

# FUTURE MEMBER GUIDE

SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013

## COME BE A PART OF THE SUCCESS!

The *Mustang Band* has already established itself as one of the most successful, fastest growing organizations at CHS! Not only do students learn to perform on a musical instrument in a variety of different settings, they learn the essentials of *teamwork, self-motivation, self-discipline, individual responsibility, and social skills* that prove to be effective in any career, sport, or other activity.

Under the direction of Pete Hazzard (director of bands), Michael Jordan, and Andrew Anker (associate directors), and a host of other master teachers, students are offered instruction in marching band, jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, color guard, winter guard, full symphony orchestra, and concert band techniques.

Hopefully, many of the questions you have about signing up, schedules, and requirements for participation will be answered by reading this publication thoroughly. If not, please feel free to contact us at any time. We will be more than happy to answer your questions as quickly as possible.



The PRIDE and PAGEANTRY of the Mustang Band. Building self-esteem, confidence, and PRIDE IN PERFORMANCE!!

## CHS BAND

### PHILOSOPHY

• “The defining moment that transforms you from a good band to a GREAT band is when you stop using the kids to make music and start using the music to make the kids.”

• Pete Hazzard



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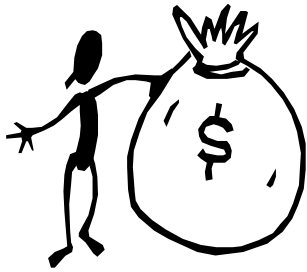
## WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

Soon, your child will have counselors from CHS on their campus to learn about class options available to all high school students. It is important to keep in mind during these presentations that it is very possible to take band and other elective choices when you get to high school.

The *Creekview High School Band* prides itself in having students that are involved in MULTIPLE activities on campus. Continuing with your band career in high school is a snap!!!

**Creekview Band**





Being in band costs A LOT LESS than most people think.

## HOW MUCH MONEY WILL THIS COST?

Fortunately **NOT MUCH!** Sure it will cost **SOME** money, but we are able to work out arrangements to maximize financial aide during the year.

After an initial payment due at the beginning of June, the rest of the fees are spread out over the course of several months to help out our band family.

The band has a **REGISTRATION DAY** each year (first Saturday in August) where you can come and buy any needed supplies for the year. From band shirts, uniform parts (shoes, gloves), to instrument needs (reeds, tuners, etc), you can take care of all of this in one stop.

As with all band programs, fundraising opportunities are held throughout the year to make sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in all band activities.

Each year the band takes a spring trip to perform in a concert festival outside of the local Metroplex area. In 2008, the CHS Band traveled to Orlando to compete and have fun at Disney World. This spring we will be going to Corpus Christi!!

Very often, there are fundraisers throughout the year to help offset the overall cost of being in band. Other opportunities to raise money for the band occur through our amazing **BAND BOOSTER CLUB** members.

**STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN:**  
 MARCHING BAND  
 CONCERT BAND  
 JAZZ ENSEMBLE  
 PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE  
 WINTER GUARD  
 COLOR GUARD  
 THEORY COURSES

## HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

As a high school band student, you are already in the *Mustang Marching Band*. This collective unit performs regularly throughout the fall semester at football games and competitive marching events. Our competitions are held on Saturdays during the month of October.

Beyond that, other opportunities for students to participate include all region, solo and small ensemble contests as well as private lessons for students during their band class or immediately before or after school, neither of which are mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Students will also be required to engage in regular home practice routines like having homework from a “regular” class. These skills are the same that you acquired during your wonderful middle school experiences!!

Additional optional activities can include winter guard (woodwind students only), jazz ensemble, pit orchestra for the fall musical, and full orchestra. We have ways for everyone to get involved and experience the best high school band has to offer!!



### DID YOU KNOW...

...66% of college **music** majors who applied for medical school in 1996 were accepted while only 44% of **biochemistry** majors were?

## WILL BEING IN BAND AFFECT MY CHILD'S GRADES?

**YES**—research shows that participation in band will affect your child's grades for the better.

On average, students who participate in school music organizations score **89 points higher on standardized tests like the SAT** than students without musical coursework.

Also, 70% of the nation's major universities report that participation in a musical organization is a higher consideration than standardized test scores for admission decisions.

In addition, many real world business concepts are explored and taught in band. Leadership, team building, inter personal relationships, and management skills are a regular part of the band environment. Regular training in these subjects are taught throughout the year.

# Creekview High School Band

THE place you **KNOW** you belong!

The **CREEKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL BAND** is **THE** largest student organization on campus with over 200 members and operates as one big, happy, diverse musical family. It is unlike ANYTHING you have done before!

## Think about it...

- The first day of high school, you can walk through the halls knowing you have more than 200 friends to count on.
- You would be a part of the largest organization at Creekview.
- Few other classes offer you the opportunity to travel to places like San Antonio, Walt Disney World, Corpus Christi, and Colorado.
- Get your PE credit AND Fine Arts credit by being in band.
- Our student officers, staff, and band boosters organize social events throughout the year – picnics, lock-ins, etc.

*No other class will bring you this much excitement, give you so much fun, make you so many friends, or make you LOVE IT this much!!*



## But...

### • ....will band fit into an aggressive academic schedule?

YES!! The *Creekview Band* has been host to numerous top ten members in the past three years. In the class of 2009, three of the top ten students including the valedictorian were four year band members. In 2010, we also had the salutatorian and two four year band students in the top ten. In 2011, the valedictorian was our head drum major!

### • ...can I play sports and be in band?

YES!! Quite a few band students participate in athletics. TALK TO US! Let us know what you would like to do and we can help make it happen – regardless of what anyone else tries to say differently!

### • ...do I have to audition for the high school band?

NOT FOR NOW. Just sign up. You will be admitted based on the directors' approval and in LATE April we will worry about auditioning to get you into the right band class.

### • ...is it difficult to march?

Mr. Hazzard, Mr. Jordan, and Mr. Anker marched once upon a time. If they can do it...ANYONE can. Don't worry, we'll teach you everything you need to know step-by-step beginning in May.

### • ...how much time does band REALLY take?

Our only out-of-school rehearsals will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:10-6:30 PM. Obviously, there are football game performances on Friday nights and Saturday contests in October. Like any other competitive group, the "season" is the busiest. Fall is our "season".

### • ...will I struggle to keep my grades up?

That depends on YOU. What we've found is that students who usually have high grades continue to get high grades and those with lower marks usually show improvement. WHY? Aside from an intense influx of strong work ethic, you now have access to a 200+ member study group.



## Sample Four Year Plan for Creekview High School

*Band plus an additional elective choice...*

### **[Freshman Year]:**

English  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies  
Foreign Language  
Band  
Elective (i.e. Jazz Ensemble)

### **[Sophomore Year]:**

English  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies  
Foreign Language  
Band  
Elective (i.e. Jazz Ensemble)

### **[Junior Year]:**

English  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies  
BCIS  
Band  
Elective (i.e. Jazz Ensemble)

### **[Senior Year]:**

English  
Math  
Science  
Government/Economics  
Health/Speech  
Band  
Elective (i.e. Jazz Ensemble)

*\* Band does count for all PE and Fine Arts credit needed for graduation following the completion of three years!*

*\* More schedule room can be created by taking Health/Speech, BCIS, Govt/Eco in summer school or online! Another option is to take Health/ Speech or BCIS during your 8th grade year!*

*\* Students can replace Jazz Ensemble in the schedules listed above with other electives as well. It is possible to do athletics and band!!*

*\*This plan is intended as a guide. See your CHS counselor for specific class planning.*

## Band Class Schedule

### **First Period**

Wind Symphony (band one)

### **Second Period**

Directors at middle schools

### **Third Period**

Directors at middle schools

### **Fourth Period**

Concert Band (band three)

Varsity Band (band four)

### **Fifth Period**

Symphonic Band (band two)

### **Sixth Period**

Jazz Ensemble

Colorguard Class

### **Seventh Period**

Percussion Class (*Fall Only*)

*\*Students in colorguard or percussion class for **the fall will move to their assigned/auditioned concert period for the spring.***

# Mustang Band

## Recent Accomplishments

- Division I Ratings at Region 24 UIL Marching Contests
  - Advancement to the Area B UIL Marching Contests
  - UIL State Marching Band Contest Participant (2)
- Bands of America Regional and Super Regional Participant and Finalist
- Carrollton Tournament of Champions Marching Invitational (*thirteen time finalist*)
- Division 1 ratings at the Region 24 UIL Concert/Sight Reading Contest

### **TMEA Honor Band Finalist**

Spring/Summer 2011

### **65th annual Midwest Clinic Performance**

December (2011) in Chicago, Illinois

### **USSBA State Championship**

Second place (2010)

### **National Winner**

*National Wind Honors Project (2009)*

## who we are...

We are YOU!! We are 200 close friends of different sizes, shapes, and colors. We are boys, we are girls. We have various beliefs and take a regimen of classes throughout the day.

We are academicians, athletes, future politicians, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and architects.

We are college-bound and serious about being good at what we do.

We are looking for a place to “fit in” and to have fun.

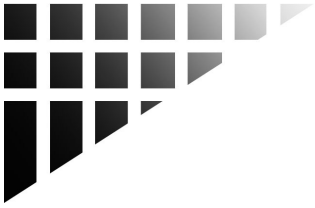
We are determination, we are commitment, we are character, we are intensity, we are power, we are drive, we are grit, and we are art.

And most importantly as you enter the halls of high school for the very first time...

...we are the most impressive army of support you could ever count on to help you make it. Regardless of the circumstances... **We've got your back!!**



## Creekview Band



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COMMITTED TO PATHS OF  
EXCELLENCE

### Please keep in mind...

Just like a sports team, not everyone can play the same position. In addition, each and every member of the team is important and plays an important position in the game. Our program seeks to include over 220 kids next year and we are excited about having you be a part of the experience.

The *Mustang Band* is truly the "Pride of Carrollton". We have an organization that is second to none academically and professionally. Marching Band begins our year during the last week of July. This is the most exciting and fun filled part of the year. Just think-10 guaranteed weekly performances in front of a sold out crowd just waiting to be entertained by the mighty Mustang Band.

### CHS Band Culture Statement...

Our personality is defined by confidence, devotion, ambition, and compassion. We have the drive and determination to use our opportunities to the fullest and exceed our potential. We are a diverse group of accepting individuals that pull together to ultimately create a large family. The fun we have is enjoyed frequently in ways that are inclusive and positive for both individuals and the collective program. Through hard work and dedication, the early mornings and long nights we commit, allows us to grow closer, have fun, and make lasting memories.

## HERE'S HOW IT ALL WORKS...

Later this semester, student representatives (this year's freshmen) will be coming to your school to answer any questions that you might have about life in the *Mustang Band*. Be thinking of questions and do not be afraid to ask...they were in your position one year ago.

**Parents, you will need to sign your child up for Marching Band on the schedule sheet and return it on time to your child's middle school counselor representative in early February when they come to your school.** If you have any questions, talk to your middle school director or give us a call. Any one of our band staff members can answer questions that you might have.

As soon as high school pre-registration is completed, we will be handing out *audition information* through your middle school directors. You will receive this information before Spring Break, but auditions will not take place until the end of April. Don't worry—it is simple. We will ask for a few scales (that you will know in advance) and an etude or solo that shows us your playing ability.

Middle school directors will be available to give you a lot of help. After that, you will be receiving information on the **REQUIRED Membership Meeting on May 6 (6:00 pm)** from your directors. At this meeting, the directors and student officers will be there to answer any further questions you may have. In addition, all future new members will join the current CHS Band at our music camp, scheduled for **June 4-6, 2012**. The week will include a final concert for your parents where you will get to perform as a member of the CHS Band for the first time.

*As you can see, it is simple!!! We will give you plenty of opportunities to learn all that you need to know about the CHS Band.*



We start from scratch—no prior experience or knowledge is necessary to join the high school band. We will teach you everything you need to know.