

Cypress Woods High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet (Week of September 18)

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



Weekly Schedule

(Week of September 18, 2023)

Monday, September 18 - No Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 19 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (6:00pm-8:30pm)

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

Thursday, September 21 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)

Friday, September 22 - No Game - Bye Week!

(Week of September 25, 2023)

Monday, September 25 - Teacher Workday (No Rehearsal)

Tuesday, September 26 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (6:00pm-8:30pm)

Wednesday, September 27 - Rehearsal for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)

Thursday, September 28 - **GAME vs Cy Lakes @ Berry Center** (7:00pm-10:00pm)

Friday, September 29 - **Rehearsal and BOA Send-Off Performance** for ALL Winds, Percussion, & NOVA (3:20pm-5:50pm)

Saturday, September 30 - **BOA Shenandoah Contest**

Director Announcements

On Friday, the band students had a great homecoming game ceremony and got to debut their new look for this school year. Our very own Jimena Flores from the NOVA Dance Company was also named Homecoming Queen! Congrats to Jimena!!! Last week, we also had two great rehearsals with our show designers, and made tremendous progress on our fall production at the stadium rehearsal Tuesday night. They were both extremely positive about the work we are doing.

As we move into the six rehearsals before the first Bands of America contest, it is CRUCIAL that students are at rehearsal. As we fill more in the show over the next two weeks, missed rehearsals usually mean a student will attend performance events but will not be allowed to perform in the halftime or contest runs; this is for all students' safety. Students who show a pattern of absences from rehearsal throughout the season may be replaced in the show by an alternate or put with a "mirror" marcher. Students who are in private lessons are good to step out of rehearsal for those sessions, and tutorials are fine as long as a note from the teacher is provided upon arrival to practice. The first progress report will come out this Monday, but the first eligibility check that impacts the UIL policy of "no pass, no play" doesn't apply for another three weeks. We are constantly talking to students about their grades and missing assignments, and will try to help them stay on top of their academics as much as possible. Last week was busy, but this week the students should have more time to get caught up on missing work.

This week, your student(s) will be sent home with a social media contract and band handbook acknowledgement form. Each student and a parent/guardian will sign this and return it to us by Friday at 2:40 pm. We are doing this to make sure you and your student(s) are familiar with our policies, as well as encourage them to use such platforms correctly and appropriately.

Lastly, thank you to all the parent prop crew and student volunteers who helped with prop vinyls this weekend. This project is a HUGE undertaking and we could not do it without you! We cannot wait for you to see the finished product in the coming weeks.

Flute students - are you interested in upgrading your instrument? There is a flute instrument drive at Cy Falls on October 9 at 4 pm. Talk to Mr. Peterman for more information!

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>

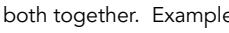
Itineraries

None for this week!

Boosters Announcements

From the President - Carrin Booth

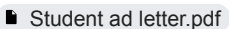
Congratulations to our very own NOVA student - JIMENA FLORES - on being crowned Homecoming Queen! She looked absolutely gorgeous on Friday night! Our kids looked so sharp in the new custom uniform and they sounded great playing for the HOCO announcements at the game.

- **THANK YOU** to our Pit Crew, volunteers, band students and Directors who came out on Saturday for most of the day and Sunday morning to put the wraps on some of our props! Y'all are AMAZING! You can see a sneak peek on our Band & NOVA Facebook page.
- We have a bye week this week...NO GAME! Though we still have practice, the kids will have more free time later in the week especially since we also have Monday, Sept 25th off from school. Please make sure they are keeping up with their school work now because things are about to ramp up and get super busy for our band.
- Mark your calendars for our first contest, **BOA Shenandoah, Saturday, Sept 30th**. More info will follow, but I can tell you it will be a very early start to the day...before the sun comes up! Contest days are always long, but the kids really do enjoy them.
- 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:  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!

From the VP - Michelle Jendral

- On Tuesday, September 19th, all band and Nova students will be taking individual pictures during their scheduled band period. If you would like to order pictures, you can click the link below for the order form.
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NXClmctaXpLT2QOlxqEDexv_7i-LhkIS/view?usp=drivesdk

FOR SENIORS ONLY:

Senior Ad submissions for the Football Program are now due **Wednesday, September 20th**. Please follow the directions on this flier. 

From the VP of Fundraising - Kim Fenney

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 or call: (832) 283-9868.

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 Friday night. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. We could not do what we do without your amazing dedication and support.
- We hope everyone enjoys "Bye week" off for Friday 9/22/23 as there is no game this week. We look forward to seeing you all back for our Thursday 9/28/23 game. Your continued support for every game no matter if you are showing up to watch the game, cheering along with the band, volunteering or donating, we appreciate everything you all do to show your amazing support of all our students.
- There will not be a snack signup genius this week however we ask if you have already bought snacks, please go ahead and send those to school with your student this coming week 9-18 through 9-22. The week after, 9-25 through 9-29 we will have a more specific snacks signup for our BOA morning/bus ride.
- Thank you so much to all who have already signed up to volunteer for our UIL host at the Berry Center on October 14th. We now have enough volunteers signed up for the Host Crew. However, if you have not acknowledged receiving the GroupMe UIL Host Crew chat please let lonna know by texting her at 713-899-5194. And if you are on the chat please go ahead and order your UIL Host Crew t-shirt that is posted in the GroupMe chat if you have not already done so.
- Just so there is no confusion for those who are on 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.
- If you are volunteering for the Host UIL crew and have questions, please feel free to text lonna at 713-899-5194 and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

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

Kind regards,

Martha Price & Lonna 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 Milkovisch - (713) 256-5520 Kim Scherzer - (713) 858-5484
Stephanie Ferreira - (281) 250-8049 Brenda Myers - (713) 419-8623
cywoodsband.firstaidwater@gmail.com

Uniforms

The students did a great job putting on the new custom uniforms including custom top, gauntlet gloves, cowls, and shako wraps at the Berry Center last Tuesday. They looked simply outstanding!!

Igloo has been working with us to remedy these water jug issues we seem to be having this year. From cracked lids to cracked insides to the base of the jug coming completely off, we have seen some weird igloo issues this year for sure!! It is so important that the students stay hydrated at practice, games and competitions!! Take a look at your student's 2023 grey jug please. If you see an issue with your student's current water jug, please tell your student to come to the uniform room WITH the damaged jug and we can exchange it with a new one on Tuesday 9-19-23 at 5:40pm before evening practice.

Also, please make sure that if your student brought home any piece of his/her uniform from the 9-15-23 Friday night football game, it must all be returned to the uniform room by Monday morning 9-18-23 @ 7am as uniforms are going out to be washed with our incredible laundry volunteers on 9-19-23.

9-19-23 Evening rehearsal so bring to school:

- Grey dri-fit
- Black band shorts or appropriate length black shorts
- Black socks
- Black marching shoes
- Water jug filled with ice/water from home
- Instrument, knee pads and any other items stated by directors
- Washed white rehearsal gloves

9-19-23 individual band photos at school

Mr. Peterman is allowing the students to choose either the custom top (black top) or the District uniform (white band jacket) for the students individual band photos on Tuesday during class times; please text 281-840-7774 for any questions on these photos

Please reach out with any questions we can help with pertaining to uniforms by texting/call 281-840-7774 or our email is cywoodsband.uniforms@gmail.com

Thank you,

Bridget, Ashley, Kelly, Kristi, Wendy and Maggie

NOVA/Color Guard

The guard supply bag that the captains carry at events could use a few donations of the following items: Goody "Ouchless" hair elastics in blonde and especially brown and black. Hairspray, tampons, and spray deodorant/antiperspirant. Please send these to school with your child, to be delivered to one of the captains.

The makeup look for the show has been revealed to the team and includes a yellow smoky eye with winged eyeliner. Please purchase yellow eye shadow, long-wearing eyeliner, and face foundation if you don't already have them.

For games/events when we are not wearing our costumes, please make sure your child has the appropriate items for their informal uniforms, including the band shorts and NOVA shirt. Don't forget to pack the poncho, too.

The team looked amazing at our first dress rehearsal Tuesday night! Those yellow costumes just POP and change the whole feel of the show. Now that they have had a chance to perform in their costumes, hopefully everyone has a good idea of the undergarments they will need to feel comfortable and look appropriate. As we noticed Tuesday, dark undergarments really show through the light-colored costume. Here's another reminder about what costume accessories will be needed before BOA Conroe:

- 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 for your help!

Christa and Carolyn cywoodsband.colorguard@gmail.com

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

Pit Crew

I want to say thank you to everyone who has given up their time so far to help build, fix, and "analyze and adjust" with the props but there is still more work that needs to be done. It is now time to put the finishing touches on our props and add vinyl to them. Our workdays for the vinyling of the props will be on 9/23, & 9/24. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to me at 832.287.9470 or at cywoodsband.pitcrew@gmail.com

Thank you.

John M. Fenney
Pit Crew Supervisor

Additional Information & Resources

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>