



University High School Band

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Dear UHS Band parent/guardian:

We feel it is very important at the University High School Band to have open lines of communication. While it is not always easy, we do our best to communicate clearly with students, parents, and middle school directors.

We have put together this packet to notify parents of the most important information concerning upcoming information, events, dates, and fees that are due.

Summer Calendar

We have attached a band summer calendar to this packet, which includes all of the important dates and times for the upcoming summer band sessions. This calendar was distributed to all UHS band students, all middle school students and directors, and has been available on www.uhsband.net since mid-March.

While the majority of band rehearsals will take place at the new University High School, we will hold a one-week day camp August 3-7 from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm at Camp Muffly. We will again provide shuttle bus service between University High School and Camp Muffly.

Summer Band Attendance

All incoming freshmen (including those marching in parades only) attend freshman camp July 22-24. All band members (including those marching in parades only) attend basics camp July 27-31. All other rehearsals are for members participating in the field show.

Website

The UHS Band Boosters maintain a website for the specific purpose of communicating dates, times, events, recognizing student accomplishments, downloading band forms, etc. The address is www.uhsband.net. Most important information can be found in the "Director's Comments" section at the bottom of the front page of the site.

The band website has gotten over 45,000 hits since it was last overhauled, and has become the primary source for disseminating information. If you have questions, you should always check the website first if possible.

Email

The band has an e-mail listserv set up for announcements concerning boosters meetings, important dates, etc. On the student health form (included), parents will be asked for a reliable e-mail address to which the band can send this information.

While we do not mind sending information to student addresses, we have found it much more efficient and effective to have parents receive these e-mails. We have also found that many parents appreciate the fact that important information is sent directly to them.

Fees

Band is an expensive activity. We do all that we can to keep fees to a minimum, but with little help from the state, county, or school levels, there are certain expenses that must be covered by band students in order for the band to operate.

Below is a list of the most common expenses associated with the band, along with their due dates:

FEE	COST	DUE DATE
Band Camp Deposit #1	\$36.00	3/27/09
Band Camp Deposit #2	\$36.00	4/27/09
Band Camp Final Payment	\$36.00	7/27/09
Uniform Rental	\$40.00	<i>when uniforms are distributed</i>
Tux/Gown Rental (Wind Ensemble only)	\$40.00	<i>when tuxes/gowns are distributed</i>
Uniform dry-cleaning deposit (returnable)	\$15.00	<i>when uniforms are distributed</i>
School instrument rental (if applicable)	\$25.00	<i>when instruments are distributed</i>
Replacement band t-shirts (first one is free)	\$10.00	<i>when shirts are ordered</i>
Sectional shirts (not required)	\$10.00	<i>when shirts are ordered</i>
Band shoes (available at O.B. Fawley's)	\$30.00	

Camp fees must be paid in full prior to the start of camp in order for students to participate in the UHS Band. (Parade only marchers do not pay a summer band or band camp fee.) If you have difficulty paying fees, please contact a director. The boosters have a program available to assist families with some fees, if necessary.

Contact Information

Of course, there is much more information than we are able to cover in this packet, but we hope we have answered the most common questions. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the directors at the numbers and addresses listed below:

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL
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We hope that this information is helpful to you and we look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Sincerely,



Mark S. Palmer
Director of Bands