



CYPRESS FALLS BAND BOOSTERS

Booster Meeting Agenda

**November 14, 2023, 7:00 PM @ The Cypress Falls Band Hall
(Normally the First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm, Band Hall)**

Hogue entertained the motion to start the meeting: John Thompkins motioned; Gaby Torres 2nd; meeting began at 7:05pm.

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

- Last Blast is tomorrow, 11/15; boosters has provided food for the kids to eat.
- Progress reports were due this past Monday; PR can't hurt you, only helps. Anything that is competitive falls under eligibility.
- Grades – we have moved on past pass offs; past couple of days winds have been doing their scale assessments; all for their reaudition for spring concert band. IF they do really well, they could move up. There is also a possibility that they could move down. Audition also includes etude audition. There is a portion of the music they are expected to play. See bulletin board and take a picture of your student's instrument information.
- Holiday Concert – December 14th – don't do the typical thing; we have our holiday concert in the commons, often serve a meal, crafts for kids, Santa will be there. Set up like a concert. It's a lot of fun.
- Applies to top band – Combination with choir and orchestra – December 8th – The Holiday Spectacular – 7PM – a good holiday show to watch. Please come join us.
- Just finished region orchestra auditions – had 3 students who made it.
- Region band auditions – if you score high enough you get to play in a region band. If they want to do region band and audition – December 1st, 2nd and 4th depending on their instrument. See the newsletter. If they want to audition, cost is \$15.00 and it's due by THIS FRIDAY for this price
- Solo and Ensemble – Feb 2/3 at Cypress Lakes - started working on this 2 weeks ago – students should have their piece(s) picked out. Due date to pick by THIS FRIDAY, 11/17
- Dec 18, 19, 20, 21 – Exam Dates before break – Consists of the scales and etude audition (after Thanksgiving break) counts as the final exam. Attendance will be taken in class.
- Spring Trip – President will talk about this later in the meeting.
- Parent Question – Payment for solo and ensemble – will it be cash only? It will be cash or check only. Entry fee is 11.00 per event, per person. When you do a solo, you have to have a piano player accompany you. Its important to have a pianist who can accompany you. This year, it will cost 50 dollars to pay for the piano player (you have 2 rehearsals with the pianist)
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- Melissa Marandola – melissa.marandola@cfisd.net
- Lauren Hall – lauren.hall@cfisd.net
 - 2 groups this year – JV and Varsity
 - WE will have 3 hour rehearsals 2 days a week; there will be a couple of Saturday staging rehearsals. We perform on a big plastic tarp. That is where the staging will come in.
 - Fees for varsity will be between 300 and 400; covers show, design, meals, supplies, contest fees

- JV winter guard will look a little different; will not participate in TCGC except solo and ensemble; comes at the end of the year, like April or May. With JV they will be in 6th period; divide the groups, working on different pieces during the semester. Fees less than 100 dollars and will have no extra rehearsals.
- Auditions for winter guard are the week after we get back after Thanksgiving. Results expected by the end of that week.
- Parent question – Auditions – will they either in JV or V? Yes, audition is for competitive. More of a placement, assess their skills.
- Ms. Hall will make their own calendar once details are solidified.
- 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.](http://cypressfallsband.org)

- NOV 15 (WED) – Last Blast – 7pm Cypress Falls High School Stadium
- NOV 15 (WED) – Willie’s Ice House Spirit Night
- NOV. 17 (FRI) – Solo and Ensemble Entry Forms
- NOV. 17 – 18 – Region Orchestra Clinic and Concert
- NOV. 18 (SAT) – Flags Return 9-11am
- NOV. 20 - 24 – Thanksgiving Break
- NOV 28 - 30 – Etude Auditions
- DEC. 1, 2, 4 - Region Band Auditions
- DEC. 6 & 7 - Holiday Spectacular Rehearsal 3-4:30
- DEC. 8 (FRI) - Holiday Spectacular Rehearsal 3-4:30 & Concert @7pm
- DEC. 14 (THR) – Holiday Band Concert (Volunteers Needed)
- DEC. 15 (FRI) – Concert Band Results
- DEC. 15 - 16 – Region Band Clinic and Concert

- DEC. 22 – JAN. 5 – Holiday Break
- **Spring Trip –**
 - Prices have gone up
 - Fully optional for attendance
 - Dallas – one night – leaving early on Friday morning, April 26h
 - Attending ATT Stadium – tour
 - Reunion tower observation tour
 - Dinner at Midevil times
 - Check in to hotel then spend the night
 - Saturday, breakfast and then head to Six Flags
 - Charter Bus
 - Money for souvenir
 - Price is \$280
 - \$50 downpayment due by Friday, December 8th
 - Other payments Jan 9 - \$110, Feb 6 - \$110, March 1st – hoping less than \$110
 - Includes Band and Colorguard
- **Holiday Christmas Extravaganza – Dinner, Music, Silent Auction, Santa, Games & Bake Sale.**
- **December 14th**
 - **Volunteers Needed (set up, serve, clean up) – sign up coming soon**
 - **Please Donate Items for Silent Auction – crafts, gift cards, jewelry, gift baskets, etc.**
 - **Donations of Food for the Meal – sign up coming soon**
- **Treasurer’s Report: Tom Neihaus**
- **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.
 - **Brought in - \$7918.26**
 - **Spent \$26,541.57**
 - **Fees – Anything that hasn’t been paid has been sent to the office that holds your ability to get VOE, exemptions, etc.**

Committee Reports:

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

- See band website for spirit merchandise available to purchase
- **Merchandise is updated on the website.**

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.

- Minor Fundraisers
 - Willie's Icehouse Spirit Nights – Nov. 15 -the spirit day is all day, not only for lunch. Tell them you are with CyFalls Band.
- We are trying to do fundraisers to help with costs
- We will use the money to help lower the cost of the trip
- If you know a company that is willing to sponsor the band, please let Janet know. We have 3 silver sponsors this year.

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

- Remind 101 sign up: Text @cyfallsfl to 81010
- Sign up for Flag Routes at cypressfallsband.org under Parent Volunteers
- Next Flag distribution: **Mark your calendar for Veteran's Day flags:**
 - Return Flags: Sat Nov. 18th – Box will be open from 9am-11am

To support the band and get a flag subscriptions scan here



- **Flag return this Saturday. Flag renewal forms; all subscriptions are ending; forms for the next year will be sent out. QR code can be scanned**

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

- Future Membership Events
 - Band Banquet, Friday, May 18, 2024
 - Students are working to figure out a theme. Will make an amazon wishlist to send out for donations.

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

- Join the Equipment Remind Group – Text @equip23 to 81010
- Thank you to everyone who has helped with props. Great Job!
- We will need help breaking down the props and storing them away.
- Will need to clean out the mess; Paul will send out a message for help.
- The stages will be put into the metal boxes.

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

- Sign up to help set up, serve, clean up after meals for game days and competitions at cypressfallsband.org under Parent Volunteers
- If you have a connection with a restaurant or food vendor that could donate or offer discounts to feed the band, please contact Melissa.713-392-4592
- Looking for donations of bottled water and canned soda/tea. Drop off at band booster closet at booster meetings, or any time band hall is open.

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

- Fitting, mending, cleaning all band uniforms
 - A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help wash uniforms this week, You Rock!
 - **For concert season, *Looking for volunteers to hem concert dresses and pants.***
 - **If your child is wearing a tuxedo, they will need a white dress shirt, dress shoes, and black socks.**
 - **Ladies get a long black dress. They need either, black socks, tights, hosiery,**
 - **Will need to wash after Last Blast – will schedule a time after Thanksgiving for volunteers to pick them up and bring them back.**

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."

**Thank You to Our Sponsors
Please Support Those That Support Us**

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John Thompkins – made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Gaby Torres – 2nd the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.