

## **Royal Pride Band Information**

### **Summer band:**

Summer band is a **requirement** for all band members. Drumline comes for 3 weeks, the rest of the band for 2 weeks before school starts (July-August). This is set every year the same weeks. Please do not schedule family vacations, doctor visits, and such during these times. We will be teaching the students the fundamentals of marching, how to read drill sets, the music for our half-time show and stand tunes. Each day of this builds on the previous one so it is vital that they are there each day. If you student misses a day, it requires the whole band to go back and relearn the drill. They must wear tennis shoes, no sandals, flip-flops, boots, dress flats or other shoes will be accepted. They can wear shorts and t-shirts but must fit CCS standards. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also a good idea to wear.

### **Band Class:**

Band is 1<sup>st</sup> hour, and starts at 7:20a.m. Student will report to the bandroom and will be transported to the school after class.

### **Fall Band Season:**

Football games: These are played on Fridays, and occasionally a Thursday. We go to all varsity football games home and away. There are usually 10 games in a season plus any playoff games. We start the third week of August and end the second weekend in November unless we have playoffs. We march at halftime at all games except playoff games. Every game is a performance (100 points) grade and is required for all students. We are here to support our school, and we have a fun time doing it. These performances also are good practice for contest. There generally are not a whole lot of extra practices for the band outside of the school day. There may occasionally be an extra rehearsal...but that is very rare. **HOWEVER**, the drumline students meet early on game days, as determined by the director, usually only by 15 to 20 minutes. Students are required to travel with the band, to and from games. Alternate arrangements need to be requested in writing 24 hours before the game day for planning purposes and are subject to the approval of the director.

Contest: We will go to OSSAA regional marching contest. We may also go to another area contest. These vary and will be scheduled year to year.

### **Spring Band Season:**

Basketball band: We attend HOME, varsity basketball games during the months of January and/or February.

### **Concerts/Contest:**

Concert Band Contest: We will attend OSSAA regional Marching Contest in October. We also attend OSSAA district contest. This contest happens in March. It will be a contest during the school day. If we qualify, we will go to State Contest which also is in March. We are gone during the school day for these competitions. We also play at the Christmas Concert and Spring Concert.

**Financial:**

- The students pay a band fee as you did in elementary band. The Band fee is \$100 for the year. There is a \$50 per semester instrument maintenance fee for any student playing on CCS band equipment.
- They are also required to purchase a Windsuit uniform package. This comes with a Windsuit (coat and pants), t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, ball cap, socks and backpack.
- They must also purchase a pair of marching shoes and gloves.
- There are various times we will have your student bring money with them for meals when traveling to away football games and contest and such.

**Uniforms:**

Each student is required to purchase the before mentioned Windsuit uniform. We wear these to away football game, basketball game, and game days. They will also be issued a CCS formal band uniform that will be worn for all home football games (unless it rains), concerts, and contest.

**Grading:**

We grade on a points-based system. They receive 2-3 daily grades a week worth 10 points each. By the end of the nine weeks this ends up being around 200-300 points of their 9 weeks grade. Students absent on the day that daily grades are given without a doctor’s note or pre-approved absence through the school will be given a zero for that daily or performance grade. This is in alignment with the CCS grading policy and has been approved by the administration. There are no makeup grades for performances. All marching performances and basketball games are worth 100 points. Concerts and contest are worth 150 points. There are no practice cards. We do chair tests in the spring semester for chairs for a grade. Other grade opportunities will be pop quizzes, scales and various other test in the spring semester. Those tests will vary in point totals appropriate to the test itself.

You can see missing a game or performance will drop your grade dramatically. There are obvious exceptions like death in the family, weddings, or documented illness. Getting a “Preapproved Absence” from the office does not excuse a student from a performance. These must have prior notice to the directors. In those cases, the students will receive an “absence or ‘A’” in place of that grade which will not count for them or against them. Church youth functions, retreats, birthday parties, and vacations are not excused absences. We try to work with families, but please remember we are also responsible for the well being of the entire band and do our best to be consistent with all students. Your student being there is vital to our success as an organization and we don’t have a second string. They are ALL important.

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**Please sign this form acknowledging that you have read and understand the band handbook and return it to the band directors.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_