

Cherokee Marching Band Parent and Student Handbook 2021-2022 School Year



CHEROKEE MARCHING BAND

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MARCHING BAND**

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Cherokee Band Handbook

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Cherokee Marching Band Members and Parents,

Welcome to another promising season of exciting performances, unparalleled teamwork, new challenges, and high expectations with the Cherokee High School Marching Band. As a Marching Band and music program, we are in a period of rebirth. After becoming Region 1 Champions in 2019, the world as we knew it changed forever, and with that a new set of challenges have been presented to arts programs across the country. While it's easy to look back on surface level success like State and Region Championships, that should never be the core identity of our group. Unforgettable experiences, lifelong friendships, and unparalleled personal and musical growth will always be the core of our program.

New for 2021, the Cherokee Marching Band will be having band camp on our home turf! In previous years we have traveled to an away camp for this crucial part of the season. Staying in Marlton for band camp will be a new experience for all, but I am excited to instill new traditions with the students. Band camp will take place from August 16th-19th, and August 23rd-26th. Band camp is mandatory, as it is where we learn the majority of our show for the competitive season.

Following summer practices and band camp, we will be taking the field in competition to defend our 2019 title. Once again, we will be competing in the Tournament of Bands Marching Arts circuit, more specifically Region 1 (Southern New Jersey). In addition to a full competition schedule against other local programs, the Marching Band will perform at Cherokee Football Games.

The annual parent/student meeting will take place @ Cherokee High School (in the outdoor courtyard near the band room) on **Monday, June 7th at 7:00 PM**. All new parents and returning parents are encouraged to attend this informational meeting. The meeting will consist of Band Camp information, practice schedules, uniform information, and band policies. After the informational meeting for parents, and the meet and greet for students and staff, all attendees will report to the court yard for the Show Reveal, Uniform Reveal, and other detailed information. The first official practice with all equipment/ instruments necessary to participate in the marching and music rehearsal will occur on **Wednesday, June 16th @ Cherokee High School from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM**.

Please thoroughly review the [Cherokee Band Handbook](#) for procedures, policies, forms, calendars, and more... Each family's proactive approach to planning, scheduling, and committing to the schedule of events is invaluable to the success of the Cherokee High School Marching Band as a whole.

I have an immense love for this activity and believe so deeply in what it can do for our students. Serving you and your students as the Cherokee Marching Band Director is not a responsibility I take lightly, and I am excited for what the future of our program holds. I look forward to meeting and speaking with you on Monday, June 7th.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Stowman
Marching Band Director

MARCHING BAND STAFF MEMBERS
2021 - 2022

Director:	Mitchell Stowman
Assistant Director:	Tim Aucello
Brass Specialist:	Ciara Rabey
Music Arranger & Instructor:	Jake Kaplan
Woodwind/Marching Instructor:	Emily McGovern
Guard Advisor/Choreographer:	Jeremy Williams
Color Guard Instructor:	Mackenzie Roos
Color Guard Instructor:	Jake Pembleton
Percussion Caption Head:	Jason Crafts
Front Ensemble Instructor:	Sarah Stowman
Battery Instructor:	Danny McGowan

In cases of unexpected absence, questions, concerns, or emergencies affecting those involved in the Cherokee Bands, the director can be reached at the following email address:

Mitchell Stowman: mstowman@lrhsd.org

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Please note that all events and times are subject to change according to the scheduling decisions of the Tournament of Bands Organization (T.O.B), the Athletic Director of Cherokee High School, and/or the Director of Bands.

In order for the band to achieve its fullest potential, it is imperative that our rehearsal time be maximized. Your commitment to the success of the ensemble will be directly reflected by your attendance and preparation for each and every scheduled activity. Rehearsals are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature cannot be reproduced or made up. Although no major changes are expected, every effort will be made to give at least two weeks-notice of changes or additions to the schedule. An updated calendar will be made available on the Band Boosters website. You will succeed and/or fail as a group, not as individuals; therefore, it is mandatory that you are present, prepared, and prompt for all rehearsals and performances. Our instrumental ensembles are “all play” varsity level activities in which no participants “sit the bench.”

While we never plan for illness, we must plan appointments or other business around the rehearsal/performance schedule. An extended schedule is provided, and the prioritizing and consideration of the rehearsal and performance dates is expected and appreciated. The following are expectations of the various types of absences:

Excused Absences:

In cases of emergency, please notify the director IMMEDIATELY of the situation by phone and/or email.

Illness:

If a student is absent from school due to illness, he/she is not expected to attend practice. However, in order to be excused from the practice, an absence form must be submitted to Mr. Stowman upon returning to school.

Bereavement:

In the case of an unfortunate passing of a family member, the student will be excused from rehearsal/performance.

Religious Holiday or Ceremony:

Though the schedule of the Cherokee Music Program is intended to best accommodate the holidays recognized by the school district, students who have previously scheduled events or ceremonies that conflict with a rehearsal or performance will be excused.

Standardized Testing:

Students who are attending *previously scheduled* standardized testing will be excused from the rehearsal it conflicts with. This does not include SAT preparation or other study resources that can be scheduled according to the students' academic and extracurricular activity schedules.

School Sponsored Field Trip:

If a student is involved in a class/club school-sponsored trip that conflicts with a rehearsal, he/she will be excused from that rehearsal.

Unexcused Absences (Rehearsals):

The student will be suspended from a weekend of performing and must still attend the performance in full uniform and all other practice sessions.

Unexcused Absences (Performances):

A parent conference may be scheduled with the director and an administrator to resolve this issue. The student will also be suspended from a weekend of performing and must still attend the performance in full uniform. He/she will be one unexcused absence away from being dismissed from the band.

Lateness:

It is the staff's recommendation to arrive at practice fifteen minutes prior to the actual start time in order to give the student enough time to prepare for rehearsal. An excused lateness will be granted if a note with proper reasons is provided on the next day of school. *Please note that arriving late three times equals an unexcused absence!*

***To be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late,
and to be late is unacceptable.***

ADDITIONAL ATTENDANCE POLICIES

1. Students are held accountable for summer practices and band camp. Although summer rehearsals are sometimes difficult to work into family vacations, holidays, and other obligations, your attendance is expected when you are not away from home. The purpose of band camp is to complete the field show routine, and to develop the band as a unit. Please note that excessive absences from summer rehearsals and/or band camp will jeopardize your eligibility.
2. Students who miss a rehearsal during the week of a performance, whether excused or not, may or may not be eligible for the upcoming performance. This rule is strictly to ensure the safety of your child and the other students/performers. The directors will make the final decision on the day of the performance. The student will be required to attend the performance dressed in full uniform whether he/she performs or not.
3. Students who carry a job are required to provide their employer with a full schedule of practices and events. Student workers will be responsible for proactively avoiding and resolving all conflicting schedules. Students will **not** be excused from practice or performance due to work. Please see Mr. Stowman if your supervisor or boss is unable to work around your schedule.
4. Please avoid scheduling routine doctor, dentist or orthodontist appointments during practice and performance times.
5. Attendance records will be reviewed when students are being considered for scholarships, awards, and leadership positions.
6. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds once reporting to a band function, practice, or performance.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

School Rules:

In addition to the rules and regulations set forth by the Cherokee High School Band Handbook, all members must adhere to the rules and regulations and consequences set forth in the Cherokee High School Students Handbook. Please familiarize yourself with both handbooks.

Rehearsal Guidelines:

1. Be set and ready to get started with the proper equipment and materials needed for the ensemble's rehearsal. You should have the following items at each rehearsal:

A. Equipment:

You are responsible for your own equipment. This includes your instrument/mallets/guard equipment, drill binders, music, and pencils.

B. Other necessities for outdoor rehearsal:

Though we must be appropriately prepared for all rehearsals, this point is intended for outdoor marching band rehearsals. These essential items include, but are not limited to, water bottles, sunblock, and sunglasses.

C. Proper attire:

Students are expected to be appropriately dressed for all rehearsals and performances, and proper attire is especially important for the safety of all students involved in outdoor marching band rehearsals. All band and color guard members must wear sneakers to rehearsal and should be dressed appropriately for the weather. Marching Band is an outdoor activity and requires us to be prepared for uncomfortable conditions during practices. Loose clothing and hats and/or sunglasses are beneficial in the hot weather (think band camp and summer rehearsals). Layers can be worn under the uniform during the cold weather near the end of the marching band season.

2. Talking during rehearsal must be kept to a minimum. There are a large number of band members and a limited number of staff members. If you have a comment, question, or concern please wait until the appropriate time. Practices will contain plenty of breaks for socializing.

3. Practice = Permanent! Therefore, always practice in the same manner you would perform. Great rehearsal etiquette is the difference between a mediocre band and an extremely successful band...the choice is yours!

4. All members are required to come to practice with the proper materials and are expected to have routines and music learned. It is extremely important to practice at home and/or with friends in small sectionals. Each individual must be giving their best, or else the overall ensemble will not achieve its potential.

5. It is a proven fact that both NEGATIVE and POSITIVE attitudes are contagious. You are expected to exhibit a positive and cooperative attitude at all times. At every rehearsal, performance, and group activity, you are representing yourself, your band, your school, and your community. Any student exhibiting a consistent negative, demeaning, or uncooperative attitude will be subject to permanent removal from the ensemble and possibly the entire program. Such violations may result in a conference with a school administrator, the director of bands, the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the student.

PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES FOR THE CHS MARCHING BAND

Football Games

The Band and Color Guard perform at ALL Cherokee varsity football games, including play-off and championship games. During home games, the Band performs their show during half-time. They also play the National Anthem and perform “pep music” during the game. At away games, the Band usually performs pre-game.

Football games are typically on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons. On Thanksgiving Day, Cherokee and our sister school, Seneca High School, will possibly play their annual football game. This game is a wonderful tradition and is attended by many Cherokee students, faculty, alumni and families.

All Band and Color Guard members remain together during all football games, sitting in an area set aside for them. Students can be potentially allowed a break during the third quarter of the game. They can use the restroom, purchase food or relax with friends. All high school stadiums have a refreshment area; so many students choose to bring a small amount of money with them to purchase snacks. Students must remain in full uniform during their break time.

During our home football games, the Band Boosters provide a snack during the third quarter for both our Band members and the members of the visiting band. The snack will include a hot or cold beverage, depending on the weather.

It is expected that all members will remain with the band until they are dismissed from a home game or until they arrive back at the school following an away game. If there is a special circumstance in which you must take your child home early, it is necessary to obtain permission from Mr. Stowman prior to the game.

In case of inclement weather, DO NOT ASSUME that the band won't perform. Mr. Stowman will make every attempt to perform as long as the conditions are safe. You should always expect that your child will be performing until a definite decision has been made otherwise.

Football Game Behavior & Expectations:

1. The band members will sit by section in the home/away stands.
2. No eating or drinking is permitted while in the stands or in uniform.
3. Members may eat while in uniform during the 3rd quarter break only!
4. All members must be seated and ready to perform when the 3rd quarter clock reads 0:00
5. Friends & family are not permitted to sit in or with the band during the game.
6. Uniform jackets and other uniform parts are to remain intact for the entire game, even during the 3rd quarter break. You represent everyone associated with the CHS Band, including the directors and staff, your school, and your community.
7. The drum major(s) are in charge of the band's actions while in the stands. Pay attention at all times during the game, so you are ready to perform.
8. Drum major(s) & Captains will visit the opposing team's leadership during the 2nd quarter.
9. We will be present, respectful, and polite during the opposing team's band's performance.
10. There is a fine line between supporting your school and being disrespectful to the other schools' team/band... know the difference!
11. No unorganized playing while sitting in the stands!
12. Students are not to use or touch equipment that is not assigned to them. Never use someone else's instrument or equipment. Everyone is responsible for their own equipment.
13. If any of your possessions fall from the stands it is your responsibility to retrieve them immediately.

Competitions

Competitions are the heart and soul of the marching season. They are exciting events filled with music and color. The Cherokee Marching Band competes in the Tournament of Bands circuit which is comprised of hundreds of bands throughout the United States. Bands are “grouped” according to size, with similar-sized bands competing against each other.

Most competitions are held at area high schools. The culmination of the competitive season arrives in late October, with the New Jersey State Championships and Region I Chapter Championships.

The bands compete in various categories, including music, color guard, percussion and overall effect. Scores are announced at the conclusion of the competition, and awards are presented to each band’s drum majors and guard captains. Once the ceremony has ended, our drum majors and guard captains present Cherokee’s awards to the Band. Our Drum Major will call the entire Band to attention to give a unison salute.

The students are usually given time during the competition to use the restrooms and purchase food. The host band parent organization always sells a variety of food and beverages to the audience and band members. Many students bring money with them to purchase food, as competitions often last for many hours. Mr. Stowman will give the students a specific time and place to meet. In addition, they are required to watch the awards ceremony as a group. If you would like to learn more about the T.O.B., visit their site at www.njatob.com

Competition Day Behavior & Expectations

1. Students are to arrive on time at the band room with all equipment, uniform parts, and food/money for food needed for the day.
2. Students are responsible for making sure their individual equipment is loaded onto the truck.
3. While traveling on the bus, students are to adhere to the rules and regulations of the bus driver. Also, students will behave accordingly and listen to their assigned bus chaperone.
4. No friends or family members are to be present at the warm-up area.
5. Once the band is finished performing students will be given time to change and eat.
6. Drum Majors, Captains, and selected seniors will attend retreat according to the director(s). These selected students will stay in uniform until such time and receive our awards/honors.
7. Inappropriate public displays of affection (PDA) at any time will be strictly dealt with by Mr. Stowman, the parents of the student(s), and a school administrator.
8. Students must sit together during each awards ceremony and be gathered in the back stands before the host band performs. Use the restroom prior to this time!
9. Upon conclusion of the awards ceremony the students are to report directly to their designated buses.
10. Upon returning to Cherokee, please assist with unloading the equipment truck and putting away all equipment in its proper storage closet. Students are responsible for putting away their own equipment.
11. All uniforms are to be hung neatly in the assigned garment bag and placed in the uniform closet in numerical order.

* Performance days are never routine and procedures may vary depending on performance venues, times, schedules, and other circumstances. These guidelines may vary slightly at each individual competition.

MARCHING BAND AND COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS

BAND:

Band uniforms are designed to match the theme of our music. Uniforms are purchased each year for the current members and they are made to fit each person's specific measurements.

Band uniforms will be assigned to each student for the duration of the fall season. Other than for performances, these uniforms are **not** to leave the school grounds. A number marks each jacket, pair of trousers (bibbers), and other accessories. Each student is responsible for the upkeep and quality of the uniform. **Please explain to your child the importance of treating their marching band uniform with respect.**

Band members must wear black socks with the band uniform! Instrumentalists must also purchase a pair of black shoes as designated on the Uniform Form. As it is the same style as last year, only new members, as well as those who wish to replace their previous pair, need to order them. The current cost is \$50. These shoes are made especially for marching and safely performing choreography.

The "tour" t-shirts that are received at band camp are to be worn under the traditional uniform jacket. They help absorb perspiration and provide a more "put-together" look when the students are allowed to remove their uniform jackets. They are considered part of the uniform and are required for participation at each performance. Students should be wearing the tour t-shirt when they arrive to the school for every performance.

In the beginning of the season, the students are often hot in their uniforms. But by late fall, it can get quite cold, especially at late-night competitions. Encourage your child to wear thermal underwear and/or layers under their uniform.

COLOR GUARD:

Color Guard uniforms are designed to match the theme of our music. Uniforms are purchased each year for the current members and they are made to fit each person's specific measurements.

Guard-specific gloves will be provided for the members. Color guard members must also purchase a pair of black shoes as designated on the Uniform Form. As it is the same style as last year, only new members, as well as those who wish to replace their previous pair, need to order them. The current cost is \$35. These shoes are made especially for marching and safely performing choreography. As these are different from the instrumentalists' shoes, please consult with a staff member for sizing before ordering your shoes. Additional uniform supplies, such as body suits, tights, make-up, etc., are the responsibility of each Guard member. The staff will provide more specific information regarding the Guard uniforms to all Guard members.

Uniform Care:

1. Color Guard uniforms parts may have to be cleaned at home by each individual member. This will vary from year to year and include different uniform parts.
2. Band uniforms will be stored in the uniform closet by numerical order of garment bags.
3. Uniform shoes are not to be stored in the garment bags!
4. All students are responsible for the proper care of each uniform part.
5. Marching shoes must be cleaned and polished prior to performances!
6. Please label your uniform parts, other than the band jacket and pants, with a sharpie marker.
7. Please label the inside of your shoes with your name and shoe size with a sharpie marker.
8. Band students are responsible for gloves once they've been issued.

CONDUCT WHEN IN UNIFORM

When the band is in uniform, we are not only representing ourselves, but also Cherokee High School and the community. Each student should have a feeling of pride when in uniform; therefore, the following behaviors will not be permitted in uniform.

1. Swearing, arguing and/or fighting
2. Chewing gum
3. Open displays of affection
4. Spitting
5. Running
6. Sitting on anything that will soil, tear, or snag your uniform.

The general rule is that if you have any question as to if you should or should not be doing something in uniform, DO NOT DO IT! When you are wearing the uniform, you are not looked at as an individual, but rather, as a part of the Cherokee Marching Band. The spectators and band members from other schools who see you behind the scenes will form their opinion of the entire band from how you behave in uniform. This also carries over when you are wearing any Cherokee Marching Band attire or anytime you are outwardly representing the Cherokee Marching Band and/or Cherokee High School.

DISCIPLINE

Infractions of all the previous mentioned rules, policies, or guidelines may result in any or all of the following disciplinary actions, depending on the severity of the infraction:

1. Suspension from performance
2. Parent conference
3. Suspension from band
4. Expulsion from band

Parent/Guardian Information

It is the responsibility of every parent and guardian to see that the policies outlined in this handbook are followed and that the commitment form is signed and returned. This states that you understand the policies as set within, and that any questions are to be directed to the band director. The directors and staff appreciate cooperation from the parents with encouraging our students to follow the rules and regulations.

Band Gossip

When a band question arises, it is important that you obtain factual information before discussing it with others. We do more harm to ourselves, the band family, when we talk about things that contain falsehoods, but consider them facts. If questions arise, it is imperative that you contact the director of bands by phone or email.

Below is a list of ways you can help as a parent/guardian:

- Show an interest in your child's study of music
- Arrange a regular time for your child to practice
- Find a quiet place where he/she can practice without interruption
- Listen to the performances of practice material when asked to do so by your child
- Develop a reward system for daily practice
- Provide an instrument in good condition
- Purchase a metronome and tuner
- Be extra careful with school owned instruments
- Provide your child the opportunity to be prepared and on time to each rehearsal
- Provide private lessons, if possible
- Make attendance at all band functions a priority
- Join the Cherokee Band Booster Association
- Regularly attend band parent meetings
- Keep this handbook in a safe place and refer to it often ☺

Once you have reviewed the first portion of this handbook, please submit your electronic acknowledgement by June 19th at:

[https://www.cognitofrms.com/CherokeeBandBoosters/ 2021 BandMemberContracts](https://www.cognitofrms.com/CherokeeBandBoosters/2021BandMemberContracts)

2021 Marching Band Registration Checklist

Visit <http://www.chsbb.com/forms.html>

The following is due by **June 14th, 2021**

- Completed Marching Band Registration Form with season deposit (online form)

The following is due by **June 19th, 2021**

- Parent/Student Band Handbook Contract (online form)

The following is due by **July 16th 2021**

- 2nd payment of season fee (will be invoiced)
- Shoe and Warm-up Jacket Orders (for new students & those needing a replacement - online form)
- Booster Volunteer Sign-up Form - Chairpersons (via Sign-up Genius)

The following is due by **August 16th, 2021**

- Balance of season fee (will be invoiced)
- Tour T-Shirt orders for family members

The following is due by **September 1, 2021**

FYI: The payment portal for activity fees will not be available until August 1st.

- LRHSD Annual Student Activity Participation Fee – found on the district website at: <https://www.lrhsd.org/participationfee>
If a financial hardship arises please contact the Cherokee Athletic Director, Scott Agnew at **ext. 2291** or sagnew@lrhdsd.org.

SUMMARY OF FINANCES

Required Costs

Season Fee - \$325. This is determined by the number of students registered. This fee covers expenses associated with running a competitive marching band program including:

- Staffing
- Band Camp Dinners
- Uniform Top/Pants
- Guard Uniform
- Performance Base Layer (lightweight base layer to be worn under the uniform top)
- Tour Shirt (short sleeve T-shirt based on the show theme)

Booster Dues - \$25 per family

Conditional Expenses

Marching Shoes - (for new member and those that need replacements)
\$50 for band members/\$35 for color guard

Band Jackets - \$50 (required for new students and optional for returning members)

Please note, that all students in the LRHSD are required to pay an activity fee (\$200) if they participate in an extra-curricular activity. This fee is the same for all extra-curricular activities and only needs to be paid once per academic year.

CHEROKEE MARCHING BAND APPAREL

All Cherokee Marching Band and Color Guard students must wear a Cherokee Band Warm-Up Jacket and black pants. These warm-ups are used during inclement weather and during performance throughout the school year.

Warm-ups will be worn before and after all competition performances, when students are not in full Cherokee Band uniform. Warm-ups will remind our students that they are representing Cherokee High School, both on and off the field, and must behave accordingly. **All new students need to purchase a warm-up jacket.** Students will be required to wear ALL BLACK sweat/warm-up pants.

Many opt to purchase a second shirt for their child as these shirts are part of their mandatory uniform. They will often wear them until late at night at a Friday football game and then need it again first thing the next morning for a Saturday competition. Parents can also purchase additional tour shirts for themselves and family members to wear in support of the band at events.

Information about purchasing band jackets and additional tour shirts can be found on the booster website: www.chsbb.com/forms.

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BAND CAMP 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Cherokee High School Marching Band will be holding its annual band camp from ***Monday, August 16th through Thursday, August 19th and Monday, August 23rd through Thursday, August 26th.*** The following information will assist you, and your student(s), in preparing to make the most of your camp experience. Whether a seasoned veteran or a new member to the Cherokee Band, it is expected that each member be fully prepared with the necessary items for a successful band camp.

CHECK LIST:

1. All forms/paperwork is completed and filed with Mr. Stowman or Boosters.
2. The LRHSD activity fee is paid by SEPTEMBER 1 (*See lrhsd.org for more info*)
3. Membership, uniform, and season fees have been submitted.
4. Medical paperwork completed, signed by doctor if necessary, and submitted to Cherokee Nurse – Deidre Golden & Melissa Molloie.
5. See the ***“Band Camp Survival Guide”*** list included in this packet.

PARENT PREVIEW PERFORMANCE 8/26/21 – 8:00 PM @ CHEROKEE STADIUM TURF

BAND CAMP SURVIVAL GUIDE

“Early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable!”

WHAT TO WEAR:

- light colored t-shirts and athletic shorts
- hat
- sunglasses
- comfortable sneakers and socks
- bring rain gear! Band is a rain or shine activity.

EQUIPMENT TO BRING:

- Water bottle/jug. We recommend a large jug with a mix of ice and water!
- SUNSCREEN! BUG SPRAY!
- 1 inch binder with sheet protectors for music and drill
- Drill coordinate sheets, drill lanyard
- gloves (Color Guard and Drum Major)
- practice percussion mallets and sticks
- extra reeds, mouthpieces, ligatures, valve oil, etc...

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Consider wearing a knee or ankle brace if you have a known weakness in those areas

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Cherokee Band programs. If you are a returning Band parent, thank you for your participation during the past year! We are looking forward to your continued hallmark of enthusiastic support of the Cherokee Band Boosters!

If you and your child are new to the Cherokee Band Program, I invite you to join one of the finest parent organizations at Cherokee High School. The Cherokee Band Boosters work tirelessly throughout the year in support of the students, directors and staff of the Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Bands, and Chamber Ensembles. Being part of the Band Boosters not only benefits our children, it is also a great way to meet other parents and become an active participant in our children's Cherokee High School experience.

Preparations are already underway for the 2021 Marching Band season, which promises to be a truly exciting year! A dramatic show, a challenging schedule, and enthusiastic staff who are committed to taking the Cherokee Band to the next level of excellence – we have so much to look forward to!

We have a great website which is kept up to date with all of the latest news, schedules and fundraisers. Any information you may need can be found at www.chsbb.com. Mr. Stowman also shares information with the students via Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to share this resource with you and be sure to have them check frequently for updates.

The **Band Boosters is an active organization 12 months of the year**, and we encourage you to stay involved once the marching band season is over. The students will continue to perform throughout the year in concerts, festivals and competitions with the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Bands and Chamber Ensembles, so be sure to stay connected after November!

Again, on behalf of the Booster Executive Board, welcome to the 2021-2022 band year! If you have any questions regarding the Cherokee Band Boosters or the parent meetings, please email me at president@chsbb.com or call me at 856-906-7433.

Sincerely,

Lisa Riordan, President

About the Cherokee Band Boosters

Cherokee High School is home to one of the finest band programs in South Jersey, offering performance opportunities in groups such as:

Wind Ensemble	Concert Band	Jazz Bands
Marching Band & Color Guard	Pep Band	Chamber Ensembles
Symphony Orchestra		

These ensembles participate annually in festivals and competitions throughout the region and are continually ranked among the best of the best!

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO:

With school budget constraints and funding restrictions, it has become increasingly difficult year after year to maintain outstanding music programs without outside help.

Many schools, including Cherokee, have formed Booster organizations both to serve as the non-profit fundraising arm of their music programs and to provide a core group of volunteers to assist with events. Since 1999, the **Cherokee Band Boosters Association Inc.** has provided financial and logistical support to all of the band programs at Cherokee.

The biggest task that the Boosters face is fundraising. In addition to what the school budget provides, we need to generate approximately \$30,000 - \$35,000 each year to help keep the band programs flourishing. These funds come from many different fundraisers and events that run throughout the calendar year, even during the summer! We rely on membership dues to help offset most of our operating expenses so that what we generate through fundraising can go directly to the program and the students. Some examples of where the money goes include funding for additional summer marching band staff, chamber ensemble coaches, and master class clinicians. We also assist with larger instrument purchases and instrument repairs, music and supplies, we offset the cost of uniforms, props, competitions and trips, and we provide scholarships to graduating seniors. All of this and so much more is why we exist!

To be successful in achieving our annual financial goals, we really need **EVERY PARENT OF MUSICIANS AND COLOR GUARD MEMBERS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BAND BOOSTERS and to PARTICIPATE AS A VOLUNTEER.**

About the Cherokee Band Boosters, cont.

All band parents are expected to become booster members. Annual dues are just \$25 per family and are paid when you register your child for marching band. (A separate form is available online for parents of students not in the marching band.)

In addition, you are expected to

- Attend monthly meetings
- Participate in a minimum of 2 band events
- Participate in 2 band fundraisers throughout the entire year.

These requirements are consistent with every other booster organization in Cherokee. WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU and YOU WILL GET MORE OUT OF THIS THAN YOU GIVE!! This is a terrific way to be involved in your child's life as they become young adults!

Below is a partial list of the types of fundraisers and events that we run. Take a look and see how YOU can get involved:

- ♪ Participate in fundraisers such as:
 - o Dine Out Nights
 - o Car Washes
 - o Roadside Cleanups
 - o Fall—Super 50/50 Raffle
 - o Spring Dinner & Basket Raffle
 - o Other fundraisers as announced
- ♪ Secure corporate sponsorships and advertisers for program books
- ♪ Chair a committee or volunteer for a committee
- ♪ Shadow an outgoing chairperson or board member
- ♪ Volunteer to help at an event, such as:
 - o Jazz, Wind Band and Marching Band Festivals
 - o Football and Competition Pit Crew
 - o Home Football games – serve Friday Night Dinners or Third Quarter Snack, handle Merchandise Sales
- ♪ Donate food, or money to purchase food, for our events
- ♪ Shop at smile.amazon.com and choose Cherokee Band Boosters Association Inc. as your preferred charity.
- ♪ Join our Facebook group and share our fundraisers and events with your contacts – crowd-sourcing really works!

Watch for an upcoming email from Sign-up Genius or contact a board member for more information.

THANK YOU!!!! GO CHIEFS!!!



Color Guard Information

Dear Cherokee High School Color Guard and Parents/Guardians,

To those who are new to the program, welcome to color guard, and to those who are returning, Welcome Back! Since many color guard members are not in band classes during the school year, my job as the color guard liaison is to aid in communications between students, parents and staff. If you have any questions throughout the season, please feel free to reach out to me.

As we prepare for the 2021-2022 Marching Band Season, there are a few things you should know that are specific to Color Guard members and their parents/guardians:

1. **Color Guard members are a part of the Cherokee Marching Band.** As such, all new members of the marching band will need to purchase the Cherokee Band Warm up Jacket as part of their uniform. Students will be required to wear SOLID BLACK sweats/warm-up pants (no leggings or yoga pants) with these warm-up jackets when not in full competition uniform.
2. **Color Guard does NOT purchase the Band (Instrumentalist) Shoes.** Please be sure to select the **Color Guard Shoe** on the online order form, and check with the color guard staff for appropriate sizing prior to ordering, as these may differ from regular shoes.
3. All Color Guard Members/Marching Band Members receive one Tour T-shirt each year. Information about purchasing additional T-shirts may be found on the booster website.
4. The color guard members will have an outfit that has been selected by the band and color guard directors that is based on the theme of the show.
5. The color guard members will also need to purchase some accessories such as make up, hair gel, bobby pins etc. for performances. Guard gloves will be provided by the Boosters.
6. **Local Band Camp** will be held at Cherokee on **August 16th - August 19th and August 23rd - August 26th**. It is extremely important that all guard members make every effort to attend these camp days, **especially new members**. The basic skills that are taught during these camp days will help make the full band camp week much easier for everyone!

I am looking forward to an exciting season!

Kelly Heard - Color Guard Liaison

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Cherokee High School Band Boosters Meetings

General Membership meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM. They will take place via Zoom until we are able to once again meet together in person in the North Recital Hall (next to the Band Room).

*(*Dates could change if meetings conflict with holidays and start time could be moved to 7pm for certain meetings.)*

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

***Thursday, September 9, 2021**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

- NO MEETING IN DECEMBER -

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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Marching Band 101

Welcome to Cherokee Marching Band season! For those of you who are new to marching band - you are in for a treat! The Marching Band Season can seem overwhelming at times but can also be one of the most rewarding things your child (and you) can participate in at Cherokee!

A Marching Band Itinerary is emailed to parents each week which includes all practices, football game and competition schedules. Information is also available on our website www.chsbb.com.

There are usually entrance fees for spectators at football games and competitions so remember to bring cash. Credit cards are not always accepted.

Marching Band Competitions:

- Competitions are usually on Saturdays—some are local, some are not.
- Every competition is different, we could go on at 10am, we could go on at 10pm, make sure to check your texts and/or emails for updates!
- Competitions are well attended by Cherokee band parents, just look for a sea of Cherokee orange, typically around the 50-yard line!
- The time slot we are given for competitions is only an estimate—spectators should plan to arrive at least 45 minutes in advance to allow for parking, purchasing tickets, finding seats, etc.
- Students typically bring money for meals or snacks after their performance.

Marching Band Performances:

- Performances are at football games (usually Friday nights), parades, pep rallies, etc.
- At home football games, the band performs at half time and the band parents sit all the way to the right, near the band, up high in the stands.
- At away football games, the parents will sit in the visitor's stands prior to the game while the band performs facing the home team before the game starts.

Even though parents are present at the competitions, band members must ride home on the bus with the band to help unload instruments (parents are encouraged to help unload instruments as well to speed things up), have a post competition meeting, and hang up their uniforms. You will pick them up at Cherokee. Some of these nights can get late!

MARCHING BAND GLOSSARY

Air Grams – personalized PA announcements/fundraisers that parents and friends may purchase at competitions to support band members- these are read over the PA just before the band performs

Band camp – a week + of intense daily Marching Band practice

Battery – Marching Band percussion section that carries drums and marches; is comprised of snare drums, bass drums, and tenors.

Bibbers – Marching Band pants; part of the standard uniform; provided by the band

Candy Grams – candy and accompanying personalized notes that can be purchased at competitions to send to band members for after their performance (fundraiser for host band)

Caption awards – various awards a marching band can win at competitions, such as “Best Visual” and “Best Music.”

Class–Open schools tend to be the more competitive schools within the group. A are less experienced

Color guard – see Guard.

Competitions – held on Saturdays or Sundays, band will compete against multiple other schools.

Dot Sheets – printed sheets that show students where to march during each song

Drill – the steps and positions that make up the Marching Band show.

Drum major(s) – student leaders of the band who conduct, help run practices, and represent the band at school and competitions. The guard is led by the guard captain and assistant.

Drumline – see Battery

Flags – flags used by the Guard during a Marching Band show, designed each year to fit theme.

Front – see Pit

Group- Bands are placed in competition groups according to the size of the band.

Guard – a group of students who add color and style to marching-band performances through dance, flags, weapons and other props

Guard Costume- outfit designed each year to reflect band theme, and sewn to fit individual color guard members

Home Show – The competition hosted by Cherokee each year- parents are expected to volunteer (no home show for 2021-2022 school year)

Instructor – personnel hired to help out with various sections of the band, as in clarinet instructor or drumline instructor.

Leadership – all captains, section leaders, drum majors, etc

Low Brass – trombones, euphoniums, sousaphones, tubas, bari saxes, and baritones

Percussion - Pit and battery/drumline taken together

Pit – Marching Band percussion section that does not march (plays on the sidelines), comprised of instruments such as tympani, xylophones, gongs, etc.

Podium – raised platform upon which conductors stand

Pit Crew – parent volunteers are needed to help move props and instruments on and off the field each week

Prop Bus – A retrofitted school bus and/or trailer that transports the props to each competition

Rifles – fake rifles the Guard uses in a Marching Band show. (They're heavy!)

Run-through – practicing the Marching Band show from beginning to end without stopping.

Sabers – fake swords the Guard uses in a Marching Band show.

Section leader – band student who is in charge of a Marching Band instrument section; such as “woodwinds section leader.”

Soli- When a section has a feature in the show and plays together

Stands' Tunes/Music – the music played in the bleachers at football games

States – competition for state championship

Tenor (drums) – set of 4 connected drums carried by member of the battery.

TOB – Tournament of Bands provides an opportunity for competitive and exhibition marching bands to perform throughout our nine-state region.

Tour Shirt- t-shirt designed specifically with the theme of the year's show and the competition dates

Towers – parents who volunteer to tow the golf cart used for towing pit instruments or the instrument trailer with the instruments

Trailer – carries the instruments for each away game and competition

Uniforms- assigned jacket, bibbers, hat and dinkles. Black socks and tour shirt should be worn underneath.

Woodwinds – clarinets, saxophones, flutes, piccolos

