

Chattahoochee High School Band

Annual Meeting

Recap

February 14th, 2017

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A.) GENERAL STATEMENT

It was great to see so many rising 9th Graders and returning students at our Annual Meeting. We would like to recap for you and spread the news to anyone who was not there. It is our intent to give you the most available information we currently have as we progress to the start of the 2017-2018 scholastic year.

OVERALL BAND PROGRAM SUMMARY

I. Concert Band Programs

- A.) All rising freshman, and current students will be placed into one of three band courses or a percussion course. Auditions will occur in late March after Middle School LGPE has concluded. Students will receive the materials in which they need for the audition. If a student opts out of auditioning, they will be automatically placed into the “concert band course” known as “Advanced Band 2”
- B.) Placement results will be announced privately once all students are observed. This is usually by the early parts of April.
- C.) All percussion students, except for those that participate in wind ensemble will be enrolled into a percussion course.
- D.) Currently, to act as a “placeholder” the course verification sheets list all current 8th graders in a “beginning band” course. This again is simply used to assure that students have “band” on their verification sheets produced by Chattahoochee High School.
- E.) A course fee of 150.00 is typically due on September 1st, or the first scholastic day of September. A breakdown of this can be provided. The fee covers: music, instructors, uniforms, food, clinics, honor registrations, equipment upkeep, instrument rental if needed and so forth.

II. Instructors/Directors

- A.) The Hooch Band program utilizes numerous instructors throughout the school year. Please visit www.chattahoocheeband.com to read their bios. Not all staff members have bios listed. We currently have one band director, one brass director, a flute instructor, as well as a reed instructor for the scholastic concert band courses. In addition, the program contracts a Color Guard and Percussion Director. Numerous other instructors are utilized throughout the marching band program as well.

III. Course Registration and Chattahoochee Band Program Registration.

- A.) All current and rising freshman students should complete the registration found at this link. We want to start fresh and be sure we have all the correct information. [Online Band Registration](#). For Chattahoochee High School purposes students will select this as an elective. Recommendations have already occurred and should be printed on the students course verification sheet.

IV. Marching Band Program

- A.) Marching Band/Color Guard The Hooch Marching Band is a competitive program. There is a time and a financial commitment to the program that parents and students need to adhere to. Practices are after school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4pm-630pm. Football games are on Friday nights. We usually travel to 3 Saturday all day competitions during the season.

- B.) The scholastic season, outside of camp commences on the first day of school, and typically concludes on the first weekend of November. In a nutshell, the program lasts the months of August, September and October. It seems to FLY BY!
- C.) The estimate for next year's fee is \$800 which may adjust slightly as we finalize our budget. Your fees cover, instructors, uniforms, instruments, music, meals, all camps, rehearsals, games, and travel expenses. When the budget is finalized it will be made available. A rough breakdown is currently available

V. Winter Color Guard & Indoor Drumline

- A.) Students may elect to participate in this activity during the winter/spring months. In the month of October detailed information will be provided regarding these ensembles.
- B.) These two ensembles are very competitive indoor activities that compete at the local, regional and national level. Rehearsal times are similar to those of the marching band.

Vi. Jazz Band(s)

- A.) Currently the Hooch Band has a jazz program and is instructed by an outside clinician.
- B.) For the 2017-2018 school year, the program intends to hold two ensembles.
- C.) This ensemble will have auditions in mid to late November and will rehearse after school once a week.
- D.) There is no fee for jazz band, however, students **MUST** be enrolled in either marching **or** concert band, or the percussion course to be eligible.

VII. Other Performance Opportunities

- A.) There are numerous small ensemble opportunities that are student directed throughout the year.
- B.) "PIT" orchestra is audition based each year in the spring semester for the Chattahoochee musical.

VIII. GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association) & FCHB (Fulton County Honor Band)

- A.) Students may elect to participate in these ensembles each year. A signup sheet is distributed at the start of the fall semester for students to elect which event(s) they may be interested in.
- B.) Audition fees are handled through the concert band fee.
- C.) Students **MUST** be enrolled in a Chattahoochee Band Program Course/Marching Band for the ability to register them for these events.
- D.) GMEA offers district honor band (held in February) as well as district Jazz band and "All State" bands respectively.
- E.) FCHB occurs in November and is typically held at Centennial High School as a two day event.
- F.) Details on these events are made available at the start of each school year.

C.) DATES TO REMEMBER

I. Audition Dates for Concert Band Courses

- A.) Auditions will occur in late March after Middle School LGPE has concluded. Students will receive the materials in which they need for the audition. If a student opts out of auditioning, they will be automatically placed into the "concert band course" known as "Advanced Band 2"

II. Spring Marching Band Camp

- A.) **May 15th – 18th 4-6pm** – Spring Camp is an afterschool camp for anyone who is interested in Marching band. TRMS students walk up to CHS together after school to attend. There is no obligation or fee. Come try out Marching Band, we promise you will have a good time.
- B.) **July 13th & 14th** – Marching Band Music Camp – Learn the music for the Marching Show.
- C.) **July 17th – 29th** – Mandatory Summer Marching Camp – Plan for your student to be at camp all day on the weekdays, and possibly one of the Saturdays. The schedule will be posted on the website as the time gets closer and we finalize the itinerary.
- D.) Be on the lookout for a “uniform fitting date” for to marching band near the conclusion of the current school year.

III. Financial Dates

- A.) March 1st – [Scholarship Applications](#) for Marching Band/Guard are due. This will be the first year of our new Scholarship Program. It is a need based Scholarship and information is on the application. Students may also see Mr. Garofalo for a scholarship form.
- B.) March 15th – Marching Band deposit is due – this deposit holds a spot for you and is refundable before July 1st if you change your mind. [Pay Online and Payment Information are here](#). Please fill out the Online Registration before paying the deposit. The next payments are due April 15th, May 15th, June 15th, and July 15th. All fees are due before Summer Marching Camp.

III. Current Year High School LGPE (large group performance evaluation)

- A.) This year’s high school LGPE will be held on March 1st at Cambridge High School. Please see the itinerary on www.chattahoocheeband.com for further details. A few chaperones would be great if you could assist. It is an easy gig!

D.) Communication Process

I. Website and Google Calendar

- A.) Your best source for information is our website www.ChattahoocheeBand.com. The [News & Event’s Page](#) and the [Calendar](#) are kept up to date as we get information. During Marching Season, there will be a weekly email Newsletter with News and Reminders. Off season there is a bi-weekly Newsletter.

II. Charms Office Software

- A.) Charms is the software tool that we use to keep track of contact information, financials, and to send out emails and news. Go to www.CharmsOffice.com and our school code is ChattahoocheeBand. This gets you to the public section of Charms where students can find their music and other handouts. Charms also has a private student section where you can view your financial statements and contact information. Go to [More Charms Information](#) for instructions on how to access this section of Charms.

III. Social Media & Youtube

- A.) Like our [Facebook Page](#) Chattahoochee High School Bands
- B.) Follow us on [Instagram](#) @CHS_Bands - #chattband
- C.) Follow us on [Twitter](#) @CHS_Bands
- D.) Check out our new [YouTube Channel](#) Chattahoochee HS Bands

E.) Fundraising

I. Verizon Wireless Amphitheater

- A.) You can offset the cost of Marching Band by fundraising. Funds you raise/earn are put into your students account and can be used to pay band fees and for trips. Verizon is the biggest and fastest way to raise funds. You can earn roughly \$50 for each **person** at each shift working at the Verizon Amphitheater Concession Stand.

II. Scrip Gift Cards

- A.) You can earn rebates that go toward your student's account by purchasing e-gift cards from www.ShopWithScrip.com and using them to pay for your everyday purchases. 100's of retailers like Starbucks, Target, Lowes, AMC, Domino's, the list goes on...

III. Other Information

- A.) Go to our [Fundraising Page](#) to see more details and instructions on how to use both fundraisers to offset your fees.

F.) Getting Involved

- A.) Parent participation is vital to making the Marching Program and Concert Program happen. Show your student your support and encouragement by getting involved. Fill out our [Get Involved Form](#) and let us know how you would like to help.
- B.) There is a current urgent need for help with 2 upcoming events. Please see the following forms for shifts we still need to fill for the [LGPE Orchestra Event Feb 14th-16th](#) and the [SAPA Winterguard Competition at CHS on Feb 25th](#).

G.) Current Nominations

I. Current nominations for next year's Executive Board:

- Presidents – Leesa Robertson and Scott Cullen
- VP Operations – Chase Ashdale
- VP Fundraising – Kenya Taylor
- VP Communication – Kristin Wilson
- VP Uniforms – Leah Haber
- Treasurers – Heather Hale and Erica Greene
- Secretary – Sandra Nuñez

If you are interested on serving on the board next year, please contact Lori Jeneff at Jeneff@fultonschools.org and let her know which position you are interested in. Elections will be held at the General Meeting to be held in March or April. TBA