



FRENSHIP



TIGER BAND

NEW MEMBER PACKET

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Dear FHS Tiger Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Frenship High School Tiger Band. The directing staff and band leadership team have been working throughout the spring to make sure that next year's band is better than ever. We must all coordinate our efforts as we strive to promote the outstanding band program in the Frenship schools. We must continue to build on the traditions that have been established in the past and develop new ones as we achieve even loftier goals and accomplishments. Last year was great, but I challenge each of you to dedicate yourself to making this year's Tiger Band even better and more memorable.

The Tiger Band recorded its best year ever last year, earning a 26th straight UIL Sweepstakes award with First Division Awards in Marching, Concert and Sight-Reading competitions. This past year we had over sixty medalists at UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition, 86 TMEA All-Region Band members and five Texas All-State Band members.

The combination of a great incoming freshman class and the strong leadership of the upperclassmen can make this upcoming year even better! I would like to challenge every student and parent in our band program to strive for the highest level of involvement throughout the school year. If we all work together with a positive attitude, we can achieve great things.

This packet is comprised of information to help orient our new band members with our procedures and policies. Hopefully, we will address many questions you may have regarding your student's participation in the high school Tiger Band program.

It is important to realize that every individual in our program is vital to any chance of success. Set your goals high and support each other as we accept the challenge to attain each goal together. We are looking forward to a great future as we all work together to continue the outstanding musical traditions of the Tiger Band. It will take each and every one of you to make it happen.

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Upcoming FHS Tiger Band Events New students and Incoming Freshmen

- March 19 8th Grade Parent Meeting at FHS, 7:00 PM
- March 19 Disney Kick-Off Meeting at FHS 7:30 PM
- March 21 Web Store Opens
- April 4 Make-up Meeting for new FHS Band Members
- April 15 Disney Contract Due and deposit of \$250 is due to DC Tours
- April 16 Mandatory HMS Band physicals, 12:00-3:30 PM, \$20.00 Fee
- April 23 Mandatory TVMS Band Physicals, 7:50-11:30 AM, \$20.00 Fee
- April 23 Mandatory FMS Band Physicals, 12:30-3:30 PM, \$20.00 Fee
- April 23 Mandatory FHS Band Physicals, 4:00 PM, \$20.00 Fee
- April 24, 25, 29, 30 Percussion Audition rehearsal, 4:30 – 6:30 PM, FHS Band Hall
- May 1 Frenship All-district Band rehearsal, 2:00 PM, FHS
- May 1 All Percussion Auditions, 5:30 – 7:30 PM FHS Band Hall
- May 2 Frenship All-District Band Concert, 6:00 PM, FHS
- May 6, 13, 20 Battery/Front Ensemble Sectionals, 4:30 – 6:30 PM FHS Band Hall
- May 7, 8, 10, 14 Rookie Guard Clinics, 4:30-6:00 PM, FHS Band Hall
- May 10 Twirler Auditions, 4:30 PM, FHS
- May 17 Spring Game at Peoples Bank Stadium
8th Graders bus to FHS with instruments
Rookie Guard Clinic
School Instrument Checkout
Dinner at the Band Hall
March to the stadium for the game
- May 20 Guard auditions, 5:30 PM, FHS
- May 22 Feature Twirler Auditions, 5:00 PM, Indoor Practice Facility
- May 24 Web Store Closes

- May 28-31 Twirler Camp, times TBA
- July 15-19 Percussion Camp, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, FHS Band Hall
- July 18-20 Guard Camp, 5:00 – 9:00 PM, NGC Gym
- July 22-24 Guard Camp, 5:00 – 9:00 PM, NGC Gym
- July 29, 30, 31 Rookie Marching Band, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- August 1 Full Summer Band rehearsals begin, 4:00 - 10:00 PM
- August 3 Band Extravaganza, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
- August 15 End of camp program at Peoples Bank Stadium
- August 19 First day of school



Some Frequently Asked Questions About the Tiger Band...

If I am in band, can I also play SPORTS?

- **YES!** The band directors and the athletic coaches work together to give students the opportunity to participate in band and sports.
- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE OR THE OTHER.**
- If you are not an athlete, taking band will count for your PE credit.

If I am in band, can I also belong to other student clubs?

- **YES!** In fact, most of the FHS band students belong to a second, and sometimes a third student club! We encourage involvement in other activities.

Do I have to audition for the FHS Marching Bands?

- All band members participate in the Tiger Pride and/or Spirit Marching Bands.

How is placement determined for concert bands?

- There are four performing concert bands at FHS. Concert Band placement is determined through attitude, attendance and auditions.

Is there a Jazz Band at FHS?

- **YES,** there are Jazz Bands at FHS. Auditions are held when school starts. Jazz Band rehearsals are during the Jazz Band class and before/after school depending on instrumentation.

Does the FHS Band travel on special trips?

- **YES!** The Tiger Band takes a spring trip every year. Fundraising opportunities are provided throughout the year to help students offset the cost of the trip. The Tiger Band is well traveled. We have played performances in Texas, Missouri, Colorado, Florida, and Hawaii.

Do band students take band all four years at Frenship High School?

- **Yes!** Band counts for your FINE ARTS, PE and as ELECTIVE credits!! The counselors will help plan your four years of classes to include band.

Will being in band have a negative effect on my other grades?

- **NO.** Passing your classes is of the **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** in the FHS Band. We will arrange peer tutoring to help you with any subject. It has been proven that staying in band helps maintain outstanding grades!

What do bassoon and oboe players play during marching band?

- Since bassoons and oboes are not normal marching band instruments, players may pick from several other choices during marching season. Bassoon and oboe players may chose to play an instrument in the front ensemble, or play another instrument in the marching unit. Players continue to practice and perform on oboe and bassoon for All-Region auditions, solo and ensemble and concert band.

Can I be in Color Guard and band?

- **Yes,** guard members perform with the band in the fall and spring, as well as play their instrument in the concert band ensembles.

Where Do We Begin?

www.frenshipband.com

This is the Frenship High School Band official website. Here you will find anything and everything that you will need for your student. Please notice there is a tab labeled “Store”. Here is where you will purchase all of the required and optional materials for your student. You will also be able to access schedules, game day itineraries and other materials from the site.

The Frenship Band Store will open on **March 21st**. The materials that each band member needs will be manufactured and shipped in time for summer band on August 1, 2019. All purchases must be made by **May 24th** so that materials can be manufactured and shipped in time for summer band. You will receive more information prior to the March 21st opening.

All band students (8th grade – 11th grade) will attend the Frenship Tigers Spring Football Game on May 16. Students who play school instruments will check them out during this spring band event. Incoming freshman band students (or upperclassmen rookies) will attend Rookie Marching Camp on July 29, 30, and 31 at the FHS Band Hall.

Required Items:

- **Rehearsal Gear** – This item will be broken down into three options, order the pair, just shorts, or just the shirt. As a new member it is required to purchase at least the set. This gear is worn for every Monday and game day rehearsal. The shorts will be worn under the uniforms in order to create uniformity, promote comfort and ease for quick uniform changes.
- **Black Show Shirt** – This item is worn by all band members under their uniform on some Friday nights and all competition days. We recommend that multiples be purchased. This is also a GREAT way for parents to promote and support your student(s) in the program.
- **Black Marching Shoes** – This item is a vital piece of the uniform which is designed to be much more than a simple black shoe. These shoes are designed with appropriate support and soles for marching band. Not sold via the web store. Must be purchased locally from Tarpley Music.
- **Black Gloves** – Every member of the marching band, except percussion and guard, wears black gloves. Due to the amount of use these actually get, we encourage students to purchase multiple pairs. They come in sizes S, M, L, and XL. You can never have too many pairs of black gloves!
- **School Instrument Rental Fee**- This fee only applies to Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, Bari Sax, Horn, Baritone and Tuba players.

Optional Purchases:

- **Frenship Band Cap**-This item is great for afternoon rehearsals, parades, afternoon football games, and travel.
- **Band Travel Bag**-This bag is embroidered with the band logo along with the student's first initial and last name. These bags are wonderful for travel and make the bags easily identifiable. They also include a wonderful shoe pouch!
- **Wind Suit**- This is a very important component of the Tiger Band Uniform. Not only will your student be warm and protected from the environment on those cold rehearsal nights and games, they will be comfortable as well. We wear these when there is poor weather in order to help maintain our very expensive uniforms. Students wear these during travel as well. Features will be included in the description.
- **Meal Deal**- Used as a fundraiser for the Color Guard, this option allows you to provide an easy meal for your student during summer band without the hassle! Students will choose from a menu and the meal will be ready and waiting at meal time.

Drumline Required Only:

- Stick and Mallet Fee (not including double-reed players)- This covers the cost of sticks and mallets for each student for the entire year.
- Drumline Shirt-These are shirts the drumline wears at special percussion events and performances.

Guard Required Only: (Unless already own)

- Uniform- Annual themed uniform for fall marching production
- Gloves- Worn to protect hands when manipulating guard equipment
- Shoes - Guard-specific shoes for performance
- Guard Shirt- Guard-specific shirt for travel/performance
- Guard Bag – Individual bag for transportation of guard equipment
- Make up – provides themed makeup, face jewels, etc. for performance. (Not required for male guard members).

School Rental Instruments:

Students who rent a school instrument will check out their new high school instruments on May 17th at the spring band event. A parent or guardian will be required to sign the rental agreement at the end of the event. There is no charge for the summer rental however you will be responsible for any damages or needed repairs.

Summer Band

Summer marching band begins on July 29, 30, and 31 for freshmen and new students. Summer Band for all students will begin on August 1st. All band members will return for the Band Extravaganza on August 3rd. See the online calendar at (www.frenshipband.com) to view the complete summer schedule for the Tiger Band. Complete details and a full schedule will be available later.

It is essential that each student be punctual to each rehearsal. **If you are not able to attend a rehearsal, be sure to notify the directors in writing before the rehearsal.** Students who are not in attendance for Summer Band rehearsals may have limited participation in the ensemble.

What Should Students Expect?

Students should expect to spend a large amount of time outdoors working on marching fundamentals, marching music, stand tunes, and their instrument. Because July and August are usually record high temperature months, we advise the students to follow these guidelines:

- Drink a fairly large amount of water or Gatorade the night before all rehearsals.
- Drink water along with eating a nice healthy breakfast before every rehearsal.
- **Always** eat three healthy meals. With as much energy as we exert on the marching field, every ounce of nutrients counts.
- Bring an ICED **minimum** 1/2- gallon water jug. You may purchase a ½ gallon jug on the Frenship band website or bring your own. Water will be provided for refills!
- Students should **only** wear tennis shoes to marching rehearsals. Absolutely no boots, Toms/Bobs, Converse, flip flops, sandals, or any other form of non-arch supporting shoe.
- Hats, sunscreen, and sunglasses are HIGHLY encouraged. The students will be spending a large amount of time in the sun and these items will help minimize fatigue and exposure.
- All students should have a flip folder with extra pages and music as well as a lyre. These can be purchased at the Jent's or Tarpley's Music stores.
- A set of dots and a pouch will be checked out to each student. These are used for learning drill. The student is responsible for these and, once issued, should bring them to every rehearsal.
- Lastly, your instrument is always a good thing!

Why do we follow these guidelines?

Marching band is a fast-paced athletic activity. Due to the nature of the activity, everything we advise the students to follow is solely to promote the most positive experience possible. By educating the students about the importance of proper nutrition and hydration we help reduce the risk of fatigue. In addition, we educate students about the effects of sun exposure and provide ways to help reduce the effects of heat and sun on the body.

Hydration

The average band student consumes approximately two cases of bottled water per season. In order to help with cost of water bottles we ask that each band student bring at least two cases of bottled water. We use this water at every game, meal or band sponsored event. The easiest way to fulfill this requirement is to purchase the water from the band's web store or you can drop these off in the storage room located in the back corner of the North Rehearsal Hall at the Extravaganza.

Mandatory Physicals

The Texas UIL is now requiring that all Band members are required to take a physical before participating in marching band activities. The physicals will be administered on your middle school campus. Check the Band Calendar for dates and times. The fee for the physical is \$20.00 per student.

Band Extravaganza

The Frenship Tiger Band, in conjunction with the Frenship Band Boosters, kick-off the Marching season. This event will allow parents and students to register in the Charms system, pick-up merchandise ordered online and to get geared up for the new school year!

The band boosters will discuss some wonderful opportunities for parents to be involved. We are always looking for parent help and highly encourage it. Our program functions like a very large family and there are plenty of jobs or ways to help out.

The Frenship Band Boosters is an organization that is designed to help you support your children. Without the dedication and hard work of the band parents, the band would not be capable of achieving the level of success it does. Although the organization's primary contribution is through financial endeavors, the band parents also support the students with band parties, cookouts, sponsored activities, and other events that promote the band's success. Every successful band program across the country has an active and supportive band parent organization. As parents, each of you has special talents to contribute to your child's musical future. Please find out how to put your talents to work by volunteering your service to the Band Boosters organization.

Further membership details and requirements can be requested from any band booster officer. The Frenship Band Booster Bylaws can also be attained by these means. All of this information is available online through the Frenship Band website. The Frenship Band Booster organization meets on the second Tuesday every other month at 7:00 pm in the Band Hall. Check the master schedule for special meetings.

Band Booster Projects

The following are projects currently undertaken by the Band Boosters:

1. Special meals and treats for summer band
2. Designing, building, & providing support for marching band props
3. Staffing the Booster's Grill Team, providing meals for games/contests
4. Scholarships for senior band members
5. Working in the FISD concession stands
6. Providing pit crew and helpers for the marching show
7. Serving as bus chaperones
8. Planning and financing the band banquet
9. Other help, both through labor and financial support

