

GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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Dear Glasgow Band Students and Family,

Welcome to another exciting year of music and band at Glasgow High School! As we move into the summer season, allow me to explain our upcoming summer rehearsals and Band Camp.

There are many rehearsals occurring throughout the summertime. One July 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th we are having woodwind and brass members of the band rehearse from 6:00-8:30.

Colorguard and Percussion are rehearsing throughout the summer during the week so contact Mr. Rogalski ASAP for important information about those sections.

What is Band Camp?

Band Camp is by far the most important part of the marching band season. It is where the vast majority of the music, marching drill, colorguard routine, and other material is learned that we will perform throughout the entire fall season. This year, Band Camp is August 11th-14th and 17th-21st from 9:00-5:00. It is IMPERATIVE that all students who wish to participate in marching band attend all of Band Camp. If a student misses a full day of Band Camp, it will be VERY difficult for them to make up all the missed work. The band room will open around 8:15 every morning, so drop offs can begin soon thereafter.

What happens at Band Camp?

A typical day at band camp includes the following: full band and staff meeting in the band room at 9:00, stretching and basics, sectional split up for the winds, percussion and colorguard, learning drill (the marching routine done on the field), lunch from 12:00-1:00, ensemble rehearsal, more drill learning, full ensemble rehearsal followed by a wrap up meeting at 4:50. After everything is wrapped up, all students will have a responsibility to take care of before they are dismissed to go home. This may include field clean up, moving the scaffolding, assisting the pit, or band room organization. Please be prepared to pick up your student between 5:00-5:15.

What should I bring to Band Camp?

All students should bring the following:

- All instrument parts including necessary equipment
- Three-ring binder for music and drill hung on a string to wear on the body
- Plastic cover sheets for music and drill
- Pencil and highlighter
- Appropriate clothing (for hot weather, rainy weather) and sneakers (no flip flops, sandals or boots) as well as sun block and a hat or visor.
- Water or sports drink (NO SODA!)
- Flipfolder and lyre for brass and woodwinds
- NO CELL PHONES, IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS, ETC! These will be confiscated if seen during rehearsal or class time as per district policy until retrieved by a parent or guardian.
- A bagged lunch
- Most importantly, a good, responsible and positive attitude!

Who will be in charge at Band Camp?

Mr. Rogalski, the band director will be overseeing band camp, and will be assisted by numerous instructors. All instructors are required to pass DE state criminal history checks and other background checks and are contracted through the Christina School District. There is also a need for parent volunteers to help organize different aspects at band camp, so please look at your schedule and see if you can give some time to help your student and others have a great time at band camp.

What about lunch?

Students should bring a bag lunch to be stored in the band room. Students will NOT be allowed to leave the school campus once rehearsal begins. Glasgow High School is a closed campus, as per school and district policy; once students arrive they must stay to the end of rehearsal. Lunch will typically be an hour from 12:00-1:00.

What should I expect of my student after band camp each day?

Expect a very excited, tired, yet energized young adult who is beginning to understand the commitment needed for marching band. Students may need to practice their music before the next day of rehearsal. They should also be studying their music and drill, reviewing it because it needs to be memorized as quickly as possible. All students will be bringing home medical forms, schedules, calendars, permission slips, and other information including absence policy which needs to be reviewed carefully and returned the next day of band camp.

Are there any additional costs?

Though much of what we do is financially supported by the school district there are some items that are the responsibility of the student's family. Wind and percussion members do not need to purchase uniforms, but will have to buy a pair of long-wristed white gloves and black patent leather marching shoes. Colorguard members will need to purchase colorguard shoes and gloves as well as participate in fundraising to help purchase this year's colorguard uniform. These will be done through the band parent organization. If there is financial difficulty, please contact Mr. Rogalski or any member of the band parent board for a way we can assist your family. We do have an overall fundraising goal that we need to achieve in order to provide all the opportunities for the student to have a great band season including equipment and transportation.

If you have any more questions you would like someone to answer, call the band office at (302) 631-5600 x15311 or email Mr. Rogalski at rogalskim@christina.k12.de.us. Or you can always check out our website at www.glasgowdragonbands.com!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Rogalski
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