



JAGUAR BAND AND GUARD PARENT FAQ

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HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?

Calendar: Access the [calendar on our website](#) and follow the instructions to sync the calendar to your phone! (It reads above the calendar: Sync to this Google Calendar by clicking on the + symbol next to "Google Calendar" on the bottom right corner of this calendar.)

We know students don't always pass on information...SO, we highly recommend that families supplement the information your student tells you through the following:

- Follow us on social media!



Johnson Jaguar Band;



@JHS_JaguarBand;



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- **Email:** The primary way the band program shares information is through *CHARMS* emails. So please make sure you check the email that you provided to the *CHARMS* system! Go to www.Charmsoffice.com. *CHARMS* contains the band calendar which is maintained and updated by Mrs. Tracye Mendez, JHS Fine Arts Secretary. To log into the parent/student/member area, the school code is: JohnsonJaguarBand. The password is your students' Hays CISD ID#. Once you log-in it will ask you to change your password.
- **Website:** www.johnsonbands.org or www.johnsonbands.com
- **Remind 101:** Sign up by following the directions below and get up to date texts from our band directors regarding announcements or return times from games!
 - Student Code - Text @jagsmarch to 81010; Parent Code -Text @jagbandpts to 81010
- **Newsletter:** Jaguar Band Boosters prepare and send out a weekly newsletter in which you will receive a lot of information in preparation for the week ahead. The weekly newsletter is shared via Charms email and Facebook on Sunday evening.
- **Section Parent and Student GroupMe:** Here is where you can ask all the questions! Parents can connect to other section parents - just have another section parent add you to the Group...OR go to our [website](#) and find your parent section lead (PSL); students should contact the appropriate SLT member and ask to be added to the Group!

WHAT ARE THE FEES?

Band (Winds and Percussion):

The fee for all band (wind and percussion) students is \$375. For students who use a school-owned instrument, there is an additional \$125 fee. The Band fees cover many items, including competition tops and new student summer uniforms and shoes.

Color Guard:

The fall fee for guard students is \$500. The guard has two competition circuit seasons, fall season with the marching band and winterguard season which begins at the end of November. The winter guard



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fee for students is \$200 and is due in January. The guard fees cover many items, including competition costumes, summer uniforms and jazz shoes, gloves, and unitards for new students.

The Band and Guard fees also help offset some of the actual cost of the marching competition drill and music arrangement, field props, marching techs, and master classes. Families can pay (or begin paying) on [Revtrak](#) or give cash/check to Mrs. Tracye Mendez. You can contact Mrs. Mendez or the directors if you would like to set up a payment plan. The boosters are also available for any financial assistance that might be needed. We never want money to be a reason a student cannot participate!

Meal Plans: The Boosters provide the students with the OPTION of purchasing a meal plan for summer band and game days. *Competition meal plans are required.*

The Summer Band Meal plan deadline passed but we are always willing to accommodate if you are interested. The Summer Band Meal Plan is \$185.00 and will feed you for all the days of summer band. Email mealplans@johnsonbands.com.

Game Day meal plans that feeds you for all football games whether in town or out of town

- Deadline is August 12th
- Cost \$80

Competition Meal Plan that will provide a meal for every competition including UIL (this is mandatory)

- Deadline is September 10th
- Cost \$100

All meal plans can be purchased online at <https://www.johnsonbands.com/meal-plans> or by cash/check to Mrs. Tracye who will make sure we get it. If you prefer to pay with cash or check or would like to set up a payment plan, please complete the form that can be found on the Johnson Bands website meal plan pages and turn in to Mrs. Mendez prior to the deadline or contact us directly.

FALL MARCHING SEASON

The Jaguar Marching Band consists of three primary sections – the “winds”, the “percussion”, and the “colorguard”.

BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSAL

These rehearsals are required. Please note that the marching field is a classroom! You are welcome as a spectator at any time, but please do not go onto the field expecting to talk to your child (unless it is an emergency).



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BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM

This is a program, run by the band student leadership team (SLT), that partners up incoming freshman with an upperclassman in the band. The older student offers encouragement, support, and advice on how to best navigate band membership. Traditionally, on game days or other special occasions, the “siblings” exchange some type of small gift. These are not elaborate gifts! An ice-cold drink, candy, etc. are all nice gestures!

DISMISSAL FROM REHEARSAL

Directors will maximize UIL practice rules by having students rehearse until the end of rehearsal time. However, please know that sometimes, after rehearsal but before dismissal, it is necessary that directors provide information about the following day, week, or upcoming event. In addition, please know that, before dismissal, it is a tradition that band student leaders (drum major and section captains) lead the students in a closing ceremony chant of spirit and pride! *Dismissal is the time when students are finished with rehearsal and the spirit closing.*

Students must then return to the band hall to properly put up their instruments. This entire process should take no longer than 15 minutes. It is recommended to schedule your pick up time accordingly. For example, if rehearsal ends at 7:45pm, plan on picking up at 8pm. Please note that once students have returned to the band hall, they often linger to chat with each other before heading out to the pick-up line.

DISMISSAL AFTER GAMES

Students are dismissed once they have:

- Listened to announcements from the Directors,
- Put away their instruments and equipment *properly*,
 - Large instruments, guard and percussion must assist in unloading equipment truck.
- Turned in their uniform, hung up *correctly*.

This entire process should take about 30 minutes AFTER arrival back to Johnson HS.

FOOTBALL GAMES

Football games are mandatory. Parents must purchase tickets to attend both home or away games, although game attendance is by no means required. You can pick up your student at JHS after the band returns from the game site. For home games, this pickup time is generally between 10:30 - 11pm. Away game pick-up times depend on where the game was played and how long it takes the bus to return to school. Stay updated on Remind 101!

MARCHING COMPETITIONS

To be a successful band parent, it is most important to be POSITIVE, PATIENT and FLEXIBLE!



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UIL - This competition uses judging criteria that covers musicianship (tone and performance) and marching (drill and execution). There are 3 judges. They will assign 1 of 5 ratings: Division I (Superior), Division II (Excellent), Division III (Average), Division IV (Below Average), Division V (Poor) using a UIL rubric. Judges are located in the stands/press box. Times are announced as the competition date gets closer.

FESTIVALS - (Rocket Review, US Bands, Bands of America (BOA)) These festivals use judging criteria that provides separate scores for various categories that include Music performance, Visual effect, General Effect/Design, Percussion, and Auxiliary Unit (color guard). Judges are located both in the stands/press box and on the ground. Each performance time is announced by the host as the competition date gets closer.

LETTER JACKET AWARD SYSTEM

Receiving a letter jacket is a visible indication of dedication, personal achievement, and loyalty to the goals of the band program. Jackets will be ordered for and presented to Seniors who participate in band (or color guard) for their full four years (eight semesters). Students who do not participate in band or color guard for their entire Senior year must return their letter jackets before being cleared of obligations. See the official STUDENT handbook for more information.

SPIRIT SEND-OFF

Our Jaguar band community likes to send our team off in style! On marching competition days, the Jaguar band community gets together at an announced location to wave signs, etc. as the students pass by on the buses. Keep a lookout for sign-making parties and times to meet for send off on competition days!

UNIFORMS - MARCHING SEASON

COMPETITION UNIFORM - It has become increasingly common for high school marching bands to wear a show top specifically designed to represent the show theme and add to the general effect of the show. These shirts are used primarily for competitions and are provided by the band program.

FORMAL UNIFORM - The uniform issued by the band and kept at the school consists of black overall-like pants, called "bibbers", a band undershirt (2 options - director's choice), jacket, gloves and could include a shako hat with plume and decorative piece. Band fees include the cost of gloves, black band shoes, and the "summer uniform" for new students. If returning students need to replace any of these items, they must purchase them. *All students must purchase LONG black socks, black*

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belt, and black compression shirt and shorts.

SUMMER UNIFORM - This uniform is covered by band fees for new members and is provided by the band program. The uniform includes khaki shorts, black band polo, and black band marching shoes. Summer uniform items that must be purchased by families are black belt and NO SHOW black socks. Email mealplans@johnsonbands.com

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT)

The Student Leadership Team currently includes the drum majors, captains, instructional team, administrative team, and guard council. To become a member of the SLT, students must apply and interview. Interviews are conducted by other directors invited by the Jaguar band directors. When selecting the SLT, band directors consider attitude, attendance, musicianship, participation, academic eligibility, and demonstration of leadership. SLT members must re-apply for positions each year. Please know that as the band grows in size, so too might the SLT and the positions available. Those decisions are at the discretion of our band directors. Application packets will be available in the Spring.

SPRING CONCERT SEASON

CONCERT BANDS

During concert band season, students play in different groups: Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, and Percussion Ensemble. Students audition for concert band placement in the spring. Although concert performances take place primarily in the spring, concert bands meet every day throughout the school year during their assigned class period.

Extra rehearsals may be called at any time for marching band or concert bands. For example, each ensemble may have a weekly sectional rehearsal during concert season. Flexibility regarding scheduling is important. Your support and understanding is greatly appreciated and is necessary for the success of the program.

CONCERT UNIFORMS

All students will be issued a concert uniform. This will either be a black dress or tuxedo pants, jacket, and a white dress shirt. Students will be required to provide black dress shoes and black socks (if wearing pants).

WINTER GUARD

Winter guard is an extracurricular indoor color guard activity (November-April) that is performed in a gymnasium or other indoor arena. Performances make use of recorded music rather than a live band.

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