

Dear Band Parents and Students,

Band Camp will be approaching at the end of July! I am excited and hopeful to continue our aim for normalcy and a successful (with hard work) season! It will not be easy, and I believe with a goal of excellence that we will be successful! This will require hard work from everyone, students and parents! Please consider ways that you may be able to provide, either monetary or service, to the band program and its students.

- Returning members, if there is anybody that can be recruited for this season, reach out to them and invite them to band camp this year! YOU are our best recruiters!
- Check the band website ([towns county high school band.weebly.com](http://townscountyhighschoolband.weebly.com)) for important information and updates, as well as the calendar. Because the calendar is on google calendar, you are able to subscribe to it!
- Add all dates into your personal and work calendars. Ask off work, and avoid scheduling vacations, meetings, and other conflicts during these dates and times. All practices are mandatory.
- Parents: Sign up for your involvement for the upcoming season. This can be from driving our trailer to bringing food. If you feel like you can help in other ways, please contact Mrs. Judd. Because of how early I am making this available, I will be editing this throughout the next couple months. If there are possible mistakes, please email Mrs. Judd.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BAFAF2CA4FE3-parent3>
- Complete and **NOTARIZE** the enclosed Band Registration/Medical Form
  - *Bring it on or before the first Friday of Band Camp.*
  - Medical Form **MUST BE NOTARIZED**. This is to protect you, me, and your student's health! A notary is "to serve the public as an impartial witness in performing a variety of official fraud-deterrent acts related to the signing of important documents"\* Mrs. Thurman can do this (she is not at the school on Fridays), as well as banks and other public services.
- Band dues are \$75 for members.
  - An extra \$25 if a student wants to purchase NEW shoes. There are used/like new shoes available in the band room.
  - Band dues can be paid in multiple installments if necessary. If this is the best option for your family, please discuss this privately with Mrs. Judd.
  - If paying by check, please make checks payable to *TC Band Boosters*.
  - Band dues help to cover the cost of our admission into competitions, marching music, instructors, band shirt, lyres, flip folders, reeds, valve oil, drum equipment, and more.
- Let Mrs. Judd know of any concerns about proper athletic shoes to practice in. **PROPER SHOES ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED. If a student faces the challenge of acquiring shoes, please let Mrs. Judd know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Proper shoes: athletic shoes, preferred covered toes and heel straps.**
- ***READ THE HEALTH TIPS ATTACHED. I want all students to stay healthy throughout this camp and season, and there are ways to prepare. To start, drink water and spend some time outside!!! Get acclimated with the hot weather and stay relatively active. If you have a larger instrument, prepare!***

\*<https://www.nationalnotary.org/knowledge-center/about-notaries>

Band Camp 2022:

Mon, July 18: 12:00- 4:00 Leadership/Set-Up  
Tues, July 19: 12:00- 4:00 Drumline/Colorguard  
Wed, July 20: 12:00- 4:00 Drumline/Colorguard  
Thurs, July 21: 12:00- 4:00 Leadership/New Members  
Fri, July 22: 9:00- 4:00 Full Band  
  
Mon, July 28- 9:00- 4:00 Full Band  
Thurs, July 31: 9:00- 12:00 Full Band  
Fri, August 1: 9:00- 12:00 Full Band  
"Performance" at 12:00

Please remember that Band Camp rehearsals are full band rehearsals and are required for every member of our high school band. Plan ahead so that there will be no conflicts. If you must miss any rehearsal time due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict, please contact Mrs. Judd as soon as possible to discuss the matter. It is very important that we write our marching show for the exact number of people in our band. "Holes" in the drill due to an absence create problems for the entire group. Each individual matters!

After School rehearsals are at 3:15-5:30. This extended time is to fit in sectionals, or small group rehearsals. Any schedule conflicts need to be discussed with Mrs. Judd. Other sports conflicts can be easily managed, the coaches and I can work things out!

Students might decide to add or move sectionals as needed to best fit the group. If there is any change, please stay updated by checking the band website and calendar. Any changes will be made in advance ASAP.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Colorguard Drumline 3:15-4:45	Full Band 3:15-5:30		Full Band 3:15-5:30	Rehearsal (for Home Games) 3:15-4:00

Have a great rest of your summer and see you soon!!

Mrs. Allison Judd, Band Director

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Tentative Calendar:

Please check the google calendar on our website for the most up to date schedule. Errors might be present on this as I do edit previous year's documents.

August 4	First Day of School, Afterschool rehearsals start
August 12	Full Band Parade and Game rehearsal afterschool 3:15-4:45
August 19	Hayesville Away Game
<b>August 20</b>	<b>GA MOUNTAIN FAIR PARADE</b>
August 26	Lake Oconee Academy Home Game
September 2	Union County Home Game
September 5	Labor Day, no rehearsals
September 16	Coosa Away Game
September 21	MARCHING PICTURES, during school
September 26-30	Homecoming week, typically we are in a parade/pep rally that Thursday
September 30	HOMECOMING Greene County Home Game
<b>October 1</b>	<b>Lake Lanier Tournament of Bands</b>
October 7	*REHEARSAL INSTEAD OF AWAY GAME*
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival</b>
October 14	Teacher Work Day Johnson-Gainesville Away Game
October 17	Fall Break
October 21	Warren County Home Game
October 28	SENIOR NIGHT Washington-Wilkes Home Game
November 1	Halloween and Celebration of end of Season 3:15-4:45
November 4	Lincoln County Away Game
November 11	Veterans Day Service During School
<b>November 26?</b>	<b>Christmas Parade</b>

Tentative Fundraisers:

August: Spirit Wear

October: Mercier Orchards Apples and Coffee

If there are any ideas of future fundraisers or acts of service that the band can do, please feel free to email Mrs. Judd. Please keep in mind that most students are involved in other activities and sports.