

Franklin High School Marching Yellowjackets

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Dear 2019-2020 Franklin High School Band Students and Parents.

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well and not only ready to end the 2018-2019 school year, but excited and ready for the 2019-2020 season for the Franklin High School Marching Yellowjackets program. After a successful season last year, we are looking forward to next year with great anticipation. As you look forward to the summer, please enjoy some welcomed rest while you continue to practice your instrument as there will be nonstop performances and events beginning as early as band camp. Please also take note to the enclosed dates **and** times so you can begin to plan your event calendar for the year without missed performances to the best of your ability. Also, be sure to keep an eye on not only the band website (www.franklinyellowjacketsband.com) but the BAND app for all updates. As the new school year approaches, we are anticipating many exciting events and opportunities for the program. All rehearsals for Band Camp will take place on the FHS campus in the band room (A125).

Band Camp 2019-2020

Dates for Band Camp 2019 are Monday through Friday, July 15-26, 2019 from 9:00am-3:00pm at Franklin High School. Attached at the end of this letter, you will find the schedule for each day of camp, along with fall competition dates.

Music will be handed out in class for our fall parade season and we will begin working on it soon. If you are a new freshman, you will receive your music at the first day of Band Camp, July 15, 2019. If not, your section leader will be in touch with you to get the music to you as soon as possible. Get ready and practice! Parade music must be memorized by the last day of Band Camp. Additional music (pep band) will be given to students during camp as well.

2019-2020 Spring Trip

This year, the Franklin High School Band Spring Trip will be to Great America, Park dates for 2020 are not yet available but this event will take place within the month of April or May. For this trip, the concert band will participate in an adjudicated performance and will then have time in the park, concluding with an awards ceremony. The spring trip is not mandatory but is optional as there is an additional cost for the trip. The cost of the trip will be given after school starts. The Trip Commitment Form will be attached at the end of this letter. The 2020 trip deposit (form and deposit) will reserve a spot for each student planning to attend the spring trip. More details will be available throughout the school year.

An important note: **Once the Trip Deposit is made, All Band Fair Share Costs must be “Paid in full” before money from fundraisers will be applied to the Spring Trip.**

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Uniform

The FHS Marching Yellowjackets wear a marching band uniform or concert black for most formal performances. However, there are some performances and instances where students will need to wear a different set of clothing. All **new** students, or students who wish to replace their outgrown clothing, must purchase a band polo (\$21) and a band t-shirt (\$5) to be worn for performances where the marching or concert uniform is not required. We will take order sizes beginning at Band Camp and place the order for shirts needed the second week of school.

The marching uniform will be provided by the school and a dry cleaning fee of \$20 will be applied to fall 2019 band fees. Uniform sizing and fitting takes place the first week of Band Camp.

An important note: **Damage done to uniforms outside of normal wear and tear will result in the replacement cost of a new uniform to be applied to student bill.**

The concert attire is provided by students and will be outlined at the beginning of the school year. Students unable to obtain the attire needed for concert performances must notify the director and boosters immediately for assistance.

Instruments

If you are in need of a school-owned instrument, contact the band office immediately for arrangements to be made for summer instrument checkout. If you are a new student, please contact the band office immediately. Also, **please make sure all instruments are in good working order for Band Camp (both personal and school-owned instruments)**. For personal instruments, don't wait until the last minute to repair your instrument as music repair shops are quite busy during the summer.

If you plan on purchasing a personal instrument over the summer, please contact the band office **before purchasing** with any questions or doubts you may have. This is to ensure you are purchasing a quality instrument that not only will last throughout your time in the group, but can also be repairable by local shops.

2019-2020 Band Fair Share

As we know, it costs money to run a band program that performs and competes during the fall marching and winter guard/percussion seasons. The costs pertaining to the 2019-2020 school year are below. Please understand that if financial assistance or an alternate payment plan is needed, please communicate with our Booster parents. There is financial assistance available through the Booster Organization to help with Band Fair Share. Please contact the Booster Organization for an application. Contact information is on the Band website. **We are here to help.** However, we can't help if we don't know help is needed.

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Please note: Submitting an application does not guarantee full acceptance of financial assistance from the Booster Organizations. Families will be notified of approved applications. Even after submission, in order to be eligible for assistance, a parent MUST attend parent meetings and contact a booster to receive more information.

The Band Fare Share cost per person for the 2019-2020 season are as follows:

Fall marching Fare Share: \$275*

Includes:

Four (4) Competitions
Competition Transportation
Uniform Dry cleaning
Food at competition
Truck rental
Equipment maintenance
Drumline and Guard instructor/tech

• **Add on**

- Dry cleaning through boosters for an additional \$20 or go through your own drycleaner. *Note, damages obtained through outside dry cleaners will result in replacement cost of uniform added to student's bill.*
- Band Polo shirt (**required for all NEW members**) \$21
- Band T-shirt (**required for all NEW members**) \$5

The **FALL** payment schedule for non-Spring Trip students is as follows. We are asking the first payment of the Band Fee be paid at registration. You may begin making payments before summer during the summer if you choose. Summer payments will be handled online via CHARMS (you can find the link and instructions on the band's website at www.franklinyellowjacketsband.com)

1st payment **July 15-** \$100 Band Fair Share deposit plus \$20 dry cleaning and \$26 band polo/t-shirt (if needed)

2nd payment **August 15-** \$100 Band Fair Share

3rd payment **September 13-** \$75 Band Fair Share

All band fair shares must be paid before the first competition (September 28, 2019) to participate

The **WINTER** payment schedule for non-Spring Trip students is as follows. We are asking the first payment for winter season be made by November 15, 2019. You may begin making payments before summer during the summer if you choose. Summer payments will be handled online via CHARMS (you can find the link and instructions on the band's website at www.franklinyellowjacketsband.com)

Winter drumline/guard fair share: \$627*

Includes:

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Four (4) Competitions
Competition Transportation
Food at competition
Truck rental
Equipment maintenance
Drumline and Guard instructor/tech

1st payment **November 15-** \$207 Winter Fee (costume purchase)
2nd payment **December 13** - \$160 Winter Fee (equipment purchase/repair and instructor/tech)
3rd payment **January 15-** \$160
4th payment **February 14-** \$100

***There are NO REFUNDS once payments have been made. Regardless of participation or involvement.**

Individual payments (such as check, cash, or money order) are applied directly to your individual accounts. All fundraised profits will be allocated via the Boosters appropriately. Please remember- financial assistance is available for Band Fair share costs (not Spring Trip costs) for students in need. If you need an alternative payment schedule, one can be arranged through Boosters. **Money should never be a reason for missing out on participating in the FHS Band program.**

Money for the Spring Trip will be applied to your account once all your other Fair Share costs are paid and your account is in good standing.

If you have questions or are confused about the process and payment schedule, please communicate with the Booster organization or Ms. Hairston.

CHARMS Accounts and BAND

The Band Staff and Band Booster Organization frequently issue updates and event information via our BAND communication system. This is a free app and service for your phone or through a website. Please visit www.franklinyellowjacketsband.com for the link and codes for BAND. If the link or code does not work, please email Ms. Hairston for a new link or code.

Beginning the 2019-2020 school year, **all** financial transactions and records will be handled through CHARMS accounts. Students and families will be able to keep track of financial statements and payments due through this account. Payments can still be made through cash or check by depositing money into the security deposit box in the band room. However, paper receipts will not be issued and students will need to check their account periodically for updates on their account. Please make sure your CHARMS information is always updated with your current address and phone numbers for proper communications.

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Monday July 15, 2019- Band Camp registration

The 2019-2020 season begins with Band Camp registration. All students must register for participation in the 2019-2020 FHS Band. All students and parents (or parental representative) need to attend registration and stay for the large meeting.

Sophomores	9:00am
Juniors	10:00am
Seniors	11:00am
Freshmen & New Students	12:00pm

All Drum Majors, Captains, Section Leaders, and Student Staff will arrive at 8:00am for set up and will be dismissed at 3:00pm after cleanup (Registration and uniform fitting day only).

Parents, we will need help on several stations during our uniform fitting day (**Saturday July 20 from 9:00am-3:00pm**) if you are able to help, please let Boosters know through the BAND app.

Every Person in the 2019-2020 FHS Marching Yellowjackets program will need to come to registration with a parent or guardian. If for some reason you cannot attend registration, please notify the band office by email at jhairston@stocktonusd.net as early as possible. We ask that you make a payment of your Band Fee at registration. If there is a cause for concern, please let me know.

Please be prepared to do the following at Registration:

1. Turn in Photo/Medical Waiver and Commitment agreement (attached).
2. Update your address, telephone, and email information for accuracy.
3. Make a deposit on your Band Fees
4. Pay for new Band Polo (\$21) or Band T-shirt (\$5) if needed
5. Purchase additional items such as band jackets, sweatshirts, other accessories (including percussion and guard equipment)
6. Sign up for your uniform fitting time slot.

We look forward to seeing you at band camp as we prepare for a great 2019-2020 season with the Marching Yellowjackets!

Jacqueline R. Hairston
Director of Bands

Jerren T. Robison
Assistant Director of Bands

Edward Brown
Percussion Instructor

Alejandro Moreno
Color guard Instructor

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FULL BAND CAMP 2019 SCHEDULE

Monday July 15, 2019 9:00am-2:00pm

Registration, Instrument fitting and meeting only. *Times may adjust as necessary*

Sophomores 9:00am

Juniors 10:00am

Seniors 11:00am

Freshmen &
New Students 12:00pm

General Meeting 1:00pm

Tuesday July 16, 2019-Friday July 19, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Stretches and Warm-up 9:00am-9:15am

Marching Basics 9:20am-11:50am

Lunch 11:50am-12:40pm

Indoor music rehearsal 12:45pm-1:45pm

Clean up/Final remarks 1:45pm-2:00pm

Dismissal 2:00pm

Saturday July 20, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm** Times may change, by appointment sign up**

Uniform fitting only

Students **must** sign up for an appointment for their uniform fitting.

Monday July 22, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Full Parade group 9:00am-11:45am

Drumline (parade and street percussion) 12:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday July 23, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Full Parade group 9:00am-12:00am

Guard 12:00pm-3:00pm

Wednesday July 24, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Street percussion only

Schedule to follow

Thursday July 24, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Full Parade group 9:00am-12:00am

Guard 12:00pm-3:00pm

Friday July 26, 2019 9:00am-3:00pm

Full Parade group 9:00am-12:00pm

Picnic set up 12:00pm-12:30pm

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Picnic/Cleanup/Dismissal 12:30pm-3:00pm

Fall 2019 Performance Dates

The following dates are listed for the 2019 FHS Marching Yellowjackets Fall season. This is by no means an all-inclusive list. Any additional dates will be given with at least 2 weeks of notice. **All dates listed are MANDATORY unless otherwise noted. Performances are highlighted**

Football dates have not been added as they are not currently available. A football performance schedule will be given out at the beginning of the school year.

Performance dates for 2nd semester will be distributed by October.

July 15, 2019 (Mon)	Band Camp Registration Day
July 16-19, 2019 (Tues-Fri)	Band Camp week 1 9:00am-3:00pm
July 20, 2019 (Saturday)	Uniform Fitting (By Appointment Only)
July 22-26, 2019 (Mon-Fri)	Band Camp week 2 9:00am-3:00pm
August 17, 2019 (Saturday)	Super Saturday Rehearsal 9:00am-3:00pm
September 14, 2019 (Saturday)	Super Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm FINAL UNIFORM FITTING
September 28, 2019 (Saturday)	Pittman Band Review ALL DAY
October 16, 2019	"Late Rehearsal" 2:30pm-5:00pm
October 19, 2019	Santa Cruz Band Review ALL DAY
October 23, 2019	"Late Rehearsal" 2:30pm-5:00pm
October 26, 2019	Foothill Band Review ALL DAY
November 9, 2019 (Saturday)	Super Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm
November 15, 2019 (Friday)	"Late Rehearsal" 2:30pm-4:00pm
November 16, 2019 (Saturday)	Lincoln Championships Review ALL DAY
December 19, 2019	Winter Showcase concert w/ King elementary

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Donations

It takes a lot to run this program and as always, we are in need of supplies. Below is a list of items that are always needed. We ask that each parent help out in some way to help curb the cost of the many band reviews, performances, and rehearsals we do throughout the year.

WATER

Sunscreen
Hair combs/brushes
Paper Cups
Aluminum Foil

Hair Spray
Hand Sanitizer
Paper Plates
Cutlery
Paper Towels

Bobbie Pink
Kleenex
Napkins
Large Garbage Bags
Snacks (late rehearsals!)
- Chips
- Granola Bars

Volunteers

If anyone has a special talent that might benefit our program, please see one of the Band Boosters or Ms. Hairston to volunteer some of your time. We are looking for parents to help with the following:

Fundraisers	Pulling a Trailer/Driving the truck	Sewing
Woodworking	Setting up and tearing down at band reviews	Welding
Food Prep	Laundering	Community Outreach

Please plan to attend our Parent Meetings so you are current with all of our parent needs.

Join the Boosters/Parent Meetings

All parents are encouraged to share in their children's musical experience. Time is such an important donation to groups such as the Franklin Marching Yellowjackets program. We need parents to come to meetings. A schedule is listed below and meetings are held in the Franklin High School Band Room (A125). The parent boosters are the heart of our program. It is because of their efforts that we are able to provide opportunities for our students!

Franklin Marching Yellowjackets Parent Meetings are listed below and will begin at 6:00pm. Regularly scheduled parent meetings are the first Tuesday of every month. Please mark your calendars and plan to join.

**August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4,
March 3, April 7, May 5**

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COMMITMENT, INJURY, and PHOTO WAIVER/AGREEMENT

I give my child _____, permission to attend all auditions and practices as related to the Marching Yellowjackets. I understand that once accepted into the group, attendance at band camp, rehearsals, games, competitions, and performances are required. Any missed rehearsals need to be communicated with directors and staff in a timely manner to be considered excused. Excessive unexcused absences may result in removal from program, and **no refunds will be given.** I have reviewed all the dates listed for the FALL season and have made every effort possible to avoid conflicts or will notify staff of any immediate conflicts by September 9, 2019.

I understand coaches, directors, and staff are not held responsible for injuries or accidents that may occur as a result of participating in the Marching Yellowjackets (i.e. Injury from color guard equipment, dehydration as a result of not hydrating during breaks, etc.). In the event of extreme weather or circumstances all staff will do everything in their control to remove students from potentially dangerous situations.

I will do my utmost to attend and uphold all procedures and rules that go along with being a member of the Marching Yellowjackets.

Student Signature

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

__ I give the organization permission to use photos/video throughout the school year of my student for publicity, promotional, or educational purposes. Including publications, presentations, or broadcast via newspaper, internet, or other media source. I do this with full knowledge and consent and waive all claims for compensation for use and damages.

__ I **do not** give the organization permission to use photos/video of my student for publicity, promotional, or educational purposes.