

CREEKSIDE SYMPHONIC BAND START UP PACKET

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Dear Symphonic Band Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your summer was awesome—mine was. I spent some wonderful time in the Northwest with my husband, we adopted a dog, I finished up my physical therapy and have regained my strength on my leg, and I caught up on some reading! That slow-paced life style is something I could get used to.

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.

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

The top band at Creekside performs challenging literature. Symphonic 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. On our website, you may sync the band calendar to your own devices: scroll down the home page, locate your child's calendar, slide the scroll bar to the right and click the + sign icon. Through charms, you may access our events and find out how you can help support the band through various volunteer roles.

www.cisband.org 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 Symphonic Band members) and occur from 7:45am to 8:45 am. Sectionals will begin the week of Sept. 3. This sectional rehearsal will continue through Mid-October. We will adjust after that. The schedule will be as follows:

*Oboe & Horn will take place during advisory	*WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY are left open for teacher meetings/duty
MONDAY: Flute/Trumpet	
TUESDAY: Clarinet & Bass Clarinet/Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba/Percussion	
FRIDAY: Saxophone/make-up day	

Private Lesson Registration

Symphonic Band members are encouraged to take private lessons. Our performance schedule is quite demanding and students are expected to learn much of the music on their own. 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:

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

September 28: Region Band Masterclass* @ VLIS - after school (transportation provided, pick up @ CIS)

October 12: Join Springs HS Band at Football Game @ Challenger Stadium – for 8th graders; 3pm-10pm

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

October 20: Region Band Auditions* @ Bayside – required for Symphonic band; all day

October 22: Band Fall Concert* - 7:00 p.m.; Halloween costumes!

November 2/3: Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert*: For those who make the very top chairs at region auditions

November 9: Region Band Concert & Clinic* @ CLIS & CLHS – for those who made the Region Band

November 14: Band picture day – during band class; kids will need formal uniform (tux shirt, black pants, black shoes, black socks)

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

December 6/7: Elementary Tour* – Sym. band only, jeans/band shirt – during school (Ross/Hall/Gilmore Elem.)

February 5: Ensemble Concert and Food Flight* - 7:00 p.m.

February 9: Solo Contest* - exact time TBD

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

March 5: Pre-Pre-UIL* - 5:45 p.m. warm-up; 6:15 p.m. perform; sight-read after

April 2: Pre-UIL Concert/Sight-Reading* @ CFHS - time TBD (most likely during the day)

April 25-26: 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 6th & 7th 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

Early May: UH performance* – Symphonic band only, early evening time requested; dress uniform