



CYPRESS FALLS BAND BOOSTERS

Booster Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2024, 7:00 PM @ The Cypress Falls Band Hall
(Normally the First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm, Band Hall)

John Tompkins – Motion to begin the meeting

Maria Paniagua – 2nd the motion

Meeting began at 7:04pm

Directors Comments: Ryan Mohney – ryan.mohney@cfisd.net

- UIL Schedule/Sectionals has been set for this year.
 - Each band will have a full band practice
- Restarting a mentor program – with Labay/Truitt
 - 1X week, students are paired up with a student at the MS. Letters have been sent to parents of the students as permission must be acquired before the students make contact
 - We will give a script to high school students about how to communicate with them, when it's appropriate, when it's not
 - We will also have guidance on how to not include them directly in their social circles.
 - This program is designed to give mentor's a way to learn how to coach a younger band member and give the mentee's valuable information and what the programs future can hold for them.
- TCGC Show hosting (major color guard circuit)
 - One of our largest fundraiser that goes toward the entire band program; funds come from ticket sales and concessions
 - We host 20-40 schools performing in the TCGC Winter Guard Circuit
 - Building wide event
 - Like marching band, there are various warm up rooms, a performance area, common areas judges and judging areas
 - The more involved, the easier everything is.
 - Parent help
 - Oversee the flow/operations of the content
 - Concession stand
 - Taking/selling entry tickets
 - Parking Lot
 - First Aid/Nurse
 - Hospitality/Judge Meals
 - We need parent volunteers/ divided by time slots/activity
 - The Sign up Sheet is already listed on the website under Volunteers
- Spring Trip – April 26th/April 27th
 - Spring Trip to Dallas – We will tour the city with a Dallas Cowboys stadium tour, a visit to an observation tower, and dinner at Medieval Times. Day 2 will be an all-day experience at Six Flags.
 - At the current moment, we have a number of empty seats on the 2nd bus that we'd like to fill.
 - Total cost \$380
- Parent Question – When will UIL schedule start? Ans – Next week (wk of 1/22/24)
 - Full Band ends at 5pm
- Parent Question – Will mentor pgm start this year? Hopefully in the next few weeks. Will have a start date. Mentoring program occurs after the school day. Will happen at the middle school.

- Melissa Marandola – melissa.marandola@cfisd.net
- Lauren Hall – lauren.hall@cfisd.net
1st performance is coming up on Wednesday January 31st. Would really appreciate to have the student/family support for this show.
- Brandon Beck, Percussion Specialist, Assistant Band Director – brandon.beck@cfisd.net
- Are you getting emails from the directors? If not, contact Mr. Mohney or update Charms

2023 - 2024 School Year Board Members

- Board Members
 - President – Cindy Hogue - board@cypressfallsband.org
 - Vice President of Fundraising – Janet Cortes-Pena - fundraising@cypressfallsband.org
 - Vice President of Membership – Elizabeth Ruguleiski - membership@cypressfallsband.org
 - Treasurer – Tom Neihaus - treasurer@cypressfallsband.org
 - Secretary - Melanie Ceynar - secretary@cypressfallsband.org
 - Booster meeting minutes are posted on the band website
- Committee Chairs
 - Chaperones – Kerri Guitierrez – chaperone@cypressfallsband.org
 - Shadow – Gabby Torres
 - Merchandise – Jennifer Alford – merchandise@cypressfallsband.org
 - Cy Falls Flags – John Tompkins – cyfallsflags@gmail.com
 - Percussion – Kerri Guitierrez – percussion@cypressfallsband.org
 - Shadow Needed
 - Uniforms – Sharon Davis – uniforms@cypressfallsband.org
 - Shadow Needed
 - Equipment – Paul Hogue – equipment@cypressfallsband.org
 - Meals – Melissa Tompkins – 713-392-4592
 - Drinks/Refreshments – Maria Paniagua – 713-653-3379
 - Shadow Needed
 - Color Guard – Kelly Barker – 713-416-4339

Upcoming Events: Visit cypressfallsband.org under parents/calendar to subscribe to the calendar.

- **January 31st – Winter Guard First Blast @7pm – Falls HS**
 - FEB 2 & 3 (FRI & SAT) – Solo and Ensemble @ Cypress Lakes High School
 - February 3rd – Winter Guard Show @ Morton Ranch High School
 - FEB. 6 (TUES) – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm in Band Hall
 - February 10th – Winter Guard Show @ LCHS
 - FEB. 16 (FRI) – Teacher Work Day – No School
 - FEB. 19 (MON) – Professional Day – No School (CyFalls 1st Flag Day)
 - February 24th – Winter Guard Show @ Pearland HS
 - March 5 (TUES) – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm in Band Hall
 - March 9 (SAT) – TCGC All Day (Volunteers Needed)
 - March 11 – 15 – Spring Break
- **March 9th - TCGC – Texas Color Guard Circuit – This fundraiser benefits everyone in the band and color guard by reducing the cost of marching band dues.**

- **Volunteers Needed – Multiple Shifts for Multiple Positions (over 50 spots are open)**
- **Donations of Food for the Concession Stand are Needed as well**
- **Vendor Spots Available for Purchase to Sell Your Own Products – if you make anything to sell, please sign up. You can buy a square that is taped off. No food options are available. Other restrictions may apply.**

Food Donations



Volunteer Sign Up



We need lots of donations for the pantry;

- **Spring Trip to Dallas – April 26-27 – WE HAVE OPEN SEATS!!!** If you would like to attend the spring trip please make first two payments by check/cash or Charms to secure your seat **by February 1, 2024.**
 - **First 2 Payments (\$160 total) should have been paid by now**
 - **Next Payment - February 6th - \$110**
 - **Last Payment - March 1st - Less than \$110 (Depends on fundraising)**
- **Treasurer's Report: Tom Neihaus**
- **Brought in \$30,223; Spent \$5734.27**
- **Fee Schedule** – As of now, payements should be paid in full. Check your child's account in Charms for your balance. Contact Cindy Hogue (president) or Tom Neihaus (treasurer) if you need to discuss a payment plan.

Committee Reports:

Merchandise: Jennifer Alford (email: merchandise@cypressfallsband.org)

- See band website for spirit merchandise available to purchase

Fundraising: Janet Cortez-Pena (email: fundraising@cypressfallsband.org)

- **FREE MONEY:** The best way to help the band is to not miss out on FREE MONEY!
 - If you have a **KROGER CARD** use Kroger Rewards #82396. Check to make sure you are registered.
- **Sponsorship**
 - If your business or you know a business that would like to sponsor the band please contact Janet.
 - **We are trying to be proactive in getting sponsors. This is a great time to start contacting them. Send an email to Janet and she will contact them if you send her the lead.**

Cy Falls Flags: John Tompkins (email: cyfallsflags@gmail.com)

We are going to this year make our own flags to distribute. This will allow us to have more fundraiser money which helps with lowering band fees. Having our own flags, we will make 100% (after we've paid for our own flags)

- Remind 101 sign up: Text @cyfallsfl to 81010
- Sign up for Flag Routes at cypressfallsband.org under Parent Volunteers
- **Next Flag distribution: Distribute 2-17-24 - Box will be open 9am-11am**
Return Flags 2-24-24 – Box will be open 9am-11am
- **Flag Assembly Work Days – 1/27/24 and 2/3/24**

To support the band and get a flag subscriptions scan here



Membership: Elizabeth Ruguleiski (email: membership@cypressfallsband.org)

- Future Membership Events
 - Band Banquet, Saturday, May 18, 2024

Equipment: Paul Hogue (email: equipment@cypressfallsband.org)

- Join the Equipment Remind Group – Text @equip23 to 81010
- Help needed with building new flags for the Flag Routes

Color Guard: Kelly Barker – 713-416-4339

- If you would like to volunteer to help with the color guard text Kelly.

Percussion: Kerri Guitierrez (email: percussion@cypressfallsband.org)

- If you would like to volunteer to help with percussion contact Kerri.

Meals / Refreshments: Melissa Tompkins / Maria Paniagua

Uniforms: Sharon Davis (email: uniforms@cypressfallsband.org)

- Fitting, mending, cleaning all band uniforms
 - **Shout Out to Tammy for stepping in to help with hemming!**
 - **Remember** – White Button Down Dress Shirts, Black Socks/Tights, Dress Shoes, (Black Shirts for Percussion)
 - **We really need someone to take over Uniforms for next School Year. Please consider taking this position.**

Chaperone: Kerri Guitierrez (email: chaperone@cypressfallsband.org)

- Sign-up will be posted on the band website for volunteer opportunities for games, competitions, and other events.
 - www.cypressfallsband.org under the parents tab

All chaperones must be an approved CFISD volunteer. To become a CFISD volunteer

- Go to CFISD.net
- Go to "Community involvement"
- Select "Volunteer"
- Create a "Volunteer Portal Account"

Volunteer Sign Ups
Are Constantly
Changing. Visit
Here Often.



All volunteers who wish to chaperone must send a screen shot of your CFISD volunteer "My Profile" page to Kerri at chaperone@cypressfallsband.org.

Information Resources to Stay in Contact with the Band:

- Website: www.cypressfallsband.org.
Band calendar, student forms, Band Boosters: Officers and Committee Chairs contact information, Cy Falls Flags order form, merchandise, chaperones and volunteers information, plus other resource information
- Remind 101 Text Alerts - Send a text to 81010 with message: @2023bandp
- Twitter: @CFGEMB
- Facebook: Cypress Falls Band Boosters
- Charms: charmsoffice.com

Sponsorship: email: board@cypressfallsband.org or fundraising@cypressfallsband.org

- If you or someone you know is interested in supporting the band thru sponsorship donations please get in touch with a board member. Sponsorship opportunities can be monetary or in the

form of supplies, food or other items the band may need. Sponsorship information can be found on the band website under "Sponsors."

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Maria Paniagua motioned to end the meeting

John Tompkins 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm