

TCHS BAND

SPRING NEWSLETTER

MPA SUCCESS!

The band has finished all district MPA's for the year and has had the best overall success it has in the history of the school! The Marching Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Color Guard all earned superior ratings, the Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band both earned very strong excellent ratings!

153 students earned superior ratings on solos and ensembles and 36 students earned ratings of excellent!

It's been a great year so far and we're set to finish strong so that next fall is amazing!



WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THE 4TH NINE WEEKS?

There's a lot going on during the 4th 9 weeks. Please check the calendar on the website for specific dates and times. If you log into charms you can sync the calendar to your phone calendar! The Google calendar is no longer being used and the Charms calendar has become our only calendar. The calendar for the fall is now on the website (and in Charms). Here is a quick rundown of what is coming up:

- March 20 Final payment for the DC trip is due
- March 20 Students with outstanding band fees placed on obligation list (check Charms for balances owed, statements will be handed out for the last time this week)
- March 22 Freshman Open House (Jazz Band Performs)
- March 22 Finalized DC trip itinerary published
- March 25 Blood Drive Fundraiser (sign up online)
- March 25 State S&E (in Apopka)
- March 27 Drum Major Clinics Start
- March 28 Booster Meeting/DC Trip Chaperone Meeting
- March 30 Middle School MPA starts (we are in need of parent volunteers)
- April 4 DC Trip rehearsals start
- April 11 MIOS rehearsals start
- April 12 Jazz Band performance at Wal-Mart grand opening
- April 14 Drum Major Auditions
- April 18 DC Trip Meeting for parents of students (and students) who are attending the trip
- April 19 Luggage for the DC trip must be dropped off
- April 20 DC trip starts
- May 1 Leadership interviews begin
- May 8 Leadership voting
- May 11 Jazz, Percussion, Color Guard Concert
- May 12 Band Concert
- May 13 Band awards (volunteers needed)
- May 15 Drum line and color guard tryouts start
- May 15 Leadership training begins
- May 22 Spring Auditions begin
- May 23 Graduation (Symphonic Band and Concert Band only)
- June 5 Guard and Drum Line practice starts
- June 8 Kick-off Camp!
- July 24 Band Camp starts!

FINAL EXAMS

The band final exam is as follows: G,C,F,Bb,Eb,Ab,Db major scales in one octave in 2 minutes and a two octave chromatic scale. Scales do not have to be memorized for the exam but students must use the correct chromatic and alternate fingerings where applicable. All students will automatically move out of the Symphonic Winds and into the Symphonic Band unless they audition for the Concert Band.

Students who wish to audition for jazz band must play these scales on the instrument they are auditioning on for jazz band. Students will need to state they are auditioning for jazz band at the time of their audition. Students currently in jazz band must reaudition for the jazz band. Chairs do not roll over from year to year. The jazz band audition is: G,C,F,Bb,Eb,Ab,Db major scales in two octaves where applicable and a two octave chromatic scale. Scales must be memorized for this audition. Students may play more than the scales listed. There will also be a short sight reading exercise.

Students who wish to audition for the Concert Band must play G,C,F,Bb,Eb,Ab,Db major scales in two octaves where applicable and a two octave chromatic scale. Scales must be memorized for this audition. Auditions will be assessed in the following areas: tone quality, articulation, phrasing, and correct chromatic and alternate fingerings. Students may play more than the scales listed. There will also be a short sight reading exercise. Students will need to state they are auditioning for the Concert Band at the time of their audition. Students currently in Concert Band must reaudition for the Concert Band. Chairs do not roll over from year to year. Chair placements will begin on September 11. Please note that you must be in the Concert Band in order to be on leadership.

BAND CAMP 2017 INFORMATION

Kick-off Camp is June 8 from 8:00-3:30 and June 9 from 8:00-12:00. Students will need to bring a lunch with them on June 8. We will be doing walking tacos on June 9. Color Guard Kick-off Camp is June 5 from 12:00-4:00, June 6-8 from 8:00-3:30 and June 9 from 8:00-12:00. Drum Line Kick-off Camp is June 5 from 12:00-4:00, June 6-8 from 8:00-3:30 and June 9 from 8:00-12:00. The drum line will be going to Vero Beach High School on June 7 to work with Yamaha percussion artists Matt and Amy Savage (both of whom have taught college drum lines and worked with DCI!) Students will need to bring a lunch each day except for Friday.

Band Camp is July 24-August 4. The schedule for each day is as follows: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM, Friday, 7:30 AM-11:30 AM. Sunday, July 30 3:00-8:30 PM. Band Camp specifics will be given out at the end of Kick-off Camp.

2017 BAND FEE

The Band fee for 2017 is \$150.00. Payment 1 of \$100.00 is due on June 8. Students with positive balances in their Charms accounts will automatically have this applied to their band fee. Payment 2 of \$50.00 is due on September 29. This year, parents may volunteer their time for payment 2 instead of making the \$50.00 payment. At the parent meeting on Sunday, July 30 we will go over how this will work. There will be numerous opportunities throughout the year for parents to volunteer their time to help the band and help us provide a world class band opportunity and education for the TCHS Band members.

There are no changes to the band polos, shoes, gloves or water coolers next year, students may use the ones from this year if they are still in good condition and/or fit.

2017 MARCHING SEASON

Our show for 2017 is called "The Language Of Love" and features the following songs: Call Me, Crazy Little Thing Called Love, I Have A Love, Love Drunk, and Thanks For The Memories. You won't want to miss it! Our game schedule is on the calendar, check it out at www.treasurecoasthighschoolband.com. Don't forget to like our Facebook page (Treasure Coast High School Band), follow our Twitter feed (@tchsband), and also sign up for automated text reminders (Text @band01234 to 81010 to sign up!). We're also on Instagram, just search for treasurecoastband to find pictures from all our performances! Our fall rehearsal schedule is staying the same, 2:30-5:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays.