



Hudson Beginner Band Parent Meeting
Tuesday, August 27, 2019



Welcome to the Family

- Our first priority is to keep your students safe and provide them with a quality music education.
- The band hall is a safe haven and a second home (for band students only).
- We welcome all students into our family 😊



Directors

- Mrs. Heather Becker – Director of Bands
 - Woodwind Beginners, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony
- Mr. Dan Urban – Assistant Band Director
 - Brass Beginners, Concert Band, Honors Band
- Mr. John Robinson – SHS Assistant Band Director
 - Percussion Specialist - Beginner Percussion Class
- Familiar Faces
 - Mrs. Holly Taylor – SHS Director of Bands
 - Mr. Kevin MacDonald – SHS Assistant Band Director

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Calendar

- Calendar posted on band website (www.hudsonband.org)
- Can subscribe to calendar
 - Straight into your Smartphone!
- Participation
 - 100% at every event
 - After school rehearsals
 - Beginners only a few all year
- Calendar set for year with some items TBA in the Spring

Communication

- Charms – www.charmsoffice.com
 - School Code: hudsonsoundmachine
 - Password: sGISD ID# (ex. s123456)
 - Please keep information up-to-date
 - Group emails/texts
 - Payment/Receipts
 - Forms/Handouts
 - Practice Logs
 - Contact Mrs. Becker if trouble with log-in.



Charms Demonstration

- App available for download.
 - Charms Blue - student app
- School code: hudsonsoundmachine
- Password: student ID number
 - After 1st login, Charms makes you change the password.
 - We encourage students to change it to sIDnumber.
 - I can reset passwords if needed. Just ask. :)

Communication – cont'd

- Band Website – www.hudsonband.org
- Facebook page – www.facebook.com/hudsonmsband
- Twitter – www.twitter.com/hudsonhawkband
- Instagram - www.instagram.com/hudsonhawkband
- Pinterest – www.pinterest.com/hudsonband
- Remind - text 81010 - @begbandhms,
@concerthms, @symphhms, @honorshms,
@windsymhms

Private Lessons

- Sign up form in Smore or link in Agenda Handout
- BEST THING FOR YOUR STUDENT!
 - Typically at the top of the class, learn more advanced techniques, help when struggling, etc.
- \$18 per lesson (weekly)
 - 30 minutes before/after school or half the band class period
 - Paid directly to private instructor
- Limited scholarship \$\$ available – application required and due by September 13



Grading Policy

- Participation – 25% (bring your supplies every day 😊)
 - Weekly grade, starts at 100 on Monday
- Tests – 25%
 - Written, playing, equipment checks
- Performances – 25%
 - Based on punctuality and preparedness
 - Can be in class or outside of school
- Daily Work – 25%
 - Practice logs, rhythm worksheets, etc.



Practicing!!!

- All students should be bringing instruments home to practice – DAILY
- Practice Logs
 - Submitted in Charms by Sunday at 11:59pm.
 - 25% of Six Weeks Grade
- What does practicing look like?
 - Posture, metronome, etc.



Supplies

- All Students should have a well-working instrument in class
EVERY DAY
- Instrument Accessories – reeds, valve oil, silk swabs, mouthpiece brushes, reed guards, etc.
- Band Binder
 - White, 1”, Red Name page in front cover
 - 5 dividers, pencil pouch, 2 pencils (pencil pouches and pencils coming soon!!!)
- Band Book
 - Sound Innovations, Book 1 for beginners
 - WS/Honors/Symphonic/Concert provided by band and different books for each ensemble.

Extra Rehearsals

- Beginner Band
 - 1-2 after school rehearsals the week before each concert or contest (October/December/May)
 - Already on calendar.
 - One rehearsal with a piano accompanist before YESE Contest in April.



Performance Opportunities

- All Students
 - Fall Concert (October), Holiday Concert (December) & Spring Concert (May)
- Beginner Band
 - Spring Band Contest (May), YESE Solo & Ensemble Contest (April)
- Concert Band
 - 1 Football Game (October), Solo & Ensemble Contest (February), Spring Contest (April/May)

Performance Opportunities – Cont'd

- Symphonic Band
 - 1 Football Game (Oct.), Solo & Ensemble Contest (February), Pre-UIL (March), UIL (April), Spring Contest (April/May)
- Honors Band
 - 2 Football Games (Sept./Oct.), Solo & Ensemble Contest (February), Pre-UIL (March), UIL (April), Spring Contest (April/May)
- Wind Symphony
 - 2 Football Games (Sept./Oct.), GISD Band Fest (October 7), All-District/Region Auditions (November), Holiday Tour (December), Solo & Ensemble Contest (February), Pre-UIL (March), UIL (April), Spring Contest (April/May)
- 8th Graders
 - 8th Grade Band Night w/ SHS (October 18th)



Eligibility

- Co-curricular
 - Concerts, sectionals, clinics, etc.
 - Students ALWAYS eligible
- Extra-curricular
 - Competitive events – football games, contests, festivals, etc.
 - Must pass ALL classes (70 or above) to be eligible to participate
 - Spring trip requires passage of 5th Six weeks and no in-school suspension during Spring semester
- Eligibility can change every 3 weeks after the first six weeks ends



Uniforms

- Informal
 - Band t-shirt w/ blue jeans/dark pants (pants not ripped or torn, no shorts/capris)
 - Football games, pictures, some concerts, etc.
- Formal Concert
 - Professional/dress clothes
 - Winter Concert, Spring Concert, Solo/Ensemble Contest

Uniforms cont'd

- Contest Uniform (WS/Honors/Symphonic Band)
 - Girls - long black dress, solid black close-toed dress shoes (flats preferred)
 - Boys - black tux pants, red vest & tie, tuxedo shirt, black socks & dress shoes
 - Winter/Spring Concerts, Pre-UIL, UIL
 - All provided by school (except shoes - tux shirts \$14 charged in October)

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Fundraising

- Vital to the financial well-being of our program
- Used for clinician fees, private lesson scholarships, spring festival entry fees, purchasing music, copier maintenance, etc.
- More concert uniforms, more instruments, new percussion instruments
- Fall Fundraiser will be on October 25 - \$20k Goal!
 - Sponsored practice marathon - all participate
 - 6-10 pm
 - Need parents to volunteer/chaperone!
- Spirit Nights

Booster Club

- Opportunity to serve students and band as volunteers
- Best support system for band program
- Meetings @ 7pm in the Band Hall
 - Next meeting is September 12
- Still looking for a VP-Hospitality for the board
 - Talk to Mrs. Becker or Mrs. Butler if interested! :)



Band Fees

- Beginners - \$75 yearly
 - Split into \$37.50 in the fall and \$37.50 in the spring
- Includes: (and more!!!)
 - Band t-shirt
 - Instructional materials
 - Contest entry fees and transportation
 - Meals/Incentive Days
- School-owned instrument usage fee
 - \$50 yearly, or \$25 in the fall and \$25 in the spring
- Percussion yearly instrument maintenance fee - \$25
- Finances are NEVER a reason for students to not participate!

District-Owned Instruments

- Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor/Bari Sax, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
 - \$25 semester usage fee = \$50 yearly
- Must have GISD Music Instrument Usage Agreement on file
 - One for each instrument if you have a “home horn”
 - Will receive next Tuesday
 - Forms due by Friday, September 13th
- GISD does not provide insurance on these instruments – check with your homeowners insurance company

Band Hall Procedures

- Band students with instruments released at 8:40am every day from the gym or cafeteria to put their instruments away before 1st period.
- All students should have a band locker issued to them (by next semester).
 - Keep it locked at all times! (Must use our locks)
 - Locker combos will be in Charms accounts when installed.
- LABEL YOUR BELONGINGS!
- We will play EVERY DAY in class.
- Band Hall closes at 5:15pm. Students should pick up instruments every day to take home and practice.



Discipline

- Will follow school discipline policy.
- Things we are concerned about:
 - No gum, candy, food, drink (except water)
 - Keeping lockers LOCKED/supplies LABELED!
 - Having all supplies in class and rehearsing appropriately
 - No phones out in rehearsal!



Donations

- Things we will never turn down:
 - Reams of copy paper (we make a LOT of copies!)
 - Bottled water (for student meals/performances)
 - Dry erase markers (when we get a new white board...)
 - Paper plates (we also eat a LOT of pizza!)
 - Candy/Trinkets/Stickers for incentives



Thank You!!!

- We are so excited for the year and can't wait to have fun making music with your students!
- We don't say it enough, but we **COULD NOT** do any of this without you.
- You are **VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!!**