



# CYPRESS FALLS BAND BOOSTERS

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## Booster Meeting Agenda

**November 6, 2024, 7:00 PM @ The Cypress Falls Band Hall  
(Normally the First Tuesday of Each Month, 7:00pm, Band Hall)**

**Directors Comments:** Ryan Mohney – [ryan.mohney@cfisd.net](mailto:ryan.mohney@cfisd.net)

- Jose Funes – [jose.funes@cfisd.net](mailto:jose.funes@cfisd.net)
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## 2024 - 2025 School Year Board Members

- Board Members
  - President – Cindy Hogue - [board@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:board@cypressfallsband.org)
  - Vice President of Fundraising – Janet Cortes-Pena – [janetcortes.pena@gmail.com](mailto:janetcortes.pena@gmail.com)
  - Vice President of Membership – Jennifer Alford - [merchandise@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:merchandise@cypressfallsband.org)
  - Treasurer – Tom Neihaus - [treasurer@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:treasurer@cypressfallsband.org)
  - Secretary – Gaby Torres – [gabypenatorres@gmail.com](mailto:gabypenatorres@gmail.com)
    - Booster meeting minutes are posted on the band website
- Committee Chairs
  - Chaperones – Gaby Torres – [chaperone@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:chaperone@cypressfallsband.org)
    - Shadow/Assistant - Needed
  - Merchandise – Jennifer Alford – [merchandise@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:merchandise@cypressfallsband.org)
  - Cy Falls Flags – John Tompkins – [cyfallsflags@gmail.com](mailto:cyfallsflags@gmail.com)
    - Shadow – Don Crosby
  - Percussion – Kerri Guitierrez – [percussion@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:percussion@cypressfallsband.org)
    - Shadow Needed
  - Uniforms – Kerri Guitierrez – [uniforms@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:uniforms@cypressfallsband.org)
    - **Shadow/Assistant Needed**
  - Equipment – Paul Hogue – [equipment@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:equipment@cypressfallsband.org)
  - Meals/Drinks – Melissa Tompkins – 713-392-4592
  - 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. Pay online through Cut Time, or by cash or check made out to CFBB. Returning members - \$525, Rookies - \$650

**SPRING TRIP to San Antonio – April 11, 2025 – April 13, 2025 (Cost \$699 without fundraising)** Create an account through TMF. Must be current on fees to attend. First 49 students to sign up will attend and others will be put on a wait list.

**Holiday Dinner Concert – December 12, 2024 – We will need donations including food and silent auction items. Be on the outlook for a sign up on the website.**

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## Upcoming Events:

- Nov 7, (THURS) – Winter Guard Parent Meeting 7pm
- Nov 8, (FRI) – Football Game vs Cy Ridge @ Pridgeon 7pm (Senior Game) (Volunteers Needed)
- Nov 9, (SAT) Flag Distribution 9am – 11am (Volunteers Needed)
- Nov 11, (MON) – Down Payment/First Payment for Spring Trip Due
- Nov 12, (TUES) - Last Blast 7pm – Cypress Falls JV Stadium
- Nov 12, (TUES) – Kick Off World’s Finest Chocolate
- Nov 14, (WED) – Indoor Drumline Auditions
- Nov 14, (THURS) - Last Blast Rain Date
- Nov 14, (THURS) – Play Off Game vs Bellaire @ Pridgeon 7pm (Volunteers Needed)
- Nov 16, (SAT) - Flag Return 9am – 11am
- Nov 18, (MON) – Region Orchestra Auditions
- Nov 25 – Nov 29 – Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- Dec 3, (TUES) – Booster Meeting 7pm in Band Hall
- Dec 6, 7 & 9 – Region Band Auditions
- Dec 12, (THURS) – Holiday Dinner Concert
- Dec 13 & 14 – Region Band Clinic and Concert

- **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
  - Festival at the Falls
  - World’s Finest Chocolate – **Nov 12, 2024**
  - Widdy Up – **Raised Close to \$20,000!!!**
  - Mattress Fundraiser – **March 22, 2025**
- 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
- Flag distribution: **Veteran’s Day – Distribution Nov 9 from 9am – 11am, Flag Return Nov 16 from 9am – 11am**

**Membership:** Jennifer Alford (email: [membership@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:membership@cypressfallsband.org))

- Rock-A-Thon
- Pink Out Game
- Future Membership Events
  - Senior Night
  - Band Banquet

**Equipment:** Paul Hogue (email: [equipment@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:equipment@cypressfallsband.org))

- Builds props, loads and unloads equipment and props for games and competitions
- Prop building
  - **And Big Shout out to all of those that help load, unload, set up the props and get them on and off the field in a flash.**
- Text Paul at 713-303-5054 if you have any questions
- Join Remind Group text @equip24 to 81010

**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](mailto:percussion@cypressfallsband.org))

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

**Meals / Refreshments:** Melissa Tompkins

- 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.
- **Thank you to all those that help feed our hungry crew!**

**Uniforms:** Kerri Guitierrez (email: [uniforms@cypressfallsband.org](mailto: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 on the website. Uniforms are washed inside out on gentle using Woolite provided by the band. Dry on low. Hang and return.
  - **Thank you to the "Washing Warriors" that helped make our kids look and smell fabulous.**
  - **Next Volunteer Opportunity – Washing Uniforms – Be on the outlook for a Sign up on the website soon.**

**Chaperone:** Gaby Torres (email: [chaperone@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:chaperone@cypressfallsband.org))

**Thank you to all those that have ridden a bus, handed out band aids, taken students to the restroom, filled water jugs, etc. You are noticed and appreciated.**

- Sign-up will be posted on the band website for volunteer opportunities for games, competitions, and other events.
  - [www.cypressfallsband.org](http://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 Gaby at [chaperone@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:chaperone@cypressfallsband.org).

**Information Resources to Stay in Contact with the Band:**

- Website: [www.cypressfallsband.org](http://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: @fallsbandp
- Instagram: cypressfallsband
- Facebook: Cypress Falls Band Boosters

**Sponsorship:** email: [board@cypressfallsband.org](mailto:board@cypressfallsband.org) or [fundraising@cypressfallsband.org](mailto: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**



## Band Booster Meeting - November 6, 2024

7:00 pm

Mrs. Walton calls meeting to order; Belen Medina seconds the motion

### Comments from Director - Ryan Mohny

- Thanks for being flexible with rain delays at UIL Area; UIL lacked in communicating with Directors; Apologies for not knowing and sharing information sooner.
- Last Blast ends the marching season; to be held November 12 at 7 pm at the Cy-Falls JV Football field; kids call time will be a little earlier; great time to visit and close out show; lots of opportunities to take pictures with your student
- November 8th is our last district football game; Senior Night - we will honor all our band seniors; parents will present their senior with a medal on the field during halftime
- Play-off game #1 is November 14th; band is expected to attend and the football team will keep playing until it loses which could take us into the holidays; any student that is able to attend should plan to attend - if you need to miss just let directors know; halftime will be just a spirit performance
- Marching Band will come to an end and Winter Guard, Indoor Drumline and 3 concert bands will start up for end of the year and into spring
- Solo/Ensemble will take place in February; students get to pick their own music and their ensemble; will start discussing in class next week
- Assessments will begin for band placements; students are expected to play their scales; week before Thanksgiving break students will be playing their scales for the directors
- After Thanksgiving the band will play etudes for band placements in the Spring
- UIL Region is December 6, 7 or 9; Freshman auditions are on December 9; students who make all state will go to San Antonio in February with all expenses paid.
- Holiday Concert will happen on December 12, 2024 in the Commons with crafts, silent auction, dinner meal, etc.; very family friendly
- Winter Guard meeting on Thursday, November 7th at 7 pm
- I'm very pleased with all students' growth; kids have come very far

### Comments from Booster President - Cindy Hogue

- Spring trip to San Antonio in April; deadlines are strict; go to TMF site and create account; first payment and deposit are due Monday, November 11th
- Parent package includes everything except transportation and hotel
- Dinner concert - we will need donations for food and for the silent auction; there will also be a bake sale; look for a sign up in early December

### Treasurer's Report - Tom Neihaus

- Brought in \$34,048.94
- Spent \$26,655.47

Merchandise - Jennifer Alford

- Still waiting on show shirts for some parents
- There are hoodies and sweatshirts available for purchase
- Black or dark green hoodies/jackets preferable for football games.

Fundraising - Janet Cortes-Pena (not present - Cindy spoke on Janet's behalf)

- World's Finest Chocolate - we have about 100 cases that need to be sold
- Will kick off the fundraiser at Last Blast on November 12 and will run through the end of November
- Money will be due when students return from Thanksgiving break
- Mattress Fundraiser scheduled for March 22, 2025; will set up in Commons

Flags - John Tompkins (not present)

- We have a few spots to sign up for flag distribution.

Membership - Jennifer Alford

- Senior Night is November 8 - need one additional photographer.
- Band Banquet information coming soon.

Equipment - Paul Hogue

- Thanks to all the parents that have helped out with equipment. Equipment crew is done for the season.

Color Guard - Kelly Barker

- Meeting tomorrow night with Ms. Hall for winter guard information

Percussion - Kerri Gutierrez (not present)

- Percussion will do indoor drumline; information regarding payments will go out next week.

Meals/Refreshments - Melissa Tompkins (not present)

Uniforms - Kerri Gutierrez (not present)

- Need to wash uniforms one more time once playoffs are done. May be necessary to wash twice more if we have lots more games.

Chaperones - Gaby Torres

- Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped so far. We truly appreciate it.
- Please contact Gaby if you have any questions about volunteering.

Motion to end meeting - Jennifer Alford; Belen Medina seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm