

PANTHER REGIMENT FOR ROOKIES

A crash course for Rookie Band Parents

AGENDA

- Welcome!
- Introductions
- Program Information
- Basic Calendar Information
- Basic Supply Information
- Next Steps

STAFF

- Brad Allen - Director of Bands
- Gordon Janda and Chris Martinez - Assistant Directors
- Chad Murray - Director of Percussion
- Marina Attaalla - Colorguard Director
- Middle School Directors
- Private Lesson Teachers/Student
Teachers/Technicians/Clinicians and Mentors

MISSION STATEMENT

- Be Present. Be Kind. Be Superior, Always. Work Hard. Make Memories

CORE VALUES

- We Use Music and Band to...
 - Create Positive, Life Changing Experiences
 - Create Lifelong Music Appreciators
 - Create Contributing Members of Society and Good Citizens
- Music and Band is...
 - A Safe Place
 - A Family
 - Educational through Performance and Competition
 - Local, Regional, State, and National Levels
- FUN through fellowship, hard work, performance, and competition!
- Check out our website for MORE values!

PAST SUCCESS

State Marching Contest - 4 times

BOA Finalist - multiple times

UIL Area Finalist - multiple times

Consistent UIL Sweepstakes Award winner

National Wind Band Honors Commended Winner - 2 times

Regional Winner and National Finalist for William P Foster Award

56 All State Band Members

THE WHY...

- Our student performers are the BEST!
- Largest Co-Ed organization at FRHS
 - 200+ strong!
 - “Built in” FAMILY from day 1
- Creating Leaders for NOW and the FUTURE
 - Time Management
 - Rigor and Grit
 - Opportunities
- Dozens of performances each year!!
 - Varsity football games
 - Contests and concerts
 - ...and more!
- Travel!
 - Disney, Midland, San Antonio, South Padre Island, St. Louis, Branson, and more!

OUR PROGRAM

- Offerings:
 - Panther Regiment Marching Band
 - 4 Concert Bands
 - Jazz Band
 - Percussion Ensembles
 - Chamber Ensembles
 - Colorguard and Winterguard
 - AP Music Theory
 - AND MORE...

OUR PROGRAM

- “Arc” of the Year
 - Marching Band / All State Preparation
 - All State Auditions / Winter Concert Music
 - UIL Music / Chamber Music / Winterguard
 - Spring Concert Music / Solo and Ensemble Music / Graduation Music / Fall Audition Preparation
 - Marching Band
 - REPEAT

There's no “off season” in band - and we like it that way!

HOW IS BAND THE SAME AS MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- All Region Process
- Solo and Ensemble Recitals
- Winter and Spring Concerts
- UIL Concert and Sightreading Evaluation
- Before and After School Commitments (Sectionals, etc.)

HOW IS BAND DIFFERENT FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- Marching Band - Summer and Fall Events
- All State Band
- Color Guard
- Percussion Events
- More Travel
- Band Banquet and other socials!

COMMON NEW MEMBER FAQ'S

- Can I do band and other activities?
 - YES - we support well rounded students and get along well with the Coaches and Sponsors at FRHS. Collaboration and Communication!
- Can I take AP courses with academic rigor?
 - YES - our program has been full of merit scholars, top 20%, attend Honors Colleges, etc. We have the “best and brightest” on campus and a network of study buddies!
- Is marching required? Is concert band required?
 - YES - both activities are part of our yearly curriculum!
- What do double reeds (oboe and bassoon) do in Marching Band?
 - While you will continue to focus on All State Music on your primary instrument, you can play synthesizer in the front ensemble, or you can march and learn the basics of another instrument, or spin with the color guard! What do YOU want to perform?
- Do I fulfill graduation requirements by being in Band?
 - YES - You get a Fine Arts and PE credit for participation!
- What is the financial obligation?
 - While not “free” - we pride ourselves in honoring your investment with amazing experiences at a competitive amount!
 - More financial information in May...

BAND FEES

- Payable to FRHS Band
 - Band Participation Fee - \$275-\$400 July-October
 - Instrument Usage Fee - \$100 / \$40 (free/reduced lunch) May

- Payable to Boosters
 - Required Apparel - \$150 - \$300 (first year is most expensive) May
 - Competition Meals - \$50 May
 - Game Day Meals (optional) - \$110 May

- On your own
 - Miscellaneous items - black socks, sunscreen, instrument supplies, flip folders, binders

SPRING DATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- MAY CAMP - May 15, 18, and 19
 - All Band Members
 - Woodwinds, Brass, and Percussion
 - Percussion and Guard - extra camps in June and July - stay tuned!
 - Playing rehearsals
 - Please consider this “required”
 - Parent performance on May 19
- Band Registration - May 20

SUMMER RUNNING CLUB

- Marching Band is a physically demanding activity. Look for information from student leaders to organize a running club through the summer weeks to help better prepare students for the demands of marching.
- A great way to stay in shape, be connected, and “get ahead” before Band Camp starts in late July!

SUMMER BAND CAMPS

- Percussion - Week of May 30 and July 17
- Guard - Week of July 17
- Band Camp - July 26 until school starts
 - Details TBD
 - Plan on a morning and afternoon session (possibly an evening and/or Saturday)
 - Critical learning time - skill building and learning your show!
 - Sets up for fall semester successes!
- Much more information in late May
- Keep an eye on the calendar! We try and do “mostly” corresponding activities to previous years.
- Please consider this “required”

Marching Band Weekly Schedule

August 30 - November 2

Monday: 4:30 - 6:30 rehearsal

Tuesday: 4:30 - 6:30 rehearsal

Wednesday: 4:30 - 6:30 rehearsal

Thursday: 4:30 - 6:30 rehearsal

Friday: *Football Games

Saturday: Contest Performances!

**Some football games are on Thursday nights and the schedule is adjusted those weeks.*

***Summer Band Schedules from July 27 - August 30 are discussed later in the presentation*

PHYSICALS

- Required by law for all members every year
- Must be submitted before participating in rehearsals
- Forms and upload link can be found on our website

NO PASS NO PLAY

House Bill 72 - this is a state law - not a district policy

If a class is failed, the student:

- Cannot participate in extracurricular activities
- Must still attend all marching band rehearsals
- Can regain eligibility, and the right to participate, but must be passing ALL classes. It is often too late for re-entry into the competitive show, but participation with the band is still expected.

The opportunity for weekly performance is a motivating factor for academic achievement for marching band students, since only by maintaining their eligibility can they continue to perform. As a result, the directors have documented the fact that the least number of ineligible band students during the year occurs during the marching season.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

1 - Symphonic Band

2 - Concert Band 2

3 - AP Music Theory

4 - Wind Ensemble

5 - Wind Ensemble

6 - Colorguard

7 - Percussion

8 - Concert Band 1 / Percussion

FRHS Band Boosters

WHAT ARE BAND BOOSTERS?

The Band Boosters is a non-profit organization comprised of **ALL** parents/guardians of band students that exists to support the operations of the band, including the Panther Regiment. Specifically during the marching season, the Band Boosters oversee:

- feeding the students before football games and on competition days
- securing volunteers for events
- contributing financially to support the mission/events of the band

PARENTS

DID YOU KNOW IT TAKES
AROUND 70 VOLUNTEERS TO
SUPPORT THE REGIMENT
DURING A FOOTBALL GAME
OR COMPETITION?

- 4 Feed the Regiment Volunteers before the game
- 2 Water Jug Volunteers before the game
- 6 Bus Chaperones
- 12 Pit Crew Members
- 12 Prop Crew Members
- 6 Plume Volunteers
- 4 Mirror Volunteers
- 4 Flip Book Volunteers
- 2 Merchandise Table Volunteers (home games only)
- 6-10 Concession Stand Volunteers

**See the Volunteer List for explanations of each volunteer job.

WHERE CAN I VOLUNTEER?

As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to support such a great band!

We understand and support that everyone's available time to volunteer is different.

Some volunteer positions are better served by people who can make a regular commitment to serve every game in the same position.

Other positions are more simple and can be done by any person who can only volunteer once or twice a season.

Most volunteer positions require a combination of people who can help regularly as well as those who can only help once or twice.

VERY LITTLE TIME:

- Plumes/Mirrors
- Flip Books during half time show
- Icee Pops during marching practice
- Uniform washing
- Water jug volunteers

A LITTLE MORE TIME:

- Bus chaperones
- Merchandise Table
- Feed the Regiment

EVEN MORE TIME:

- Pushing Props on Field
- Loading/Unloading the truck
- Pushing Pit Equipment on the Field
- Concession
- Serve on the Booster Board

FOOTBALL GAME VOLUNTEERS BY SECTIONS

Starting the 2023 marching season, each section will be assigned a football game. Parents/guardians/family members of those sections are asked to make sure all volunteer spots for the concession stand are filled for that game. Any spots needing to be filled will be the responsibility of the section for that week.

It is important that every family has a least one or two people that fill out the KISD Volunteer Form. This form becomes available toward the middle of June on the KISD website and is required to be a volunteer around students.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

BOOSTER FEES

The new membership fee of \$50/family is an important element in supporting the band program through the year. The Panther Regiment is growing in both size and success. The Boosters are a support system that help handle many tasks so directors can focus their attention on the students. We also supplement the rising costs of developing an award winning band program. The membership fees along with fundraisers enable the Boosters to pay for items such as truck rental and fuel for traveling, prop building, Band Banquet, Senior Scholarships, meals during marching competitions and other costs not covered by district funding.

The Boosters also help collect fees for marching band supplies and meals as outlined in the next few slides.

BOOSTER LEVELS

\$50 LEVEL (minimal required level)

- Competition Meals for one student (*additional students are \$40 each to cover meals*)
- Car Decal

\$75 LEVEL (includes a \$25 donation)

- Competition Meals for one student (*additional students are \$40 each to cover meals*)
- Car Decal
- Portrait Button

\$100 LEVEL (includes a \$50 donation)

- Competition Meals for one student (*additional students are \$40 each to cover meals*)
- Car Decal
- Portrait Button
- Yard Sign

MARCHING BAND SUPPLIES

Each Regiment member must purchase items that must be worn with the marching uniform. This includes a water jug, competition shirt, practice shirt, shorts, gloves, and black marching shoes. In 2022 it cost around \$150 to purchase the minimum of all items without including extras or optional add-ons. These items are ordered in May or August online through the boosters. Opportunities are available to try items on before purchasing to make sure the correct size is ordered. These items can be reused each year as long as they remain in good condition.

MEALS

COMPETITION MEALS: This is a required fee that pays for the students to be fed on competition days. Competition Meals for one student are covered in Booster Fees. For families with multiple band students, each additional student is \$40 each.

GAME DAY MEALS: This is an optional fee that allows you to purchase meals for your student to eat after school but before the football game. This fee is paid to the Boosters and in 2022 it was \$110.

Students are not allowed to go home between school and football games, so if Game Day Meals are not purchased, a meal must be brought up to the student at 4:00pm.

LESS WORDS, PLEASE!

MAY/JUNE: \$300-\$610

\$150-\$300 for Apparel *First year is the most expensive*

\$50-100 for Booster Fees

\$110 for Game Day Meals *optional*

\$100 for instrument usage fee *Not required for all students*

JULY/AUGUST: \$425-\$525

\$50 for Misc. Supplies

Flip book, sunscreen, black socks, etc.

\$375-\$475 for Band Fees

COMMUNICATION

-BAND APP:



-Email:

Boosters: frhsbandboosterboard@gmail.com

Directors: Brad.Allen@kellerisd.net

-Remind:

Enter this number: 81010 to text this message: @frhsband23 to sign up for real-time volunteer updates at football games and competitions.

CONNECTIVITY

- Important dates and information will be posted on:
 - www.fossilridgeband.com
 - Weekly newsletters
 - Band App
 - Instagram, Twitter
- Summer and Fall Calendar time blocks are slowly being added to our website
 - Stay involved and stay informed!!
- Band does take time - but anything worthwhile takes time and effort!!!

NEXT STEPS

- Be sure your student signs up for BAND! If they haven't already, they need to reach out to their counselor.
- Students are placed into bands based on their auditions
- Get a physical - May 10 at FRHS
- Attend May Camp, Band Registration, and beyond!
- Try it! We have a place for you in the FRHS Band
- Questions? Email Mr. Allen at brad.allen@kellerisd.net

Thank You!