

# CREEKSIDE HONOR BAND START UP PACKET

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Dear Honor Band Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer—mine was spent traveling the country with a drum and bugle corps (it's kind of like a professional marching band). I got to teach in a new city every day and really enjoyed watching my students improve and compete all over the country. Needless to say, I am very much ready to be back in the classroom setting!

We have planned a year full of activities your child will find enjoyable and challenging. Since it is important to have all students present for all functions, a calendar of events is printed on back of this letter. If additional events are scheduled, you will be notified as soon as possible. All performances are mandatory, so please mark your calendars.

## Honor Band Overview – You can find more information in the Band Handbook (online)

The Honor Band is our second performing band at Creekside and performs challenging literature appropriate for their skill level. Honor Band students will participate in pep rallies, football game performances, concerts, and contests. Students participating in this ensemble are required to attend weekly sectionals and attend all performances. All sectionals and performances will be coordinated with our athletic coaches and CIS fine arts teachers.

## Communication and Grading

We are continuing and expanding the usage of the Creekside Int. Band website! On this website, you will find all band related information such as calendars, student resources, forms, band director bios, music, band handbook, private lesson information, and more! We will continue to update our website accordingly. You will have the opportunity to download the band calendar and find out how you can help support the band. Alongside the band website, *Charms* and *Remind* are essential for parent communication.

<http://www.cisband.org/>    <https://www.charmsoffice.com/>

Your child's grade in band will be divided into three categories: 1] Daily grades will include 20% band materials and 25% Quizzes/assignments; 2] Major Grades – 50% (Concerts, tests-mostly performance; occasionally written); 3] Reading Assignment – 5% (District requirement for every course).

Weekly section rehearsals are required for Honor Band members. Sectionals in the morning are from 7:45 to 8:45 and sectionals in the afternoon are from 4:15 to 5:15. Sectionals will begin the week of September 3rd. The section rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45-8:45 AM				Flutes, Oboe	Percussion
4:15-5:15 PM	Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba	Clarinet	Saxophone, French Horn	Trumpets	

## Private Lesson Registration

Honor members are encouraged to take private lessons. Students who take private lessons tend to excel faster due to the individualized approach with a master teacher on their specific instrument. You will receive an application for private lessons that must be filled out and returned to a band director in order to take lessons. A detailed explanation of payment procedures may be found in the private lesson brochure.

Before you turn the pages of this packet, grab your favorite beverage, your best pen, a comfy chair, and of course, your checkbook! In this packet you will find:

- o **2018-19 Band Calendar** (on back of this page; keep in a visible place)
- o **2018-19 Handbook Acknowledgement Form** (parent and student please sign and return)
- o **2018-19 Honor Band Fees** (fill out, sign and return with payment)—On back you'll find an explanation of items needed
- o **Band Booster Club Membership Form** (all band students must sign and return; parents wishing to join should attach a separate check)
- o **Parent Consent Form for School-Sponsored Trips** (sign and return)—This mandatory CCISD form will cover all band travels
- o **CCISD Emergency Information for School Activity** (sign and return)—This mandatory CCISD form will cover all band events this year

Please fill out all five sheets and have your child return them by Friday, August 31. *Please accept my sincere apology for all of these forms. Doing all of this at once will eliminate me from hassling your child all year long with various forms. If you need extra time to make the payment, or if you wish to divide the payment into multiple payments, please let me know.*

I look forward to a wonderful year! If you have any questions please call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

Ana Tran  
Director

Thomas Macias  
Associate Director



# CREEKSIDE HONOR BAND CALENDAR 2018-19

August 31: Band forms due\*

September 4: Creekside Open House – 6:30 p.m.

September 6: Fall Booster Club Meeting\*

September 12: Vest/Tuxedo shirt fitting\* – during class

September 19: Play for 8th grade Football Game @ Challenger Stadium\* – after school

October 12: Join Springs HS Band at Football Game @ Challenger Stadium\* – for 8th graders; evening time

October 13: Marching Band Festival @ Challenger Columbia Stadium: for 7th/8th grade band students—after school/evening

November 14: Band Picture Day (during band classes; students will need their band uniform – tux shirt, black slacks, black shoes, black socks)

December 3: Winter Concert and Silent Auction\* – 7:00 p.m., Symphonic/Honor/Concert Bands; dress uniform

February 5: Ensemble Concert and Food Flight\* - 7:00pm

March 1: Band lock-in! – all CIS Band students are invited; 6:00p.m.-10:00p.m.

March 5: Pre Pre-UIL\* - 5:45 pm warm-up; 6:15 pm perform; sightread after

March 19: Pre-UIL Concert/Sight-Reading\* @ CFHS - time TBD (most likely during the day)

March 28-29: UIL Concert/Sight-Reading\* @ McAdams JH: date/time TBA

May 10: Spring Concert\* – 7:00 p.m., dress uniform

May 18: Spring trip @ Typhoon Texas Waterpark (optional)

May 20: Begin auditions for band placement for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders\* – during school

June 10-14: Stars & Stripes Band Camp, venue TBD

\*required event

(all events are held at CIS unless otherwise noted)

Other events (dates TBD)

Early September: Band fun day

End of December: X-MAS @ Moody Gardens