



Sound and Spirit of Columbus Marching Band July Newsletter

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Words from our Director:

Happy Summer! I hope you and your students have enjoyed this extended time off to relax, recharge, and spend time with family. As we rejoin our band family, lots has been accomplished during this down time to ensure a great season! Music is continuing to be written, Drill has been completed for the music that we have, and our boosters have been hard at work preparing to ensure the kids stay well fed during band camp!

Be sure to check out the "band camp survival" tips our boosters have prepared. Students will be outside for several hours. And while we give many breaks, some students are simply not used to outdoor activity and their tolerance for heat will be quite low. Ensure your student gets plenty of rest at night and is drinking water long after the camp day has ended so they're hydrated for the next day. It's very crucial that all students are in attendance for every day of our camp.

Finally - camp is not just about learning a new contest show. It's about building bonds and friendships that last a lifetime. It's about tenacity and learning that the right way in life is almost never the easy way. Encourage your student to communicate with you, the directors, and their peers about their successes and struggles as the year moves on so we can become a support system for each one of our students.

Let the music begin!

Mr. Muñoz

Words from our Booster Presidents:

Welcome back! I hope that you have had made some great memories over the summer break. I am excited to see what this new year brings! This month, Band season really kicks into high gear with the start of Band Camp! Our show theme this year is called "Ripples of Hope" and my hope is that this year will bring many memories and friendships that will last a lifetime for each of our kids. My hope for parents and staff is that you know you are appreciated for all the hard work, time, and money you are putting into the band and the kids. I overheard a student last year, "Band Camp was one of the hardest things I ever did, but I DID it. Now the band and I am better for it." The band is only made better by everyone working together and bringing your individual talents, on and off the field. I am always available to answer any questions or concerns you might have this year, so please reach out!

See you soon, Rachel Peery, Columbus North Band Booster President

Welcome to the 2nd season of The Sound and Spirit of Columbus Marching Band! I am excited about this year's show theme, "Ripples of Hope". I have many hopes for this year's show, but more importantly, hopes for each band member and staff. My favorite part of returning to band season is the excitement I see in the faces of the students when they are reunited with their friends from other schools. My hope is that those relationships and connections continue to grow over the coming year. I hope that new friendships are formed and that respect and hard work are ALWAYS present on and off the field. I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to the success of this amazing organization by spectating or donating time or resources in various capacities. You are appreciated immensely. Please feel free to reach out, at any time, with questions or concerns.

All the best, Sara Dunlap, Columbus East Band Booster President

Drum Major Camp:

Our wonderful Drum Majors have just come back from spending a week learning how to be the best Drum Majors to our students. We have been unable to send students to this camp for the past couple years, so we are excited to see and hear all that they have learned!

Fundraising:

We just finished up 2 fundraisers at the fair these past 9 days. Students and parents alike worked hard to support our band. THANK YOU!

Kiwanis Chicken Booth: We will let you know when that money comes to the band and how much each student earned for their shifts.

Grandstand Gate: This fundraiser was new this year and money will be going to the General Fund for the band to keep our fees low! As an incentive we offered a drawing each night to win \$50 in band fees or a gift card. Our winners were: Jackson Warren, Santi DeLuna, Ansley Wilson, Erika Meyer, Wendy DeLuna, Madison Valentine, Megan England and Sophie Hill.

NEW Fundraiser:

We are having a CAR WASH! Not just one, but TWO this month (and one next month!) They will be held at Advance Auto on 25th Street (across from the Ice Rink). Each section is assigned to work a day. The first one is **JULY 23rd from 10am – 2pm** that the BRASS section will work. The other car wash dates are **July 30th WOODWINDS** and **August 13th**

PERCUSSION/GUARD. They are also **from 10am-2pm**, so save those dates to come work the car wash fundraiser! We will also be selling a lunch combo (Hot dog, chips and drink) for customers to enjoy while they sit in the shade and get their car washed by our students. The money collected for this fundraiser will be going to the General Fund. We will need people to work the car wash and lunch stand. This fundraiser helps keep our band fees low, so come out to work and support the band and the kids! Bragging rights to see which section brings in the most money!

Drop off, Pick up & Parking:

Drop off your student at least 15 minutes early (30 for pit) for practice. The start time is when they are expected to begin practice.

Pick up your student 15 minutes later (30 for pit) than the listed time practice ends. Times listed are when practice ends, we need to allow time for them to return to the band room to put things away and have a brief section meeting. Some sections take a little longer (like pit) because they have more equipment to put away. **DO NOT** wait for your student to call you to say practice is over. Some students will just sit around and talk. The directors, staff and other parents want to go home as well. If practice is scheduled to be over at 9pm please be at the school by 9:30pm. If your student hasn't come out by then, please come in and we will find out what the delay is.

PLEASE NO PARKING AT THE CURB

For the safety of all, we ask that you do not park at the curb outside the band room. As the season goes on, it gets darker by the end of practice making it even more difficult to see students daring out after practice. We try to put cones out as a reminder, but we are not always able to get them out. Please help us and park in the parking spots. In the long run, you will get out sooner than if you lined up at the curb.

PLEASE NO PARKING BY THE RAMP (at North)

This area next to the band room needs to be clear for the pit to roll their equipment in and out of the building.

Band 101:

Are you a new member? Does this seem overwhelming to you? We want to invite you to a smaller setting where we can simplify the information so you can feel confident to navigate this new band world.

Join us July 14th in the North Choir room (Door 3) at 5:30pm

Band Camp Survival:

Band Camp is two weeks of focused learning of the music and drill for our show. Kids are outside for a lot of the time, so we want to make sure that they are prepared for these two weeks. The week leading up to Band Camp, there are practices starting with the Guard only on Monday July 11th and 12th then the FULL BAND on Wednesday – Friday from 5:30pm-9pm. Start drinking an extra glass of water a day to be ready.

Breakfast will be available for students both weeks through BCSC.

Week 1 of BAND CAMP: Monday – Friday 8am-5pm

This week we ask for First Aid staff for the week with 2 shifts per day. Lunch options for students are: school provided meal, pack their lunch, have someone bring them lunch or they may go off campus for lunch.

Week 2 of BAND CAMP: Monday – Friday 9am – 9pm (Friday till 1pm)

This week we ask for First Aid staff for the week with 3 shifts per day and 1 on Friday. We provide Lifeguard staff for the daily pool times. Lunch and Dinner are planned by the boosters. We ask for kitchen staff for lunch and dinner shifts as well as specific food items are requested in the sign-up link. On Wednesday the kids are welcome to stay later till 10:45pm for a special Ice Cream Social with a DJ that is a highlight of the week for the kids.

Band Camp Survival Kit:

1 Gallon Jug of water (yes, that big!), Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Hat, Cooling Towel, Bug Spray, DEODERANT, Extra socks/clothes, Snacks for break time, Binder/folder for music, Pens, Pencil, Highlighter, String Bag

- Boosters will be providing Sunglasses & String Bags for students.

Week 2 - Items for break time: Swimsuit & Towel, headphones, cards, pillow for a nap, etc.

Band Camp Tips:

- Please eat a good, protein filled breakfast everyday! Egg, meat, cheese, etc. (Just cereal will not be enough in this heat)
- Make sure to dress light, darker colors attract the sun. (Please keep clothing modest)
- Wear socks and tennis shoes everyday! (Bring an extra pair to change into during break, it will feel heavenly!)
- Gush & Go! Every time you take a water break, drink plenty of water & apply sunscreen.
- Recognize and REPORT any sign of heat exhaustion:
 - Dizziness or lightheadedness, nausea, disorientation.
 - If you STOP SWEATING, REPORT it to an adult IMMEDIATELY!
This is a sign of heat stroke and emergency medical protocols need to be initiated immediately!

Band Fees:

We would like to send a friendly reminder for paying band fees. Band fees are a total of \$550 for the season. We offer a payment plan to help ease the payment of those fees over time. The band program has many expenses that occur early in the season. We ask that you make an effort to pay your fees on time, or even early to help ease the payment of those expenses. If you need financial assistance, please email Mr. Muñoz. Statements will be emailed around the 15th of the month.

Fees are paid to your HOME SCHOOL (North or East).

There are several ways to pay:

- PayPal on soundofnorth.band (North only)
- Booster Boxes: Gray Booster Box at North, White Box at East
- US Postal Mail to each school:

CNHS Band Boosters
P.O. Box 2122
Columbus, IN 47202-2122

Columbus East Band Boosters
P.O. Box 2563
Columbus, IN 47202-2563

Student Accounts:

Access to your student account information:

North - Log in at charmsoffice.com click the tab of Students/Parents, type in School Code: ColumbusNBand, then type in your password.

Questions? Email – Studentaccounts@soundofnorth.band

EAST – Email Studentaccounts@columbuseastbandboosters.org

Booster Meetings:

As a parent and guardian of our band, you are all Booster Members. Booster meetings are for Members and Officers. Our meetings are a great place to get information about the band program, upcoming events and projects we are planning and where you can help with your special talent. The more parent involvement we have, working together to support the kids and the band, the better program we can become.

Booster meetings are always held on Thursdays unless there is a conflict.
East Booster meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm
SAS Band Booster meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm
North Booster meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm

Our next meetings are slightly changed due to conflicts, please see below.

East Band Booster meeting is Monday, July 11th at 6pm

SAS Band Booster meeting is Monday July 11th at 7pm

North Band Booster meeting is unchanged on July 14th at 7pm

2023 Trip News:

Our Spring Break Trip is IRELAND! Just a reminder to make sure that you continue to make your payments to Music Travel. Our trip # 2303-5-57.

You can check your account, pay any payments, and see the schedule:

- Go to www.musictravel.com
- Upper Right – Click the “Trip Login” link
- Type in your login and password

Upcoming Dates This Month:

July 11th – Guard Only practice 5:30pm-9pm
July 11th - East Booster Meeting 6pm
July 11th – Sound & Spirit Booster Meeting 7pm
July 12th – Guard Only practice 5:30pm-9pm
July 13th – Full Band practice 5:30pm-9pm
July 14th – Full Band practice 5:30-9pm
July 14th – Band 101 5:30pm-7pm
July 14th – North Booster Meeting 7pm
July 15th – Full Band practice 5:30pm-9pm
July 18th-22nd Band Camp 8am-5pm
July 23rd – Car Wash 10am-2pm BRASS Section
July 25th – July 29th Band Camp 9am-9pm (Friday till 1pm)
July 30th – Car Wash 10am-2pm WOODWINDS Section

Booster Leaders:

North

Rachel Peery, President
Denise Sharpe, V. Pres.
Jodie Wolter, Secretary
Charity Phillips, Treasurer

East

Sara Dunlap, President
Open, V. Pres.
Dara Bidwell, Secretary
Allison Conrad, Treasurer

For all information, please visit our website:

Soundandspiritofcolumbus.band

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To join just **text @sasband22 to 81010.**

Each school has a promotional Facebook page

North – Join “We are the Sound of North”

East – “Columbus East Band”