**CYPRESS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

*Incoming Freshmen Information Letter*

Dear Parent(s) and Students,

We would like to welcome you to the Cypress Ridge Mighty Ram Band. As we move forward to close out the 2020-2021 school year, we would like to provide you with pertinent and important information so that your transition to high school will feel as seamless as possible. In this letter, we will address our summer band camp dates, google calendar, athletic physical packet/forms, google classroom information, and Remind codes. Please read this information carefully and thoroughly.

**Summer Band Camp/Calendar/Band Handbook**:

Every year, the Cypress Ridge Band has required training camps for ALL members of the band program. Our summer band camps typically fall at the end of July. This year, **our summer band camp will take place July 26th (First day of band camp!) – August 20th.** 100% attendance from our students is vital, so we ask that ALL students and parents plan around these dates so that our program can have a successful season. Please visit [www.cyridgeband.com](http://www.cyridgeband.com) to view our google calendar where you can always find upcoming events for the program as well as our e-handbook, which lists other details such as band fees, etc. Exact times for summer band camp days are TBD.

We’d also like to ask that you please join us for an **informational parent/student meeting** with the band directors **via ZOOM on May 23rd, 2021 @7:00PM**, to answer any questions you may have regarding all information below.

Meeting ID: 816 3117 0351 Password: 452240

“**What do I need to bring to summer band?”**

* For the first day of summer band training and on, you will need the following:
  + Athletic clothing (no long sleeves, jeans, sweaters)
  + Tennis shoes
  + Water Jug (1/2 gallon) – Ram Band Water Jugs will be given at the beginning of the camp for members who have made at least 1 payment towards student band fees.
  + Lunch – for full days. We will not be providing meals during summer camp.
  + Instrument
  + Flip Folder and Lyre – (required) to keep and carry music at football games - can be purchased at Music and Arts or a local music store

**Physical Packet/Forms**:

In addition to attending these camps, there are necessary forms needed from all students before participation can be allowed, per Cy-Fair ISD policy. These forms can be found on our website. Please visit [www.cyridgeband.com](http://www.cyridgeband.com), to access those forms. Details about said forms are as follows:

* Physical
  + Must be completed every year – this is what you take to the doctor’s office/physician. Please make sure it is filled out front and back and signed by physician and parent.
  + Please see the last page of packet for dates where physical exams are offered by the district at low cost to you.
* ECG (Electrocardiogram Exam)
  + Free heart exam offered by the school
  + MUST be completed by ALL incoming freshmen – you may either choose to accept or decline getting the exam done – forms still needs to be turned in to a director whether you are declining or accepting
  + This form is of high priority, as our school nurse will need these forms for her records as soon as the school year commences.
* District Transportation/Parent Permission Form
* Fine Arts Field Trip Form
* UIL Acknowledgement Form

**Google Classroom:**

During the summer, all students will have short assignments that will consist of playing their instruments, exercising, or executing visual assignments for the marching show. Students will need to join our google classroom to access said assignments and information by typing in the **Class Code: 7haucoq**

We understand that summer is meant for much needed rest and relaxation. However, “The secret to getting ahead is getting started” Please make sure summer assignments are completed in a timely manner so that our season can be as successful as possible. Dates for assignment submissions can be found on our google calendar.

**Remind Codes:**

Lastly, ALL band students must join our primary communication source, Remind. We use Remind the most regarding communicating with our students about our calendar, upcoming events, weekly reminders, rehearsals, and/or any cancelations that happen due to whether or other circumstances.

**Brass**: @8dg4da6

**Woodwinds**: @kc9dg4

**Percussion**: @d37b44

We realize that this may be a lot of information. Should you have any questions about any of the information above, or anything you may think of that is not addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to e-mail a band director with your questions or concerns. We hope you have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you all on July 26th, 2021!

Sincerely,

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