



*"The Pride of Pearland"*

# BAND BOOSTERS PARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE

**2022 - 2023**

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# Welcome from the Pearland Band Boosters

July 18-21 - Leadership Camp - 8 AM to 5 PM

July 18-21 - Color Guard Summer Camp - 5 to 8 PM

July 18-21 - Percussion Summer Camp - 9 AM to 2 PM

**July 25-Aug 1 - Summer Band Rehearsals**

- Weekdays: 8 AM to 5 PM - **BRING YOUR LUNCH!!**
- Saturdays - 8 AM to 12 PM

**July 25 - Uniform Measuring Day:** Beginning at 12 PM for 11th-12th grade.

- 9th & 10th grade: eat lunch first then get measured starting at 12:45.

**July 27-29 - Uniform Fitting Days:** (fitting done by band, watch your emails for more detailed information)

**July 30 - Band Registration Day:** PHS Cafeteria 8 AM - 1 PM

- Pay fees and buy supplies (flip folders, lyres, etc.)
- Purchase booster parent shirts & other merchandise
- Purchase yard signs, decals, pictures, etc...
- Volunteer sign up
- Come & meet band booster parents & join the FUN!

**August 2-16 - Summer Band Rehearsals - Bring your Lunch or Dinner!!**

**August 2, 3 & 4 - Rehearsal 1 PM to 9 PM**

**August 5 & 8 - Rehearsal 8 AM to 5 PM**

**August 6 (Saturday) - Rehearsal 8 AM to 12 PM**

**August 9, 10 & 11 - Rehearsal 4 PM to 8 PM**

**August 12 - 12 PM Group & Individual Picture. Rehearsal 4 to 6 PM**

**August TBD Booster Fall Kick-Off Meeting & 6PM Parent Performance night**

**August 15 - Rehearsal 4 PM to 8 PM**

**August 16 - Rehearsal 9 AM to 12 PM**

## **School Year Marching Band** (see full schedule on Charms)

**August 17:** First Day of School

**August 26 - 1st Football game**

### **Marching Contests**

- **Sept. 25** - Bands of America - Conroe/Woodlands
- **Oct. 2** - Bands of America - Katy
- **Oct. 6** - UIL Region
- **Oct. 23** - UIL Area
- **Nov 6 & 7** - Bands of America Super Regional - San Antonio Alamodome
- **Nov 8 & 9** - UIL State - San Antonio Alamodome (must qualify first)

### **After-school marching**

#### **practice schedule** (most weeks)

- **Monday:** 3:15 to 5:45 PM Perc./Guard
- **Tuesday:** 3:15 to 5:45 PM Brass/Woodwind
- **Wednesday:** 3:15 to 5:45 PM Full Band (in stadium & wear marching shoes!)
- **Thursday:** 3:15 to 6:15 PM
- **Friday:** 3:00 PM - Late!

(see sample football game schedules on P. 10)

**Summer Marching**

**Band begins:**

**July 25th!**



## **CHARMS**

**www.charmsoffice.com**

**school code: pearlandhsband**

- Hover over **Enter/Login** on the top right-hand side of the website. Click **Parents/Students/Members**.
- Enter **pearlandhsband** as the school code. Click the **Enter Charms** button. Enter your child's student ID# in the **Student Area Password** section and click **Enter**. After the first login, you will be prompted to choose a new password. Once logged in, **please update/add parent information in the parent profile**.
- Charms is used to send out informational emails. **This is the primary communication tool we use to get information to students and parents.**
- **Charms Calendar** is your most up-to-date resource for practice schedules, contest, events and more.
- Charms includes the following: fee payment by credit card (a processing fee is added), student account status, access to all important forms and much more!!

**ALL CHECK PAYMENTS must include your Driver License Number, Phone Number, Student Name and Student ID#**

⇒ Check to **Pearland HS Band** - All Band Fees and Student Required Items (shoes, shirts, garment bag, etc...)

⇒ Check to **Pearland Band Booster Club or PBBC** - Student MEAL Fee, parent booster shirts and other merchandise

## Pearland High School Band - “The Pride of Pearland “ - History

The Pearland High School Band program is made up of approximately 350 members from 9th through 12th grades and has a rich history of not only musical excellence but of great citizenship and community responsibility. Our concert bands and marching bands have received many prestigious awards due to the dedication and hard work of the students and our directors over the last several decades.

Our band has over 50 years of UIL Sweepstakes Awards which recognize bands that have Superior performances in marching band, concert band, and sight-reading contest. It has also been recognized at national festivals, been selected to the Texas UIL State Marching Band Championships and has been the Texas Music Educators Association Texas State Honor Band. The Pride of Pearland Band is also very involved in the community. In 2017 the Houston area was devastated by Hurricane Harvey which flooded homes in Pearland and the surrounding area. With just a two-hour notice, our band program had band members and the band directors on site organizing the band hall as a clothing drive center. The band program also assisted the shelter with housing affected families of our community and providing them food, diapers, medicine, baby food, and comfort, as well as shelter for their pets. We, as a band program at Pearland High School, understand our commitment to our community, our band members, our staff, and when faced with adversity, our program models our Pearland High School motto: *Pride, Honor, Success*.

Our Commitment is to help your child develop life skills through the art of music. Among these skills are discipline, citizenship, responsibility and leadership. We also hope to create a love and understanding of music through performance, preferably top-notch performance, which we can all be proud of. Thank you for letting us share in the growth of your child.

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The Band Program has 2 Seasons - Marching and Contest

⇒ Marching Season:

- Spring: May Marching Camp
- Fall: Football Games, Contests (4 to 5), Playoff Football Games

⇒ Concert Season:

- Fall: All State Audition Process begins, Winter Concert
- Spring: Solo & Ensemble, Pre UIL Concert, Concert & Sight reading Contest, Spring Concert

Question: **Why doesn't everyone get to march?** Unfortunately, there are only so many primary marching positions available in a particular designed show. Other positions students participate in include pit, prop and game day.

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# Pearland Band Booster Club

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The Pearland Band Booster Club, Inc. is a non profit organization organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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# Pearland Band Booster Club

The Pearland Band Booster Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, works to provide the students with a phenomenal high school band experience. It is dedicated to supporting the directors, the band, and the color guard in creating, producing, and performing the best marching and concert programs possible. To achieve this goal, our members chaperone all trips, provide uniform fitting and care, serve meals, build and transport props, and move equipment during halftime & competition performances.

We develop fundraising activities to support the band and color guard, and work to promote student and community spirit. The booster club is extremely lucky to have many hard-working parents and volunteers. Wherever your skill or talent lies, *there is a place for you!* The Booster Club is a vital part of the success of the Oiler Band and an excellent opportunity for you to be involved in your child's high school experience. Our program is so big that you can be involved and support your child and the band program without your student knowing you are there. We encourage all parents to get involved in the committee(s) of their choice.

## Committees and Descriptions

**Band Banquet/Hospitality:** Plan and provide refreshments for families/guests at concerts and other band events. Plan and provide refreshments for judges during competitions hosted by PHS (UIL Ensemble Recital, TCGC). Assist the chairman/co-chairmen with planning the End-Of-Year Band Banquet.

**Chaperones:** Provide supervision to students during games, bus rides, and overnight trips. Ensure the safety and well-being of students while preparing for games, in stadium stands, and/or while traveling. Anyone interested in chaperoning must attend a mandatory chaperone meeting held at the beginning of each school year.

**Digital Media:** Assist with video and photography at band-related events which may include football games, performances, rehearsals, competitions, travel, and social events. Assist with the production of the Pearland Band's End-Of-Year Highlight DVD. Work with Social Media committee and Web administrator to include photos and videos on the band's social media accounts and booster website.

**Fundraising:** Assist the chairman/co-chairs with student fundraising campaigns: planning of fundraisers, processing orders, distributing products. Help plan fundraising events to raise funds for the Band Booster Club which may include but not limited to: Lock-in, Bingo night, TCGC.

**Ice Towels:** Assist with Organizing and preparing iced towels into coolers for use at games, competitions, and any other events where ice towels are requested. Assist with transporting coolers from the band hall to the stadium, trucks, or other locations where towels are needed. Hand out towels to students after performances and collect afterwards. Assist with laundering the towels at home and prepping them for the next event.

**Meals:** Assist the chairman/co-chairs with meal planning for away games and trips. Distribute meals and/or snacks to students immediately before away-games and on trips. Prepare and distribute snacks for chaperones to take on their designated buses to hand out to students. Assist chairman/co-chairs with the coordination of food sales for TCGC, bingo, and other events that require the sale of food.

**Pit Crew:** Load and unload equipment, instruments, and props on and off the big rig and Penske trucks at games, competitions, and other band events. Assist with moving front ensemble instruments, sound equipment, electronics, and podiums on and off the field for marching performances.

**Props:** Assist with designing, building, and repairing marching show props to be used in the band's marching show. Load and unload props from trucks and move them to their designated areas for games and competitions. Be available at performances in the case of any emergent prop repair needs.

**Social Media/Publicity:** Assist chairman/co-chairs with maintenance and updating of our social media accounts such as Facebook, twitter, and Instagram. Work closely with the Digital Media Committee to include photos and videos on the band's social media accounts. Assist with news releases, advertising, and posting of band events in various media outlets.

**Spirit Items:** Assist the chairman/co-chairs with ordering, organizing, and distributing spirit item orders.

**Sponsorship/Donations:** Assist with soliciting of new trailer sponsors, and renewing current ones, for display of their business logo on the Pearland Band big rig. Assist with soliciting corporate or individual donations (monetary or product) to the Pearland Band.

**Uniforms:** Assist with measuring and fitting students for uniforms in the fall and spring. Assist with the distribution of uniforms to students for performances. Help perform minor uniform repairs such as hemming, pinning, or sewing. Assist with laundering, ironing, and rehangng uniforms.

**Water Crew:** Assist with preparing large water jugs for games and competitions. Help students fill their personal water jugs when needed. At games, move water jugs into stands for student use. At competitions and other events, move water jugs to specified locations for student use. Work with Meals Committee to provide iced water bottles with meals. Assist the chairman/co-chairs with tracking and stocking bottled water as needed per the directors' requests.

**Website Administrator:** Assist the website administrator with the maintenance of the Band Booster website. Work closely with the Digital Media Committee to update pictures and videos on the website. Assist with maintaining and updating announcements, calendar dates, and other important information on the website.

# Pearland Band Booster Club - Parent Survival Guide

The first priority for every band parent is to attend as many events where your child is performing as possible. Our kids work extremely hard and it is our responsibility as parents to be there to recognize their effort, provide support and encourage them to succeed.

Another major priority of a band parent is to get involved and volunteer time supporting our nationally-recognized band program. The Pearland Bands program is blessed to have some of the best directors and supporting staff. However, it is very difficult to run a world class band program without volunteer and financial support generated through various fundraising activities. Our mission is to provide unwavering support for the Pearland Band program which in turn leads to our hardworking band students achieving success.

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE A BAND PARENT WHEN ...

- You may make three more trips than expected to drop off your child with everything they need. You carry spare black socks, practice shirt and duct tape with you at all times.
- You follow yellow school busses around during trips to band competitions.
- You are unable to pick your child out of the band in uniform because they all look alike.
- You no longer speak of your child as a daughter/son, but as a "freshman trumpet".
- You prominently display a band calendar in the kitchen, have band dates marked on the calendar in your purse or on your smartphone. Sync Charms calendar to everyone's phone in the family so they know where you can be found,
- There's no such thing as prior commitment.
- You know that you will be wearing a "Pride of Pearland", "Pearland Band" Mom/Dad shirt every Friday night (& Sat.)
- You actually know the "deep meaning" of the marching show.

## HELPFUL HINTS THAT SAVE YOU TIME, GAS AND GRIEF.

- Make your child responsible for being prepared. The first time they forget something will be the last! They learn to be resourceful when they have to be.
- Keep extra socks, practice/performance shirts, band aids, safety pins, etc. in your car or purse just in case.
- At the end of each practice session there are usually announcements - listen up. You can hear the announcements too!
- Keep all items (socks, shoes, shirts, gloves, etc) in a bag. This way you won't spend time hunting for them each time they are needed.
- Your child will receive a weekly email including schedule, what to bring, and upcoming events/contest. Ask to see it or add yourself to Charms and you will receive the email too.

## "WHAT THAT REALLY MEANS..."

- **"Band Practice is at 1:00 PM"** - if you're early, you're on time, if you're on time, you're late. When you drop your child off at 12:30, there will be students already there, ready to play. At this point, the anxiety level for being late dramatically increases. The band actually takes the practice field for warm-ups around 12:45. This is when your child will be sweating bullets. Always allow extra time because tardiness will not be accepted.
- **Where is your pencil?** - Students should always have a pencil with them.
- **Practice field** - The practice field is actually in the high school parking lot, not on the football field. The concrete surface has been marked with yard lines, tics and hashes.
- **Are you working the Pit?** - The pit is not something bad. It's the group of percussion instruments that travel in the semi-trailer and are stationary during performances. Parents in the Pit Crew work feverishly to set up and take down the pit in record time before and after a performance.

## UNIFORMS, SHIRTS, OR "WHAT DO I WEAR?"

- **Marching Uniforms** - All students are fitted for a uniform and the uniforms STAY in the uniform room at the band hall. The uniform committee maintains them, washes on regular basis, does all sizing and distribution. The grey performance shirt and black fitted shorts are worn under the marching uniform. This allows modest changing on busses and in the band hall in mixed company. All students must provide their own crew all-black socks (no grey heels, no white Nike sign on the side).
- **Practice Shirts/Tank** - Blue (band), yellow (color guard) and orange (drum majors) color shirt to be worn for practice during the week. Usually Tue-Wed-Thurs.
- **Performance Shirt** - Grey color shirt to be worn under the Marching uniform. And at practice before games & contest.
- **Polo Shirt** - Maroon polo shirt to be worn for pep rally and other times designated by the directors.
- **Rain Uniform** - blue jean pants (no holes), a black belt (plain as possible) and their rain poncho.
- **Concert Uniform** - Tuxedos will be issued to boys and dresses to the girls for all students in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Band. And all students that make Region Band (including Freshman Region Band). These will be worn for concert competitions in the Spring.

## **CHEERING, SCREAMING AND OTHER FUN STUFF ...**

An important job of the booster club is to make certain our parents and friends are familiar with some simple rules of etiquette for contest and concerts. These events can be very exciting and it's easy to get carried away. We want to make certain we give our band and their competitors the respect they deserve.

### **MARCHING EVENTS AND GAME**

- When events are held in our facility remember to applaud and recognize the hard work and skill of the visiting bands. All of these young people give their best effort, and we should always reward a performance with appropriate applause. Don't be afraid to stand up when a band deserves it, even when it's not our kids. Please treat visitors in the same manner you would like your children to be treated when they perform away from home. When traveling to another school, remember that we are guests who want to be invited back.
- During marching competitions, get to your seats early. When a band is on the field performing, please wait until the band is leaving the field before entering or exiting the stands. It is very distracting when people are wandering in and out. Also, remember that other parents may be photographing or videotaping their children. Please be considerate.
- Cheer, clap, yell and wave signs BEFORE and AFTER your favorite band performs. Then sit down and enjoy the show once the music begins. Always stand and applaud your band when their program is done. It means so much to our students to know that we're there to support them and that we're proud of them, win or lose.
- Clapping and cheering for the entire band during the show / after they do something well is great. Please wait for soloist to finish to cheer for them.
- Please carry your food wrappers and cups with you and deposit them in the waste containers as you leave the facility. It's a small gesture that demonstrates your respect for schools and their facilities. It also sets a good example for our young people.

### **Video of Halftime or Contest Performances**

- Parents who video tape the band's performances may **NOT** post those videos on social media (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat). The band does not have copyright permission to post or distribute video recordings of the performance material. Synchronization licenses are required to post or distribute video recordings of the Pearland Band. Please protect yourself and the band program by NOT posting any performances in or on any public social media. Copyright infringement can be up to a \$150,000 fine.
- Due to the copyright limitations, video at all marching band contests is not allowed. This includes the UIL Marching Contest.
- Thank you in advance for helping keep our program in compliance with the law.

### **Student Pick Up after football games/contests**

- Please DO NOT park in the driveway along the breezeway or the driveway in the front of the school. The semi-truck will need to have access to park and unload. The buses will need the front driveway to park and unload students.
- Please DO park in the parking lot off of Oiler Drive.

### **Meals for Games**

- HOME games: meals are not provided for the students. Students will need to make arrangements to get or receive food after the run through before home football games.
- AWAY games: meals are provided for all students. (Please note any dietary needs in your student's Charms account)

## **STAGE CONCERTS AND CONTESTS**

- Barking, whistling, hooting and foot stamping are part of the fun at football games or marching competitions but concerts and stage competitions are more formal.
- Always be considerate. Please do not talk during a performance. Performances are often recorded for evaluation and sometimes submitted to contest organizers. The microphones used are very sensitive and easily pick up voices and other background sounds. This is even more important during contests since judges will often sit in the auditorium, recording comments that will be used to evaluate and score each band. Even low voices can be distracting. Also, be sure your cell phone is off or in silent mode.
- Please do not enter or leave an auditorium once a band begins to perform. This is VERY distracting both to the musicians and the audience. Remember that doors slamming shut, voices and footsteps can ruin a recording.
- Watch the conductor closely. When a selection is finished, hold your applause until he or she steps down from the platform. Some musical selections have several parts separated by a pause to allow the musicians to arrange their music or change instruments. Hold your applause until all of the parts of a selection are complete and the conductor steps down. Applause and or standing ovations at the end of a performance are appropriate.
- Many parents bring video cameras to concerts and contests when the sponsoring organizations allow them. Set up tripods at the rear of the auditorium. Please refrain from using electronic flash units while a band is performing. Remember that some auditoriums have restrictions on photography. Please honor their rules and always be considerate.

## **SCHOOL OWNED INSTRUMENTS**

PISD supplies the very large or expensive instruments such as tuba, timpani, etc. The district also supplies marching instruments that replace concert instruments (sousaphones, baritones ...) There is a \$50 per semester fee.

# Pearland Band Booster Club

## Terms & Definitions

- **All Region and All State Band** - Elite bands made of players from many schools selected by audition. These auditions begin in November.
- **Band Banquet** - End of school year event for band members and their parents. The banquet is on the 1st or 2nd Friday night in May at the Pearland Knights of Columbus Hall.
- **Band Fee** - The **band fee** covers the fees for contest, marching show designers, sectional teachers and other band expenses. The **meal fee** covers water and food for all away games and contests. (Freshmen will have additional fees for required items such as marching shoes, garment bag, shirts, gloves, etc.)
- **Band Hall** - Center of band activities in a school, your child's second home.
- **Band Time** - Arriving at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time. This allows the event/practice to start on time.
- **Battery** - The marching percussion including snare, tenor, bass drums and cymbals. Same as Drum Line.
- **BOA** - Bands of America, a national organization hosting marching and concert competitions for high school and college bands. Regional competitions are held in different cities over the United States. (Regional - Super Regionals - Grand Nationals)
- **Caption Awards** - Awarded in marching contest. Depending on the competition - Caption Awards can be awarded for Preliminary competition and for Finals competition. These awards are: High Music, High Visual, and High General Effect.
- **Chairman of a Band Booster Committee** - Band parent in charge of a specific activity such as fundraising, chaperones, etc.
- **Color Guard** - Auxiliaries who spin flags, rifles, sabers and dance in conjunction with the marching show and are usually outfitted in a special "show theme" costume. A very important part of the Marching Show. They provide "color" to the overall effect of the show by closely choreographed interpretative dance routines that match the drill design.
- **Concert Season** - Roughly December through May, the band parent's busiest time of year, see also Marching Season.
- **Concert Uniforms** - Tuxedos for the boys and gown for the girls. Owned by the school.
- **Contest or Concerts** - 1. Competitions among concert bands playing contest music before a panel of judges, 2. The focus of life in the spring.
- **Contest, Marching** - 1. Competitions among marching bands before a panel of judges, 2. The focus of life in the fall.
- **DCI** - Drum Corps International - a nonprofit youth organization serving junior drum and bugle corps around the globe,
- **Drum Line** - Marching percussion, same as Battery
- **Drum Majors** - Conduct the marching band providing appropriate beat at exactly the right time. Any band member can tryout to be a drum major at the end of the school year.
- **Eligibility** - The condition of being able, under state rules, to participate in a band activity. Fear of this may inspire band members to study.
- **Email** - The best way to contact the Band Directors or Booster president.
- **Fall** - 1. What marchers do after they try to march backwards, 2. Marching Season.
- **Finals Competition** - The top 10 to 12 bands based on a 100-point scale to determine the Grand Champion.
- **Front Ensemble** - see **Pit Instruments and Equipment**.
- **Football** - A game played on a marching field to entertain audience while the band is getting ready to perform.
- **Flags** - Large piece of colored cloth on poles waved by Color Guard auxiliaries.
- **Game Day** - Marching position for all football games, but not in the primary marching show.
- **Hat Box** - Carrying case for marching uniform hat that is often left behind in the band hall at the beginning of band trip or on band buses at end of band trip and sometimes in the stands.
- **High School** - Secondary school, the level at which band parenting becomes intense.
- **Judges, Contest** - Eagle-eyed, golden-eared infinitely demanding persons who can spot un-raised band member toes at a distance of 200 yards, at night, through fog while detecting one slightly out of tune clarinet during a brass fortissimo.
- **Lyre** - Device that is supposed to hold flip-folder on instrument while playing in the football stands.



- **Listening** - 1. Technique (in which many band members are unskilled employing the ears to judge one's pitch relative to the band, 2. Comprehend spoken directions of the band director.
- **Loading Crew** - Loosely organized group of band members and parents, who load/unload the semi-truck.
- **Marching Band** - The Pearland High School Marching Band consists of students from the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic, Concert, Cadet and Prep Bands. Students tryout each semester so they can be placed in the appropriate band according to their skill level.
- **Marching Field** - A field of 100 yards in length, marked in 5-yard increments used for marching band performances. There are some sports (such as football and soccer), which can be played on a marching field.
- **Marching Practice** - Band member's principal waking activity from August through November.
- **Marching Season** - Roughly July through November, the band Parent's busiest time of year, see Concert Season.
- **Pearland Band Booster Club** - 1. All the band parents as a group, 2. Your primary waking activity during marching and concert seasons.
- **Pit Crew** - Band parents with sore backs, see Loading Crew. Responsible for loading all equipment on buses/trailers, unloading at performance site, getting equipment on field and set up, then removing equipment expeditiously so as not to be in violation of any time rules set by the judging body, loading back onto trailer and unloading at school.
- **Pit Instruments and Equipment** - Large non-marchable instruments and equipment moved onto marching field sidelines by band parents. Includes, but is not limited to, marimbas, tympani, bass drums, tenor drums, wood blocks, vibraphones, xylophones, amplifiers, speakers, podiums, ladders, gongs, chimes, bells, cymbals, pianos, organs, synthesizers, sirens, electronic keyboards and props.
- **Practice** - 1. Individual work your child should be doing in his/her "spare" time, 2. Concert or Marching activity usually held in the band hall or on concrete.
- **Preliminary Competition** - All bands in a marching contest compete for finals standing. Accumulated scores on a 100-point scale to rank bands. 100 being the highest.
- **Prop** - large visuals used during marching season, moved by students to enhance the visual effect of the show.
- **Rain** - 1. Inclement weather that interferes with marching practice and outdoor marching competitions, 2. What some students look forward to on the 100+ degree days!
- **San Antonio Trip** - Bands of America super regional marching competition held the first of November.
- **Section** - consist of a group of like instruments.
- **Soloist** - Band members who play a feature part by themselves in a performance, half of the band wishes that they were a soloist and the other half is glad not to be a soloist.
- **Shoes, Marching** - Shoes worn with marching band uniforms and suitable for no other purpose. Usually black with scuff-marks, frequently forgotten or lost by band.
- **Show, Marching** - The music and choreography performed by a marching band and auxiliaries.
- **Show Shirts** - T-shirts designed to reflect the "theme" of the marching show. To be worn by students, parents, everyone supporting the band.
- **Sight Reading** - Playing music that one has never ever seen before. Widely held to be the true test of a band's ability.
- **Socks, Band** - Familiar article of clothing for the feet (black in color) frequently forgotten by band members.
- **Spring** - 1. Wound tensioned metal wire that, until it breaks, moves valves and keys back into the open or closed position, 2. Concert Season.
- **Spring Trip** - Mass transport of the band for the purpose of competing in concert competitions at a location so remote from the band hall that they must stay overnight at a hotel.
- **Trip Accounts** - The cost of fall and spring band trips. The amount varies from year to year depending upon trips selected. The Band program and the Band Boosters help provide fundraising opportunities to meet these financial obligations. The student and parents may elect not to participate in fundraising activities and pay the amount due instead.
- **UIL** - University Interscholastic League - UIL rules govern Texas intra-state competitions in marching band and concerts. UIL requirement also govern athletic and scholastic competitions in the state.
  - UIL created **Districts** - **Regions** - **Areas** to allow schools in geographical areas to compete against one another with a minimum of travel. Ex. Pearland High School Marching Band competes in UIL Region 19 and is part of Area H. For All State, the Pearland Band competes in UIL Region 19 and is part of Area E.
- **Website, Band** - [pearlandband.org](http://pearlandband.org)

## SAMPLE GAME DAY SCHEDULES

VERY IMPORTANT -- What to bring to school in the morning:

- Flip folder (with all music)
- Lyre, instrument, mouthpiece
- Water bottle-Fill it before departing for the game. We will bring these into the stands with us
- Garment bag
- Grey Performance Shirt
- Long black socks
- Marching shoes
- Lightweight black athletic shorts that will fit easily under uniform
- **Rain Poncho**
- **Blue Jean Pants with black belt (rain uniform)**

## SAMPLE AWAY GAME SCHEDULE

2:30 pm School gets out – change into game day attire:

- Show Shirt
- Long black socks
- Marching shoes
- Lightweight athletic shorts that will fit easily under uniform

2:50 Rehearsal in the Rig

3:30 Instrument Inspection / Dismissed to eat in cafeteria (**food is provided**)

4:20 Report to band hall-get dressed in uniform (pants, shoes, long black socks, grey performance shirt)

4:30 Uniform Inspection

4:45 Dismissed by bus to load

5:00 Depart for \_\_\_\_ Stadium

6:30 Arrive at \_\_\_\_ Stadium – Unload by section

7:00 Game begins

10:00 (approx.) game ends, load equipment and buses

10:30 Depart \_\_\_\_ Stadium for PHS

11:40 Arrive at PHS, put up uniforms and instruments properly.  
Have a great weekend!

## SAMPLE HOME GAME SCHEDULE

2:30 pm School gets out – change into game day attire:

- Show Shirt
- Long black socks
- Marching shoes
- Lightweight athletic shorts that will fit easily under uniform

3:00 Rehearsal in the Rig

4:10 Instrument Inspection / Dismissed to eat (**food is NOT provided**)

5:15 Report to band hall-get dressed in uniform (pants, shoes, long black socks, grey performance shirt)

5:30 Uniform Inspection

5:45 Dismissed by section to set up block

5:50 March to The Rig

7:00 Game begins

10:00 (approx.) game ends, return to PHS put equipment and instruments away. Hang uniforms properly.  
Have a great weekend!

<p>UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS provided by student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALL BLACK long socks (crew socks)</li> <li>BLACK athletic shorts – Fitted (to be worn under marching uniform) and appropriate to be worn in public</li> <li>Jeans and Belt (for rain uniform)</li> <li>Jacket for Cold weather: Letterman, solid black or grey</li> </ul>	<p>When in Uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO – jewelry</li> <li>NO – gum</li> <li>NO – fingernail polish</li> <li>Hair must be in a bun (all hair must fit in hat)</li> <li>Headbands – black, grey or maroon - Only</li> </ul>
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## TIPS FOR SUMMER BAND

Here are some things that you need to consider for your comfort and for your safety.

### *Sun Protection:*

- Sunscreen is *highly* recommended.
- Lip balm with SPF protection is also *highly* recommended.

### *Apparel*

- Students should wear shorts. Non-cotton shorts are the most comfortable in the heat. Athletic shorts work extremely well for marching band.
- Students should wear short sleeved t-shirts that are lighter in color and light-weight.
- Tennis shoes are required for the marching band activity, as we will be spending a lot of time on our feet! Cross trainer/running-type shoes are best. Types of shoes like Converse or Vans offer very little arch and heel support, and are discouraged because they can cause injuries.
- Sunglasses and a hat are strongly encouraged.

### *Nutrition*

- **Students are required to bring water to every marching band rehearsal.**
- A water jug that holds at least a half a gallon of water is necessary. A 20 oz. bottle of water is not sufficient.
- Students are required to have a PHS band water jug. This jug will be used for rehearsals and for performances so we look uniformed.
- Liquids other than water are prohibited.
- Students should keep in mind that we will be spending up to 3-4 hours outside during rehearsals when they make food choices.
- Milk and dairy products don't tend to sit well in a moving stomach in the heat. Breakfasts that are high in protein such as peanut butter toast or even toast with small amounts of egg are great.
- Sodas and some other sugary drinks are diuretics and tend to dehydrate. While it's okay for students to drink sodas, it's best to supplement with water on more occasions during the fall season. The more hydrated you are while indoors, the better you will fare outdoors.
- "Chips and a coke" are not an ideal lunch to get ready for afternoon rehearsals. Students should eat a good solid lunch for sustained energy during afternoon rehearsals.

***Safety and the health of our students is the top priority to the band staff.*** Your student will get a short water break every 10 minutes when it's hot. It's very important for your students to hydrate themselves every water break. It's the best way to stay healthy and in the game!