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FLOYD CENTRAL HIGHLANDER MARCHING BAND & EMERALD GUARD

Welcome to the Floyd Central High School Band Program! This packet will provide information for the upcoming Marching Band season.

Marching band is a highly competitive team sport. Each individual makes a contribution to the team and everyone is important to our success. No one sits on the “bench.” For this reason, attendance at practices, performances and competitions is essential. The season starts in late May and concludes with state finals in the second Saturday in November. Families are encouraged and welcome to attend the competitions and show support.

Our schedule is currently available for May – November. **Be sure to plan family vacations around the summer schedule and fall break rehearsals and performances.**

BAND CAMP: [redacted]

Important Reminders:

- **Start time:** Camp begins on time at [redacted] – students should be on the practice field READY (not arriving at [redacted])
- **Food:** Have a good breakfast before you arrive. Band camp is not a time to begin a diet. You will not be able to do what is required of you on an empty stomach. Avoid milk in the morning – can lead to an upset stomach in the heat. Bring a good lunch for refueling, as well as cool snacks. Suggestions: sandwich, drink, fruit, carrots, chips, etc. Have snacks for breaks as well as lunch.
- **Required Supplies (marching band):** 1 inch binder (any color), 10 sheet protectors, pencil, knee pads, towel, water jug (a camelback or other water backpack is recommended)
Optional Items that are useful: Gatorade, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, chair
- **Wear appropriate shoes and clothes. Athletic shoes are necessary – no sandals.** You will be on your feet a lot. No saggy pants or short, skimpy tops. Boys must wear a shirt at all times. Everyone is requested to wear a white t-shirt. Gym type shorts are much more comfortable than denim or khaki short with big pockets.

Each section of the band is required to wear a specific color of shorts in order for the staff to teach the show.

Section colored shorts must be worn to every rehearsal (Band Camp, after school rehearsals when school is in session):

Trumpets – black

Mellophones – purple

Low Brass – royal blue

Flutes – pink

Clarinets – red

Saxophones – spring green

Percussion/Battery – yellow

Drum Majors – turquoise

Oboes – orange

Uniforms

- Uniforms will be assigned to students during band camp and the first few weeks of school. All uniforms remain at school and we arrange to have the uniforms when and where the students need them.
- **Band students must purchase a black long sleeve mock neck compression shirt to wear under the uniform – this must be ordered through Bush Keller with our spirit wear order opportunities. If your student’s size has not changed from the shirt purchased last season, a new one is not needed for this season – our uniform team will hand out previous shirts to students. (Color Guard does not need to purchase the compression shirt)**
- When in uniform, only water is allowed – no food or other drinks permitted.
- Required uniform accessories: close-fitting plain black shirt - sleeveless or short-sleeve (many prefer the Under Armour type or tank top), black or dark compression shorts, and black socks. The socks must be crew socks or dress socks that go at least half way up your leg (not no-show socks) and have no words or images on them around the ankle. These items are required for every football game and competition. Color Guard wears a full body-suit in place of the compression shirt and shorts.
- Travel Attire: when traveling, students must wear the show t-shirt with shorts or jeans, over the black shirt and compression shorts. Students will change on the buses with other students. One show t-shirt will be provided to each student as part of his/her band fees. Additional shirts may be purchased for the student or family members during our Parent Show Night ([redacted]).

Football Games

The band performs the national anthem and school song before every home football game and their competition show at halftime (weather permitting). They dress in uniform for the games. Football games typically start at 7 p.m. Usually a portion of the band is released after the halftime performance, which rotates at each game. Parents are encouraged to attend games and support the school and the band.

After-school rehearsals are scheduled on football game days, from 3-5 p.m. Following rehearsal, students are fed a pre-game meal provided by the Band Boosters. Following the meal, students change into uniforms and attend section meetings before marching down to the football field at 6:30 p.m.

Contest Schedules

The time schedule for Saturday contests is typically released on the Monday prior. Once available, the schedule will be emailed to everyone through CHARMS and available in the band room for students. Contests are timed to the minute so we run on time unless there is a weather delay. Upon our return to school, be on time to pick up your student. Delays due to traffic on the return home are common; students can update traffic delays to you.

Contest Day Meals

Before most contests, each Section will provide a meal for their students. Section Lead Parents are responsible for coordinating and communicating food schedules for their section families.

When you have a food assignment, you are expected to be at the cafeteria to help serve and clean up. All parents are welcome to help. Weekly meals not only help the students get fueled up for a big day, but they build camaraderie and bonding for students and parents.

Contest Etiquette & Information for Spectators

- There is an admission fee for most competitions (usually \$5-\$8 per person). Have cash available for admissions and concessions as most schools do not accept debit/credit cards.
- Only enter the bleacher areas during breaks in the program and not while a school is performing on the field.
- Remember to practice good sportsmanship and be a good spectator. Keep in mind that others sitting around you might be from other bands. Keep all comments positive about all the bands.
- Cheer any time you're impressed – this is not concert band where you have to wait quietly until the end of a piece.
- Please do not single out individual students – cheer for our whole band. When on the field performing, we are one unit.
- Do not bring noisemakers, air horns, or noisy cheering items.
- NOTE: Due to licensing restrictions, no live marching band performances may be posted on social media. Videotaping at any Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) event is strictly prohibited. Violation of copyright laws or ISSMA rules could result in negative consequences to our band. Thank you for your cooperation.



FLOYD CENTRAL BAND BOOSTERS



FC Band Boosters is a non-profit group who provides financial and logistical support to the FC band programs. We need a lot of parent involvement in order to keep our programs strong and competitive.

- The Band Boosters is governed by four officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer).
- All band parents are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings and participate in decision-making.
- Meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the music theory room in the band hallway. We meet monthly January – November.
- During meetings we discuss upcoming event logistics, fundraisers, and receive updates from Mr. Yankey and Mr. Hatchell. Parents have the opportunity to ask questions about the programs.

Fundraising Events

- **Yard sale (August)- TBD**
- Floyd Central Band Invitational (September)
- Winter Fantasia silent auction (December)
- ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Concessions (February)

Volunteer Opportunities

It takes a village to run a top-notch band program. There are many ways you can help, both large and small. Some examples include:

- Treats at Band Camp
- Donating items and/or working at the band yard sale in August
- Invitational in September
- Helping the students set up on the field before a show (pit crew)
- Chaperoning a bus
- “Pluming” the hats before a performance

Volunteer opportunities come up throughout the year, and we hope you will choose to be involved. It is a great way to get to know other parents, as well as to be around your student and other band students. You will sign up information through CHARMS emails for volunteer opportunities throughout the school year. (Sign Up Genius and CHARMS emails will be explained under the COMMUNICATION METHODS section of this booklet.)

For the safety of our students, New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School District requires all volunteers working with students to have a limited criminal history search, utilizing Indiana State Police website, on file. The form is available on the band website at floydcentralband.org. Please return the completed form Lori Nevitt, the Performing Arts Department Administrative Assistant.

Band Booster Office Contact Information:

President	president@floydcentralband.org
Vice-President	vicepresident@floydcentralband.org
Treasurer	treasurer@floydcentralband.org
Secretary	secretary@floydcentralband.org

COMMUNICATION METHODS

Communication with a group our size (170+ students) is crucial. Currently, we have several ways we communicate information to parents:

Information distributed in class: Weekly schedules, forms, etc. are always available in the classroom. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up any papers. Information for the students will also be available in the Google Classroom.

Email: You will receive emails from your section parent with information specific to your section. You will also receive group emails from CHARMS with information specific to the band as a whole. CHARMS emails are only sent from Band Staff, the Booster President or the Booster Secretary. Information contained in those emails is carefully considered so it is important to read each one.

CHARMS: is a website/app designed specifically for performing arts. Each student will need an account created by a parent. A handout is provided with instructions for creating your student's account. Five adults can be linked to a student account. Any adult who needs to receive communication should be set up under the student's account. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT STUDENTS IN ALL BAND PROGRAMS HAVE AN ADULT EMAIL ADDRESS IN CHARMS. EMAILS ARE SENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR ALL BAND PERFORMANCES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

Website (floycentralband.org): The website contains schedules, forms, band booster bylaws, calendars, fundraising information, contact information for the band staff, band boosters and section parents, to name a few items. You may synchronize your Android phone or iPhone to the Google calendar. Weekly marching band schedules for competitions will not be on the website. You will receive those in your CHARMS emails.

Facebook: "Floyd Central Highlander Band" is the official Executive Board Band Boosters page. General information and reminder messages will be posted from Staff and/or the Executive Board. (Only administrators may post on the booster page.) To find the official booster Facebook page, visit <https://www.facebook.com/fcband>. While only administrators can post on our booster page, questions can be sent through this page for us to reply to you.

All other social media pages are not officially linked to the Floyd Central Highlander Band; they are considered "fan" group pages and are not monitored for content. No social media page should be utilized in a negative way towards our program or any other program.