

# **Royal Pride Band Handbook**

## **Summer band:**

Summer band is a **requirement** for all band members. Drumline meets the last week of July and the FULL band meets for the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of August. This is set every year these same weeks. Please do not schedule family vacations, doctor visits, and such during these times. 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 of this builds on the previous one so it is vital that they are there each day. If your student misses a day, it requires the whole band to go back and relearn the drill. They must wear tennis shoes, no sandals, flip-flops, boots, dress flats or other shoes will be accepted. They can wear shorts and t-shirts but must fit CCS standards. Sunscreen and sunglasses are also a good idea to wear.

## **Fall Band Season:**

Football games: These are played on Fridays, and occasionally a Thursday. We go to all varsity football games home and away. There are usually 10 games in a season. We start the first week of September and end around the second weekend in November. We march at all games. Every game is a performance (100 points) grade and is required for all students. We are here to support our school, and we have a fun time doing it. These performances also are good practice for contest. 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...but that is rare. HOWEVER, the drumline students generally meet each Friday of a home game right after school for sectional rehearsal and we will go to dinner together. Students are required to travel to and from all away football games with the band. Any exceptions in travel arrangements need to be requested in writing 24 hours before the game day for planning purposes and are subject to the approval of the director.

Contest: We will go to OSSAA regional marching contest. We might also go to OBA marching contest or another area contest...these vary and will be scheduled year to year.

## **Spring Band Season:**

Basketball band: We attend HOME, varsity basketball games during the months of January and/or February.

## **Concerts/Contest:**

Concert Band Contest: We will attend OSSAA district contest. This contest happens in March. It will be a contest during the school day. If we qualify we will go to State Contest. We may attend a concert band competition called Tri-State music festival in Enid Ok. 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.

## **Financial:**

-The students pay a band fee as you did in elementary band. The Band fee is \$100 for the year. There is a \$50 instrument maintenance fee for any student playing on CCS band equipment per semester.

- They are also required to purchase a Windsuit uniform package. This comes with a Windsuit (coat and pants), t-shirt, shorts, ball cap, and backpack.
- They must also purchase a pair of marching shoes and gloves.
- There are various times we will have your student bring money with them for meals when traveling to away football games and contest and such.

**Uniforms:**

Each student is required to purchase the before mentioned Windsuit uniform. We wear these to some 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:**

We grade on a points based system. They receive 2-3 daily grades a week worth 10 points each. By the end of the nine weeks this ends up being around 200-300 points of their 9 weeks grade. Students absent on the day that daily grades are given without a doctor’s note or pre-approved absence through the school will be given a zero for that daily grade. This is in alignment with the CCS grading policy and has been approved by the administration. There are no make up grades for performances. All marching performances and basketball games are worth 100 points. Concerts and contest are worth 150 points usually. So you can see missing a game/concert/contest will drop your grade dramatically. There are obvious exceptions like death in the family, weddings, or documented illness. In those cases the student will receive an “absence or ‘A’ ” in place of that grade which will not count for them or against them. Church youth functions, retreats, birthday parties, and vacations are not excused absences. We try to work with families, but please remember we are also responsible for the well being of the entire band and do our best to be consistent with all students. Your student being there is vital to our success as an organization and we don’t have a second string. They are ALL important. A couple of other grade opportunities will be pop quizzes, scales, and various other tests in the spring semester for chairs and grades. Those tests will vary in point totals appropriate to the test itself.

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**Please sign this form acknowledging that you have read and understand the band handbook and return it to the band directors by Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>st</sup>.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_