

THE 2009 THS MARCHING BAND PRESENTS

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Dear THS Band Parents,

Welcome to another great year with the Tullahoma High School Band. Our year begins with an exciting marching show based on concepts of whales and the ocean followed by many more experiences planned for the members of the THS Band.

Those of you familiar with the THS Band are aware of the uniqueness of our program, and the wide variety of exceptional musical opportunities available for our students. Our concert and marching bands have long been recognized for excellence. The jazz program offers opportunities to study America's only indigenous art form. Private lessons are taught in our school by some of our region's top music educators. Students can participate in a number of honor bands and orchestras. We are one of the only high school music programs in the southeast that make the study of chamber music and solo literature a major focus. Each year our students hear live performances and attend master classes by some of the region's top professional musicians.

In addition to receiving training in the arts and the many benefits that music education provides for your child, the THS Band program also offers an opportunity to further develop the social skills and sense of responsibility that are key components in a well rounded education. The study of music encourages self-discipline and diligence - traits that carry over into other intellectual pursuits and lead to effective study and work habits.

Included in this newsletter is information concerning band camp, details about our Band Booster organization, and a fall rehearsal/performance schedule. If you have any questions feel free to give us a call. We are looking forward to an outstanding year, and to working with you and your child in the Tullahoma Band.

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IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ONE WHALE OF A YEAR WITH THE 2009-2010 TULLAHOMA BAND! WE KNOW MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE SHRIMPER LIFE ALL SUMMER WITH YOUR VACATIONS AND BATHING SUITS. NOT TO KRILL THE MOOD, BUT THE NEW YEAR IS ABOUT TO START WITH THAT TIME-HONORED TRADITION- BAND CAMP!

NOW, ALL JOKING ASIDE, THERE IS A PORPOISE FOR THIS LETTER, WE AREN'T SOLE-LY SENDING IT OUT FOR THE HALIBUT! (MAHI-MAHI, SUCH LANGUAGE). THIS MAILING INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP AND OUR FALL SEMESTER TO KELP YOU PLAN AHEAD, SO READ THROUGH EVERYTHING CAREFULLY.

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEAING ALL OF YOU SOON!
...UNTAIL WE MEET AGAIN!**

-THE DIRECTORS

General Band Camp Information

Schedule: By now your child should have received a letter with information about band camp. In it is the schedule for camp; you can also find the camp schedule and a copy of the student camp letter on the band website (TullahomaBand.org). The times listed are the starting times for each rehearsal – the students should plan to arrive early enough to be prepared to start on time. Most students usually need 15 to 20 minutes prior to rehearsal. All rehearsals will end promptly at the times listed, but if you are providing transportation for your child we suggest that you allow about 15 minutes after the end of rehearsal for your child to properly put away all equipment.

Meals: Students can leave campus for lunch during camp if you prefer, however we suggest that they eat at school to allow for more time to relax during the lunch break. Most students bring their lunch each day from home.

Water: We will have several water breaks throughout the day, so make sure that your child brings water to camp each day.

Camp Fee/Other Expenses: The fee for band camp is \$100, due the first day of camp. If paying by check, make payable to “Tullahoma Band.” During camp you will receive a form with uniform expenses, which for winds and percussion include gloves, tee shirt and shoes. We will send additional information home for members of the guard concerning their uniform.

Medical Release Form: Included with this mailing is a medical release form. Please complete the form and have your child bring it the first day of camp. *It is very important that we have an up to date Medical Release Form for each student.*

THS Band Booster Club

We have an excellent Booster organization, and if you are not currently involved we encourage you to do so. Our first meeting of the school year is on Monday, August 3, at 7:00 PM in the THS Band Room. Attending meetings is a great way to stay informed about the many activities of the THS Band. If you want to help with any of the Booster projects, there will be a chance to sign up at the August meeting.

THS BAND ROOM	454-2629
THS MAIN OFFICE	454-2620
BAND WEBSITE	TullahomaBand.org
SCHOOL FAX	454-2662

THS Band: Rehearsals & Performances

By the time we do our last performance of our marching show in November your child will have performed for thousands of people. As audiences watch our band, they develop an impression of both our school system and our city. For many people our band may be their only contact with Tullahoma. We view each performance as equally significant, be it a Friday night football game or a Saturday contest. It is important that each member of the THS Band feels confident and well prepared as they enter the field or walk on the stage. Our rehearsal schedule was designed with this goal in mind. Insure that your child gains the maximum benefit from our rehearsals by arriving on time, and with all necessary equipment.

After-School Rehearsal: Starting the first week of the school year and extending through the first week of October, all THS Band members will have some rehearsals after school. Each rehearsal will end at the time indicated below. The after school rehearsal schedule is:

Monday – Guard & Percussion	end at 5:00
Tuesday -Brass and Woodwinds and Guard	end at 4:30
Thursday - Full Band	end at 4:30

Fall Performances: Our band will perform at home and away football games, post-season games, parades and three Saturday contests. That's quite a busy fall. We have enclosed a schedule of fall rehearsals and performances for you to post at home.

Rehearsal/Performance Attendance Policy: When a student misses a rehearsal or performance it creates a hardship for the entire band, and it is impossible to make up this lost time. For this reason we ask that you plan trips, doctor/dentist appointments, etc. with our schedule in mind. *Excessive unexcused absences by a student could result in the loss of performance privileges with the band.* Responsibility and commitment are valuable life skills, and the THS Band offers a wonderful opportunity to develop these traits. Assist us in this process by insuring that your child understands and follows the band attendance policy.

Tullahoma High School Band

Performance Agreement

2009/2010 School Year

As a member of the Tullahoma High School Band program I agree to do my personal best to continue the Band's tradition of excellence. I understand that attendance and preparation for rehearsals and performances are essential for the Band to operate successfully. My parents/guardians and I have reviewed the 2009/10 THS Band schedule and have resolved any potential conflicts. Barring an extreme family emergency, I will attend all rehearsals and performances.

Signature of Band Member

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

MARCHING BAND

Regular Fall After School Rehearsal Schedule The following schedule will begin on Thursday, July 30, and continue through Thursday, October 1:

- Guard – Monday, end at 5:00; Tuesday, end at 4:30; Thursday, end at 4:30
- Percussion – Monday, end at 5:00; Thursday, end at 4:30
- Woodwind & Brass – Tuesday, end at 4:30; Thursday, end at 4:30

Important Note: Because of the missed rehearsal due to Labor Day, Percussion will rehearse after school on Tuesday, September 8.

Any student who has excessive absences from rehearsals will lose performance privileges with the marching band.

Performances The THS Band fall performances will begin with our Show Preview on Thursday, August 20. We will perform at all home and away football games, beginning on Friday, August 21, through the second round playoffs on November 13. During fall break we will perform at the home game on October 16. October 9 is an open date.

We will perform at three marching contests this season; September 12, September 19, September 26, and October 3 are the tentative dates for these competitions. All will be long days – do not plan any other activities on these dates.

The final marching performance of the fall is the Tullahoma Christmas Parade on Friday, December 4.

CONCERT & SYMPHONIC BANDS

There are three major performances for the members of the concert or symphonic bands. The Holiday Concert is on Sunday, December 13; the Guest Artist Concert is on Thursday, March 4; and the Spring Concert is on Sunday, May 2.

Please list any known conflicts and their dates on the back of this agreement.

Tulahoma City Schools Band Program
Permission for Medical Treatment
2009-2010 School Year

Student: _____

To Whom It May Concern: I, the undersigned, being the parent or legal guardian of the above-named student, do hereby authorize any necessary medical treatment for this person while participating in Tulahoma City Schools Band activities.

Birth date of Student: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Other Emergency Phone Number(s): _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please print): _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Insurance Identification Number (if any): _____

List any allergies to foods, medications, etc: _____

Describe any existing medical problems: _____

Is this student currently on any medication? _____ If yes, please list below:

Date of last tetanus shot (if known): _____

Our chaperones keep some over-the-counter oral medications that could be administered to your child when needed. Please respond to the following:

- _____ Yes, a chaperon has my permission to administer the following medications to my child when necessary (indicate your choice by circling the medications):

Advil

Benadryl

Pepto Bismol

- _____ No, I would prefer that no oral medications are administered to my child.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____