



CYPRESS FALLS BAND BOOSTERS

Booster Meeting Agenda

**August 8, 2023, 7:00 PM @ The Cypress Falls Band Hall
(Normally the First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm, Band Hall)**

Directors Comments: Ryan Mohny – ryan.mohny@cfisd.net

- Melissa Marandola – melissa.marandola@cfisd.net
- Lauren Hall – lauren.hall@cfisd.net
- Welcome Brandon Beck, Percussion Specialist, Assistant Band Director – brandon.beck@cfisd.net
- Are you getting emails from the directors? If not, contact Mr. Mohny 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

Fee Schedule – Contact Cindy Hogue (president) or Tom Neihaus (treasurer) if you need to discuss a payment plan.

Payment Schedule

	Returning Members	New Members	<u>Due Date</u>
Payment #1	\$50.00	\$100.00	6/15/2023
Payment #2	\$200.00		7/15/2023
Payment #3	\$200.00		8/15/2023
Payment #4	\$135	\$200	9/15/2023

Upcoming Events:

- August 11, (FRI) Friday Night Lights- First Public Performance
 - August 19, (Sat) Astros Game (Volunteers needed)
 - August 16, (WED) Freshman Orientation, 6-8pm
 - August 23, (WED) Fish Camp, 6-8 pm
 - August 26 (SAT) – First Football Game vs Cy Creek – Pridgeon, 6pm (Volunteers Needed)
 - August 28 (MON) – First Day of School
 - Sept. 1 (FRI) - Football Game vs Alief Hastings, Crump Stadium, 7pm (Volunteers Needed)
 - Sept. 2 (SAT) – Distribute Flags – Box will be open 9am-12pm
 - Sept 4 (MON) – Labor Day – Student Holiday
 - Sept 5 (TUES) – Band Booster Meeting, 7pm, Band Hall
 - Sept. 7 – (THURS) – Football Game vs. Klein Cain @ Pridgeon, 6:30pm (Volunteers Needed)
 - Sept. 9 (SAT) – Full Band Rehearsal @ Cy Falls 9am-12pm
 - Sept. 9 (SAT) – Rock A Thon – 6pm-6am (Volunteers Needed)
 - Sept 16 (SAT) – Return Flags – Box will be open 9am-12pm
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- **Treasurer’s Report: Tom Neihaus**

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. See sponsorship levels in this packet or on the website.
- Major Fundraisers:
 - Rock-a-Thon (Organized by Membership Committee)
 - Cy Falls Flags, 5 times a year
 - Hosting Indoor Competitions- TCGC March 9, 2024
 - Festival at the Falls
 - World’s Finest Chocolate- September 3-17
- Minor Fundraisers
 - Raising Canes Spirit Night
 - Willie’s Icehouse Spirit Nights

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

- Remind 101 sign up: Text @cyfallsfl to 81010
- Next Flag distribution: **Mark your calendar for Labor Day/Patriots Day (9/11) flags:**
 - Distribute: Sat 9/2 – Box will be open from 9am-12pm
 - Return: Sat 9/16 – Box will be open from 9am-12pm

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

- August 9, Rock-A-Thon
 - Chaperones needed in 3 shifts (sign up on website)
 - Donate prizes for raffle, we need 50 raffle baskets
- Future Membership Events
 - 8th grade night, Sept, 22, 2023
 - Band Banquet, Friday, May 18, 2024

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

- Builds props, loads and unloads equipment and props for games and competitions
- Prop building has begun
 - Saturday mornings, 8am to around noon
- Text Paul at 713-303-5054 if you want to join the group

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 on the website to help set up, serve and clean up after meals for game days and competitions.
- 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
 - Uniforms are washed every 2-3 wearings.
 - If you can volunteer to wash the uniforms, sign-up with Sharon. Uniforms are washed inside out on gentle using Woolite provided by the band. Dry on low. Hang and return.
 - Fittings will be every day from 1pm-4pm in the Band Hall until all fittings are done. If you can help fit students with uniforms please come.

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
- What do chaperones do at games?
 - Ride busses
 - Escort to restrooms
 - Monitor stairs
 - Fill water bottles
 - Move props
 - First Aid is needed at every game
- What is a Band Aid?
 - Can't leave work early? Meet us at the stadium.
 - Same duties as chaperones minus the bus ride
 - You must purchase a ticket to the game.

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"

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: @cfbb2023
- 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

Silver Level



8/8/23 - Booster Club Meeting - CyFalls

Mr. Mohny - We are a 503c and thus will follow Robert's rules.

Keith Ressler motion to open this meeting.

Jeff Ceynar 2nd the motion.

Cindy Hogue started the meeting at 7:07 pm.

The board introduced themselves.

Director's report - Mr. Mohny

- Introduced his CyFalls Staff
- Overall - summer band has started - kids are doing really well. No major health issues. They are long days. WE are repeatedly reminding them to take care of their bodies. Drinking water at a normal amount over time, use their lipbalm, sunscreen, etc. *Stop chugging the water
- We have our opener on the field.
- Calendar -
 - Moving toward the digital world
 - Website - www.cypressfallsband.org
 - On the site, there is a button that you can click to subscribe to the website. As the calendar is updated, you will automatically get the change. (Mr. Mohny will work on getting the button to work)
 - Lunch is near the middle of the day. They are not supposed to leave the campus.
 - Week of August 14 - will start evening practices - AFter they are released at 4pm, they will be released to go home.
 - Freshman orientation is the 16th and Freshmen should go to Orientation.
 - August 23rd is Freshman Fishcamp. This a lot of fun.
 - This Friday, August 11- Friday night lights - 7:00 pm - kind of a pep rally outside; we will do cheers and chants - we will then be done. STudents will be wearing their fanshirts with black athletic shorts (to stay cool and have people look as similar as we can)
 - This year, the boosters provided funds to purchase athletic shorts for all students
 - August 19th - Astros game - will probably wear the same thing (fan shirt/black athletic shorts). Will be right behind 2nd base. Will stay for the game through the 7th inning stretch. Will send a remind regarding specifics - - You MUST purchase your own ticket and you MUST complete the waiver to go to the game.
 - Permission forms must be completed and turned in for students to participate.
 - As we move forward, when we move stuff to a place...it is an ordeal - We need a lot of help. There will be sheets to sign up to help with the various opportunities.
 - Charms office - management system - how you get mass emails
 - Click on Parent/Student member - Code is Fallsband
 - Initially the password is the student's ID number (minus the s) - After you sign in once, you are forced to change your password
 - Remind - the school pays for it
 - The parent one we will use is
 - **Text 81010 - @2023bandp**
 - You are welcome to join the student reminds.
 - We have a football game before school starts on August 26th - we will treat it like any other game - the band hall will be open and times/expectations will be sent closer to the game day.
 - Pass-Offs - (does not apply to colorguard) - how our students are passing off their music for the show. They are currently playing for their section leaders because there are so many students.
 - With our calendar, everything is mandatory. We call October "Bandtober". We are a competitive 6A marching band. We will be competing against other people. WE take attendance very seriously. We do share time for students who participate in multiple activities.
 - UIL - starts at the region level, then area and then state level. You have to work through level. If the school makes state, the district pays for the trip.
 - They are designing our show shirt for this year. If parents/family would like one, we will send a due date and can order one for you (payment required) as well.

- Paperwork - If you email it to Ms. Marandola, she will respond to you that she has received it. If you do not have confirmation, please reach out. Paperwork is necessary for the student to participate in all activities. If you are not sure that she has received, please reach out for her to check.
- Colorguard - Ms. Hall - wanted to open up communication with you; Colorguard is doing well. Kelly Barker is the colorguard committee chair
- Percussion - Mr. Beck - Asst Band Director for Percussion - All is going well. Please introduce yourself.

Meeting minutes
Cindy Hogue -

- Fee Schedule - Payment is due next week. You can pay through Charms, or you can give Mr. Neihaus (treasurer) a check. Meals, entry fees, contests, props

Tom Neihaus - Treasurer's Report
 May 1 - August 1, 2023
 Total Income \$ - 7,860.72
 Expenses -\$46,497.94
 Net Income - \$-38,637.22

Fundraising - Janet

- Kroger card - add CyFalls to your Kroger card - one easy way to bring more money into the band
- Sponsorship Program - Businesses can sponsor the band at different price points. We haven't had sponsors in a few years. We already have 3 businesses who have sponsored for this school year. If you have any questions, please contact Janet
- World's Favorite Chocolate- the date listed in the agenda is not correct. We do not have a date yet. We would love for all students to participate if possible. All band students benefit from these fundraisers.
- Raising Canes - one of our sponsors - they want to do a Spirit Night - "Party on the Patio" - Will be at the Barker Cypress location across from the Berry Center.
- Willie's - will have spirit night as well throughout the year.

Flags - John

- Flags is one of our largest fundraisers.
- We must have a large amount of participation for this works. There are 60+ routes.
- Remind - Text 81010 @cyfallsfl (Even if you are on the old one, please sign up for the new one)
- We really need as much help as we can get. Please sign up.

Membership - Elizabeth Rugeliski

Rock - A - Thon - September 9th

- This is a large fundraiser - 75\$ per student - for every 10 dollars, students get a ticket to add to the raffle basket
- We hope to make baskets for students have opportunities to win these baskets.
- There is a sheet available that gives ideas for baskets
- This is a lock in - they play games at night - after the doors are locked, the students stay inside.
- Pancakes at 2am - We need pancake donations. If you have a connection or if you would like to make pancakes, please reach out to Elizabeth Rugeliski.
- Volunteers are needed to help

8th grade night - welcome our 8th grade band members - play with the band
 Senior Night - near the end of football season

End of Year Band Banquet - at the end of the school year - more info to come

Equipment - Paul Hogue

- We really appreciate lots of help to help move equipment.
- The more help the easier it is to get the equipment to the field. Volunteers Needed!
- Saturday mornings - if you would like to help decorate the boxes
 - If you have a trailer that we could use, please let Paul know. We are trying to clean out the shed, but need a trailer to haul off the old materials.

Colorguard - Kelly Barker -

- Get some extra bobby pins, deodorant and hair bands

Meals - Maria Paniagua/Melissa Tompkins

- Feed your children before games/contests
- When we get closer to the first meal date, a sign up sheet will be sent out. Volunteers are needed!
- Meals will be in the commons
- If your child has allergies or special diet - we need to know that.
- Refreshments - we take sodas/waters for the students to have - IF you could please donate water or soft drinks (canned), please bring to the campus or your students can bring it.
- If you have a connection with a restaurant or grocer and if they would be interested in donating, we would appreciate it and the students benefit.

Uniforms - Sharon Davis

- When your student is in band, when they wear the Shako hat - all of their hair has to be up in the hat (both guys and gals)
- Students MUST have LONG black socks (when marching, you cannot see skin)
- Fitting students into their band uniforms - all of the students need to be fitted. Starting 8/9, Sharon will be here from 1:00 - 4:00 measuring students for their uniforms. Seniors first, then juniors, sophomore next and last Freshmen will be measured for everything.
- Volunteers needed to help Sharon get everyone fitted.
- After the students have worn the uniforms 2-3 times, we will be washing them.
- Colorguard will wear different uniforms.

Chaperones - Kerri

- New Parents - You have to be registered with the district to be able to chaperone.
- There are many opportunities to come help.
- PLEASE! The only way this works is when parents volunteer. Our students and staff need it.

Keith Ressler - motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jeff Ceynar - 2nd motion

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm