <https://www.powr.io/form-builder/i/36006267#page>
- If you'd like to volunteer with Hospitality, please visit our Sign Up genius at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44AFAF2EABFB6-cwhs> ! Many hands make light work and it's a great way to see the kids before their performances!

We are proud to serve our Wildcat Band and Nova students and the amazing Directors and we appreciate your help and cooperation.

Suzy Weaver & Kristin Escobar
CW Band Hospitality Co-Chairs 2023-2024
832.656.0924 (Suzy)
suzyweaverband@gmail.com

Spirit Shop

****Show Shirt Pick -Up Time!** See me after practice on Tuesday to pick up your show shirt from **Registration Night!** I will start setting up at 8PM and I will send out my location via Remind & Facebook on Tuesday!**

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>