

Community Christian School Band Information

Summer Band:

Summer band is a requirement for all band members. Drumline attends for 3 weeks and the rest of the band attends for 2 weeks. We will be teaching the students the fundamentals of marching, how to read drill sets, the music for our half-time show and stand tunes. Each day builds on the previous one so it is vital that students are present each day. If your student misses a day, it requires the whole band to go back and relearn the drill. Students must wear tennis shoes-no sandals, flip-flops, boots, dress flats or other shoes will be accepted. They may wear shorts and t-shirts that follow CCS dress code and Christ-like standards. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also a good idea to wear.

Fall Band Season:

Football games: Games are played on Thursdays or Fridays, and occasionally on a Saturday. We attend all varsity football games, home and away, as long as they are not out of state. There are usually 12 games in a season. We start the last week of August and end the second weekend in November. We march at all home games and any away games in which I can obtain permission for us to march. We also march in the CCS homecoming parade. Every game is a performance grade and is required for all students. I will get you this schedule ASAP. We are here to support our school, and we have a fun time doing it! There generally are not a whole lot of extra practices for the band outside of the school day. There may occasionally be an extra rehearsal on a Friday evening...but that is rare. HOWEVER, the drumline students meet each Friday of a home game right after school for sectional rehearsal and we will go to dinner together.

Spring Band Season:

Basketball Band: We attend HOME, varsity basketball games during the months of January. We have played an occasional game in December, but not over Christmas Break. February is our big month for basketball band as we play around 2 nights a week for this month. This is due to playoffs, regional, state, and Tri-State basketball. The games fall on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday until playoffs (Championships are on Saturdays - February only). We travel with the school to the Tri-State basketball tournament each year. This year it was in Bartlesville. The students stay in rooms together and we have a lot of fun and get to play a lot! These games are required performances. They are allowed to work on homework in the stands during the games.

Concerts/Contest:

We attend concert band competition each year in April. It is the Tri-State music festival in Enid, Oklahoma. We are gone during the school day for this competition. This has been our only outside competition so far. We also play at the Christmas Concert and Spring Concert, as well as the Senior Commencement Ceremony. The dates for these will be sent to you in an email.

Financial:

-Both elementary and secondary students pay a \$75 band fee. There is a \$50 instrument maintenance fee for any student playing with CCS band equipment.

-Students are also required to purchase a Windsuit uniform package. This comes with a Windsuit (coat and pants), a polo shirt, t-shirt, shorts, ball cap, and backpack. The cost is somewhere around \$110 to \$125. The prices have gone up since last year, but we try to keep this cost down. Remember, this is a package price and it varies with the number of uniforms ordered.

-Students must also purchase a pair of marching shoes and gloves. These are ordered at registration night or during the summer time through the band boosters and they cost around \$25 and \$5 respectively. (The Drumline purchases all black baseball gloves for their marching gloves. This is done on their own.)

-The school charges fees for Tri-State basketball that cost \$65-75 for lodging and gas. We also take up \$55 to dispense to the students for each meal while at Tri-State.

-There are various times we will have your student bring money with them for meals when traveling to away football games and contests.

Uniforms:

Each student is required to purchase the before mentioned Windsuit uniform. We wear these to every away football game, basketball game, and homecoming parade. They will also be issued a CCS formal band uniform that will be worn for all home football games (unless it rains), concerts, and contest. They will also need Dinkles shoes and black socks

Grading:

I grade on a points-based system. They receive 2-3 daily grades a week worth 10 points each. All marching performances and basketball games are worth 100 points. Playoff and Championship games are worth 150 points. Missing a game will drop your grade dramatically. Concerts and contest are usually worth 150 points. Tri-State basketball is a 300 point grade because it is 3 days of performances. There are no practice cards. We do scale tests in the spring semester for chairs.

I know this all sounds overwhelming but remember we deal with each of these things one at a time. I am trying to give you an overview of our year so you can know what to plan for. High School band is a big commitment, but the rewards are big too. They learn so much about organization, responsibility, teamwork, self-confidence, endurance, perseverance, and character. It also gives them a sense of belonging and develops life-long friendships. I am still friends with people that I was in band with in high school!

I am looking forward to your student's participation in the ROYAL PRIDE!

Mrs. Sharp