

# Beginner Band Parent Meeting Agenda

8/27/19

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## Subscribing to the Hudson Band Google Calendar for iPhone

1. Launch Settings app on your iPhone
2. Tap on Passwords & Accounts or Mail, Contacts, Calendars
3. Tap on Add Account...
4. Tap on Other
5. Tap on Add Subscribed Calendar under the Other section
6. Enter/Copy & Paste

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/hudsonhawkband%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics> in the server location of the calendar.

## Subscribing to the Hudson Band Google Calendar for Android Phone

1. From [www.hudsonband.org](http://www.hudsonband.org), click on the Calendar page
2. Click on +GoogleCalendar in the bottom right corner
3. Launch Calendar app on Android Phone
4. Click Settings
5. Check the box to show [hudsonhawkband@gmail.com](mailto:hudsonhawkband@gmail.com) calendar

## Communication

1. Charms is main source
  - a. [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)
  - b. School Code is hudsonsoundmachine
  - c. Password should be "SID#" (example s123456)
  - d. Quick run down of how Charms works and what we can use it for
2. Remind
  - a. Send a text to 81010 with the message @begbandhms for quick reminders
  - b. No app required
3. Website
  - a. [www.hudsonband.org](http://www.hudsonband.org)
    - i. Every handout goes on the website
    - ii. Calendar stays up to date
    - iii. Link to Charms
    - iv. Contact info for staff and private lesson teachers
4. Social Media
  - a. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HudsonMSBand/>
  - b. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HudsonHawkBand>
  - c. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/hudsonhawkband/>
  - d. Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/hudsonband/>
5. Teachers of Specific Classes
  - a. Mrs. Becker – Beginner Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Saxophone, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony
  - b. Mr. Urban – Beginner Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Concert Band, Honors Band
  - c. Mr. Robinson – Beginner Percussion
  - d. **For questions about a class assignment, grade, behavior issue, etc. please begin by contacting the teacher of the class.**
6. Best Contact
  - a. Email is best.

- i. We actively try not to check email at home. Our hours at school are typically 7:45am-5:15pm – only 48 minutes of those hours are for planning, responding to parents, grading, etc. Please understand that we should respond in 24-36 hours unless the situation is emergent. If you do not receive an email response within that time frame, please email again. Occasionally they get stuck in our SPAM folder or accidentally overlooked.
- b. Band Office Phone – (972) 675-3070 ext. 52218
  - i. We rarely are in the office, so almost never hear the phone ring. We will respond to messages.

#### Private Lessons

1. The single best investment you can make in your student's musical progression.
2. \$18/week with a professional on each instrument in a one-on-one setting
3. Sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMF6OAKyCUgQbHOT0tk4jmAADCsMbK6uHXxEJ5IOGoMMZW3g/viewform?usp=sf\\_in](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMF6OAKyCUgQbHOT0tk4jmAADCsMbK6uHXxEJ5IOGoMMZW3g/viewform?usp=sf_in)
4. Scholarships available in 1/2 (\$9) and 2/3 (\$12) increments depending on financial need and other criteria.
  - a. Scholarship form available here:  
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/SchoolFilesNew/HudsonMSB/public/Lesson%20Scholarship%20Application%2019-20.pdf>

#### Grades

1. 4 Categories
  - a. Participation – 25%
    - i. Participating in class appropriately every day

- ii. Having all supplies every day
- b. Classwork – 25%
  - i. In class worksheets
  - ii. PRACTICE LOGS!!!!!!
- c. Tests – 25%
  - i. Playing tests and written tests/quizzes
- d. Projects – 25%
  - i. Performances in class and outside of school

### Eligibility

1. No Pass No Play rule in Texas
  - a. Students MUST pass EVERY class with a 70+ to participate in extra-curricular activities
  - b. ALL STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL CONCERTS AND REHEARSALS
  - c. Competitive events follow no pass no play

### Uniforms

1. Informal uniform – band t-shirt with jeans/dark pants (not joggers, shorts, no rips, etc.)
2. Formal uniform – professional look
  - a. Boys - button down dress shirt with tie, slacks, dress shoes
  - b. Girls - dresses, skirt w/ blouse, dress pants, etc.
    - i. Skirts and dresses that do not go to the ankles (aka maxi dresses/skirts) MUST have leggings/tights worn underneath. NO EXCEPTIONS.

### Fundraisers

1. Vital to the everyday operations of our band program.
2. Minimal budget from school/district
3. Biggest event is Practice-a-Thon – Friday, October 25 from 6-10pm.
  - a. Packets for Practice-a-Thon go home in mid-September

4. Occasional spirit nights at local restaurants
5. Spirit wear, hoodies, possibly more to come this year

### Booster Club

1. Super supportive core group of parents who help our band program in every way possible.
2. Opportunities to volunteer, chaperone, donate, etc.
3. Next meeting is Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm in the HMS Band Hall

### Fees

1. Cover everything your student will do in band for the year with the exception of the optional spring trip to the Soundpost Music Festival and Splash Kingdom water park on May 14.
2. \$75 for Beginner Band
3. Additional district fee of \$50 for school owned instruments – oboe, bassoon, French horn, euphonium, tuba
4. Additional district fee of \$25 for percussion
5. Can pay for whole year at once, 2 payments for fall/spring, or make other arrangements as necessary
6. Cash, check (made out to Hudson Band Boosters), Paypal through Charms, or credit card at meeting tonight

### Forms

1. Grade taken this Friday, August 30 for turning in 4 required forms.
  - a. Handbook Acknowledgement Form
  - b. Field Trip Release Form
  - c. Cost Form (even if payment made later)
  - d. Image Release Form
    - i. Permission to post pictures of band students on website and social media to promote the program as a whole

- ii. Names not shared with pictures
- e. Form to share important medical information or ANYTHING else you think we should be aware of about your student.
  - i. <https://forms.gle/iEiJ2NguxWJkb1cC6>

#### Handbook Overview

<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/SchoolFilesNew/HudsonMSB/public/19-20%20HMS%20Band%20Handbook.pdf>