

WELCOME TO THE



2020-2021 COPPELL BAND

COPPELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND
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2020-2021 New Member Information Guide

Congratulations on your decision to be a part of the Coppell Band.

Band is one of the most enjoyable and spirited high school organizations, and it is arguably the hardest-working organization and most award-winning in Coppell ISD. The Coppell HS Band program is currently ranked among the Top 40 scholastic band programs in the United States. Students in band are respected by their peers and teachers; they are known as the leaders at Coppell HS, and band members rank among the highest-performing students academically in each class.

High school band is drastically different than middle school band. In middle school, you prepared for weeks and weeks for one performance. In high school, we are in a prepare-then-perform mindset. We perform on a weekly basis during marching band season, and many students love the thrill of marching the show in front of a crowd of 5,000-10,000 people in a stadium on Friday and Saturday night. There is, in all honesty, no greater experience.

In Band at Coppell, the physical demands of being a performer are high. Through marching band, students will become physically fit by exercising on a daily basis. All these routines make us stronger physically and mentally and give us a great advantage over our competitors late in the season.

To remain musically “fit”, we strongly encourage private lessons throughout the summer and during school. At this time, over 97% of the students in the Coppell Band are enrolled in private lessons. This experience is one that will strengthen your musical abilities beyond what we’re able to do in class. The one-on-one time you spend with your private teacher will aid in your growth and development as a competent, individual musician.

If you have interests in other areas (athletics, clubs, organizations), we welcome you to do both. You can make it work in your schedule, and we’re happy to help you realize your goals by being a member of multiple teams. We currently have Band students in football, theater, choir, track, tennis, swimming, cross country, basketball, and more. No student at CHS, CHS9, or NTH@C will be made to choose one activity over the other – being a part of the Coppell HS Community is important, and your contributions are valued. Please email us with any questions you have.

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CHS+CHS9 Coppell Band Design Clinics for 2020 Varsity and JV (Required for ALL)

Students will be introduced to basic marching fundamentals, physical fitness processes, dance training, and musical performance practices at these clinics. More details will be sent in the coming months. Students who wish to be considered for a position in the 2020 Varsity and JV Marching Bands should attend as many clinics as possible. Varsity placement can only be earned by presence at all clinics:

Friday, April 3 from 5:00-10:00pm – woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard*

Friday, April 17 from 5:00-9:00pm – woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard*

Friday, May 1 from 5:00-10:00pm – woodwind, brass, percussion, and guard*

** dinner will be provided for all camps.*

CHS+CHS9 Band / Percussion / Color Guard New Member Meeting (for PARENTS and STUDENTS)

Parents are introduced to the program, and meet the staff and student leaders. We will offer an open forum for questions following the meeting.

Monday, May 11 from 7:00-8:30pm (Coppell HS Band Hall)

Start-of-Summer Percussion Camp (Required for Percussion)

Start-of-Summer Percussion Camp will introduce students to the drumline, secure positions for the Fall season, and aid in individual development over the coming weeks of break.

Tuesday, May 26 through Saturday, May 30 from 10:00am-9:00pm (bring meals)

End-of-Summer Color Guard (Required for Guard)

The Color Guard members meet for one additional week of camp in late July. Students work on fundamentals and begin show design during this portion of the summer.

Wednesday-Friday, July 22-24 from 10:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

Monday-Tuesday, July 27-28 from 10:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

Fundamentals Camp (Required for ALL)

Fundamentals Camp introduces all students to the marching and playing fundamentals they will need for the upcoming season.

Wednesday-Friday, July 29-31 from 8:00am-5:00pm (bring a lunch)

Band Registration (Required for ALL)

On this date, students will register for all the band supplies and equipment they need. They will try on shirts, shoes, and sign up for meal choices. Parents attend to complete necessary forms, volunteer, and purchase items.

Saturday, August 1 from 8:00am-1:00pm (specific times vary by grade level/last name)

Summer Band Camp (Required for ALL)

These camp days are the MOST IMPORTANT days of summer for our Band program. Students will learn the marching drill and music for the 2020 competition shows. **Absences are not excused on these days, and students who do not participate will not march in the competition shows.** Rehearsals primarily take place outdoors.

Saturday, August 1 from 2:00-9:00pm (following Registration / bring dinner)

Monday, August 3 - Saturday, August 8 from 8:00am-8:00pm (bring a lunch and a snack)

Monday, August 10 – Tuesday, August 11 from 8:00am-8:00pm (bring a lunch and a snack)

Saturday, August 15 from 8:00am-8:00pm (bring a lunch and a snack)

Saturday, August 22 from 8:00am-8:00pm (bring a lunch and a snack)

Classes Begin at CHS and CHS9

The first day of your Freshman year of high school will be one that you remember forever. Being a part of Band will help that process. You will, as a member of the Band, receive an advance copy of your schedule.

Wednesday, August 12 at 8:50am

2020 Competition Show Debut Performances and Booster Meeting

The debut begins at 8:00pm and is intended for the Band parents and the Coppell Community to have a first-viewing of the Varsity and JV marching shows.

Saturday, August 22 at 8:00pm at Buddy Echols Field/Coppell HS Stadium

End-of-Summer Band Social

To celebrate a successful end to the long Summer Band days, we will host a swim party.

Plan to join us – hang out – and have fun celebrating the beginning of an amazing adventure.

Friday, August 21 from 6:00-9:00pm at Hawaiian Falls in The Colony

JV Morning Rehearsals

Once the school year begins, the Coppell HS JV Marching Band rehearses before school from 8:00-9:45am on the CHS Band Field behind Buddy Echols Field/CHS Stadium. This will take place each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the first 9-weeks. Transportation to CHS9 and NTH@C is provided after rehearsal. Please check the calendar at www.coppellband.com for more specific before and afterschool rehearsal dates and times.

VARSITY Afternoon Rehearsals

Once the school year begins, the Coppell HS Band rehearses afterschool on Mondays from 5:00-8:00pm and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:30-6:30pm on the CHS Band Field behind Buddy Echols Field/CHS Stadium. There are often Project Blocks with selected sections on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30pm. Please check the calendar at www.coppellband.com for more specific afterschool rehearsal dates and times.

Football Game Performances

The JV and Varsity Marching Band alternate between football games, with each performing at approximately 5 games per season. Most games take place on Friday nights, though some playoff games can be on Saturdays. Each performance is an opportunity for us to perform in preparation for our major contests.

Friday, August 28 – VARSITY @ CHS vs. Sachse HS at 7:00pm (Coppell HS Stadium/Buddy Echols Field)

Friday, September 4 – VARSITY @ CHS vs. McKinney HS at 7:00pm (McKinney ISD Stadium)

Friday, September 11 – VARSITY @ CHS vs. LD BELL HS at 7:00pm (Pennington Field in Hurst)

Friday, September 18 – BYE WEEK – No Game Scheduled

Friday, September 25 – VARSITY @ CHS vs. Plano SHS at 7:00pm (Clark Stadium in Plano)

Friday, October 2 – JV and/or VARSITY @ CHS vs. Plano West SHS at 7:00pm (Coppell HS Stadium/Buddy Echols Field)*

Friday, October 9 – JV and/or VARSITY @ CHS vs. Marcus HS at 7:00pm (Coppell HS Stadium/Buddy Echols Field)*

Friday, October 16 – JV @ CHS vs. Hebron HS at 7:00pm (Hebron HS Hawk Stadium)

Friday, October 23 – JV and/or VARSITY @ CHS vs. Lewisville HS at 7:00pm (Coppell HS Stadium/Buddy Echols Field)*

Friday, October 30 – JV @ CHS vs. Plano East SHS at 7:00pm (Clark Stadium in Plano)

Friday, November 6 – JV and VARSITY @ CHS vs. Flower Mound HS at 7:00pm (Coppell HS Stadium/Buddy Echols Field)

* - decisions regarding JV or Varsity Game performances are made once the subsequent competition schedules are completed.

Marching Contest Performances

Marching Contests allow the Coppell Bands to perform our full show for a panel of judges. Most contests are “Prelims-Finals Format”, meaning that approximately 40 bands perform in Prelims, and the top 10 are invited back that evening to perform again in Finals. On these days, it is generally best to plan for a full day of activities.

Saturday, October 3 – JV @ Birdville ISD Marching Contest (Birdville ISD FAC)

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Saturday, October 10 – JV @ Carrollton Tournament of Champions (Standridge Stadium)

Saturday, October 10 – VARSITY @ Bands of America Dallas Regional (Pennington Field)

Tuesday, October 13 – JV @ UIL Region 31 Marching Contest (Birdville ISD FAC)

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Friday-Sunday, October 16-18 – VARSITY @ Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional (The Dome at Americas Center)

Saturday, October 24 – V VARSITY @ UIL 6A Area B Marching Contest (Birdville ISD FAC)

Friday-Sunday, Oct 30 – Nov 1 – VARSITY @ Bands of America San Antonio Super Regional (Alamodome in San Antonio, TX)

Monday-Tuesday, Nov 2-3 – VARSITY @ UIL 6A State Marching Band Contest (Alamodome in San Antonio, TX)

Drumline Contests

The Coppell HS Varsity and JV Drumlines perform at competition before and after the competitive season.

Saturday, September 19 – HEB Drumline Contest (Pennington Field)

Saturday, September 26 – Plano or North Texas Drumline Contest (Clark Stadium OR Forney ISD Stadium)

Saturday, November 7 – Lewisville + Lone Star Drumline Contest (Lewisville/Marcus HS Stadium)