

**CHURCHILL
HIGH SCHOOL**

2010-2011

**BAND PARENT
GUIDE**

Band Parents of Winston Churchill High School, Inc. (Band Parents)

Band Parents of Winston Churchill High School, Inc. (the "Band Parents") is a non-profit tax-exempt organization devoted to educational purposes. All band/guard parents, grandparents, friends, etc. are invited to join. Membership fee is \$25.00 per family. (Membership form is enclosed with the packet you will receive at the May meeting). In addition, the Century Club Membership is available for a \$100 fee. With this you receive a complimentary copy of the annual band video and honorary recognition in the band directory.

The Band Parents' purpose is to provide an opportunity for parents of Band and Guard Students to organize and work together to support and encourage the total music program. The Band Directors and the school administration determine the course curriculum and activities for the Band. The purpose of Band Parents is to support these endeavors.

The organization is governed by the by-laws of the Band Parents of Winston Churchill High School, Inc. (By-laws are listed on our website at churchillbpa.org).

The Charger Band is extremely busy all year long. The students and directors commit an incredible number of hours before and after class to band activities, rehearsals, instruction, practice, performing and competition. Band Parents provide the organization, logistics, funds and manpower to support the Band Program.

By joining the Band Parents Association, there is an opportunity for parents to be active participants in their child's band life, as well as act as a support system for the entire band.

The effort provided by the Band Parents supports quality instruction and experience that enrich and contribute to making responsible and mature young adults. Our active participation shows children how adults work together to further a common purpose for the general benefit of the community.

More than anything else, the Band Parents organization provides an opportunity for parents to participate and be directly involved in the development and education of their children.

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Our Directors can be reached in person before and after school in the Band Hall, however e-mail is the most efficient means of communication.

Communicating with the Band Parents

Our primary way of communicating is through email. Please make it a habit to check your email daily. If you are not currently receiving Charger Band emails, please contact the Novikoff's at tracian@sbcglobal.net so you can be added to the Band Parents distribution list. This is an extremely active organization and we are often approached with time sensitive opportunities. Our large numbers make phoning inefficient.

We also have a website with links to a calendar, photos, newsletters, and leadership contact information.
<http://Churchillbpa.org>.

The packet you will receive during the May meeting contains many forms that need to be completed. We try to get most of the "paperwork" done before school begins. The forms that are included in the packet are: Travel Health/Consent, Student Point Account Information, Parent Support Commitment, BPA Membership, Directory Information & Order, Century Club Forms, Student Fundraisers, Spirit Items, Photo Buttons, Senior Mums, Charger Band Night, Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, UIL Rules Form, and the Uniform Contract. Checks are always preferred for any money deposited with the Band Parents and **please mark your student's name in the memo area of the check.**

Several newsletters (approximately 6) are emailed and published on the website throughout the year. It is important to read them as they contain vital information regarding contests and events. The band parents and directors utilize the newsletter (in addition to email and BPA meetings) to keep parents and families informed.

ALL NEWSLETTERS CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARGER BAND AND GUARD. PLEASE READ THEM!!!

There is a locked Band Parents Box in the Band Hall, which is checked regularly. Students may put their forms and checks in this box. You may also mail items to:

Churchill Band Parents
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Marching Season

During marching season, all bands and the color guard are combined to form the Charger Marching Band. Spring Training is designed to welcome all incoming freshmen, new band students and returning band members. Students will attend each day. Summer Band Camp will be from August 2nd through August 20th. The Band Directors will distribute schedules for the students to take home. Attendance at these rehearsals is required of every student.

Color Guard and Percussion students will be given a practice schedule for the summer months. Their schedule may differ from the instrumentalists.

Marching in the Heat

Heat during the summer months is brutal, especially to students that have not been outdoors much during the summer. Students should wear tennis shoes (with socks), light colored clothing, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and each student **must bring** their own water – no sharing. Parents, please enforce the issue of bringing a water jug.

The following are some tips from a Churchill Band Parent, a nurse by profession. Please share this information with your child:

If you are exposed to the sun for long periods, especially when there is little breeze and high humidity, heatstroke or heat exhaustion may result. Under normal conditions a healthy body temperature is maintained by mechanisms involving your skin and perspiration. If you are exposed to high temperature for prolonged periods, particularly where there is little breeze and high humidity, the normal control mechanisms may fail to dissipate the heat.

Every band and guard member needs a **PERSONAL** water bottle for every practice. A 2-quart capacity is ideal. Sharing water bottles spreads germs like mononucleosis and other unpopular ailments. Sharing also limits the water intake of each student, which can lead to dehydration. **REMEMBER, WHEN THE DIRECTORS GIVE THE STUDENTS WATER BREAKS – THEY NEED TO DRINK SOME WATER, EVEN IF THEY DO NOT FEEL THIRSTY.**

Wearing loose, light colored clothing allows for ventilation and cooler body temperatures (white T-shirts, wind shorts, etc.).

The students need to eat a good breakfast and lunch. A good lunch during the school day will stay with them for after school practice. They will burn a lot of calories marching in the heat. Gatorade/Sports drinks are excellent for replacing sodium and potassium your body loses in the heat. A good suggestion is to drink Gatorade/Sports drink before and after practice. Drink water during practice.

The top of your head is an excellent conductor of heat. Hats are allowed on the practice field. This will protect your head and face. Use sunscreen. Some medications make people more sensitive to the effects of the sun.

Last, but not least, preparing your body before band starts is the “key”. The ability to tolerate high temperature may be increased somewhat by exercising in warm surroundings for a few weeks before the start of summer band. Band and Guard students are athletes with instruments!!

Volunteers

We encourage parents to volunteer wherever they can. Volunteers are needed to chaperone events throughout the school year, help build props/equipment, staff concession stands, work on “The Crew”, etc. There will be sign-up sheets at the May Meeting, Charger Band Night (August 20th) and other BPA meetings for these volunteer opportunities. Each chaperone volunteer is required to submit a Department of Public Safety Background Check (same as PTA Volunteer form) to be eligible to volunteer. You may access this form by logging into www.neisd.net/vol. Click on the Online Criminal History Check. Follow the directions by filling in the appropriate information and submitting the form. There will be a plea for volunteers at the Band Parent Meetings to work various events throughout the school year. **NOTE: Only Churchill Band students and approved parent chaperones will be allowed on the buses to events.**

Jerry Comalander Stadium (JCS) - Blossom Athletic Center (BAC); Heroes Stadium

Home football games are played at Northeast Stadium, 12002 Jones-Maltsberger or Heroes Stadium, 4707 David Edwards Dr. These games are held on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday evenings. The home side is the west side of the stadium; visitor’s side is the east side. Other facilities at BAC include Littleton Gym, baseball and soccer fields, tennis facilities and the Josh Davis Natatorium. All the NEISD schools share these stadiums.

Pep Rally

A Pep Rally is held at the school each week. They are normally at 7:40 AM on the morning of the game with Friday pep rallies for Saturday games. The Band Parents host **The Charger Band Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser will be prior to the evening pep rally on September 16th.**

Performances at Football Games

The Charger Band performs at the ten regularly scheduled varsity high school football games as well as any play-off games; the band travels by school buses to all games. Students must eat dinner prior to boarding buses. Occasionally, for games or contests quite a distance from San Antonio, students are given permission to bring their sack dinner and drink and eat on the bus. Normally, no food or drinks are allowed on the bus. Usually, before a football game, students will eat their pre-game meal before they get their uniform and have a “run through” of the drill. After run through, buses are loaded. Bring water bottles on game days, too. When students return to the band hall after run through to get their uniforms, they will be thirsty.

Each bus has plenty of chaperones. Remember, no food or drinks are allowed on the bus. Students who choose not to follow directions of the chaperones are brought to the attention of the Band Directors for appropriate disciplinary action.

Private Lessons for Students

Private lessons with a competent instructor are encouraged for all Churchill band students. Private lessons are taken at each student's discretion. Lesson teachers will be available during the school day on a first come, first served basis. These teachers are screened first through the NEISD Fine Arts office and then by the Churchill Band staff. We make every effort to secure qualified instructors to teach every instrument. If you are looking for a private instructor, ask the Band Directors for names of instructors that may be available. We sometimes have a shortage of great private teachers, so if you know one who is not already on our list, please let us know.

TMEA Band and Jazz Band Auditions

The Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) holds auditions for honor ensembles each year. Audition requirements and dates will be announced when they become available (generally late July).

Individual Solo & Ensemble Competitions

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) sponsors both individual and group music competitions for high school band students. Competitions include individual solos as well as ensembles. Students are required to perform at Solo and Ensemble. The exact performance requirements will be at the discretion of your student's individual band director. Soloists must perform with piano accompaniment if an accompaniment is published with the solo. Each student must find his/her own accompanist, but the director will have several names to choose from and contact.

Section Rehearsals and Listenings

Sectionals will be held at various times throughout the school year. Students will be instructed on when they are scheduled and attendance is required. All music is checked off on an individual basis with a director. Concert band music is checked off either in class or after school in the spring.

Color Guard Uniforms

The Color Guard uniform may vary each season. The uniforms are arranged through the Color Guard Instructor and Sponsor with a fee to the student.

Band Uniforms

Uniforms are worn over the "Show Shirt", which is a T-shirt purchased by each Band student in the fall and designed to reflect the theme of the marching show. One shirt is included as part of the assessment fee, however, it is often helpful to purchase a second shirt to avoid late night laundering, as performances can occur two days in a row. Students must wear some type of shorts under their uniform (wind shorts or light soccer type shorts). Students will also need to buy a short sleeve black polo shirt with the Charger Band insignia. These are purchased through the band. Watch for the order form for both of these shirts in the July newsletter.

The Band marching uniforms are assigned to each student during the first week of summer band. Students are fitted in the uniform room by class, seniors first. The band student is fitted by a student Quartermaster or a "Uniform Mom" volunteer. If the pants need any length adjustment, they will be sent home for altering. **DO NOT CUT ANY LENGTH OFF THE UNIFORM PANTS.** The uniforms have adjustable hemlines, so no sewing is necessary. By next year, your student or some other student may need that extra length. Please alter and return within a day or two. Marching uniforms are machine washable. Detailed washing instructions may be found on our website.

NO jewelry, except for senior rings, may be worn with the uniform. **NO fingernail polish and No Make up may be worn while in uniform.**

Black shoes and black socks are worn with the uniform. Black band shoes are a specific brand and model shoe and may be ordered during summer band each year. The date and time to order band shoes will be announced.

Shakos (Hats) will be issued with the uniform. Students will be given a hat number and are responsible for taking their shako and hat box to events. Uniforms are stored at school. Students pick them up before each event and hang them up afterwards.

Concert uniforms are issued prior to the Winter Concert in December. The uniforms consist of long formal dresses for girls (worn with black hose and closed toed shoes) and black tuxedo jackets for boys, worn with the marching uniform black pants.

Football Game, Contest, or Other Event Schedule

Before each event, students will be given a schedule for that event. ASK YOUR STUDENT FOR THIS SCHEDULE – THEY ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN THE BAND HALL. SOMETIMES, STUDENTS MAY FORGET TO PICK ONE UP – THEY MIGHT NEED A PARENT REMINDER. THIS INFORMATION IS VALUABLE FOR YOU ALSO.

Concerts

The concert bands will perform at a Holiday concert in early December. There is usually a pre-spring break concert in March and a end of year concert in April. All concert bands will perform. The Jazz Band and Percussion also have concerts during the spring semester.

Band Banquet

Each spring, the Charger Band has a banquet to honor the Band Seniors. This banquet includes dinner and a dance. The price depends on the location, but is usually about \$35.00-\$40.00. Seniors are guests and all band members and their parents are welcome to purchase tickets and attend. The banquet is usually held in May.

John Philip Sousa Award

This award is presented to the overall outstanding senior student who has demonstrated four years of distinguished musicianship and leadership with the Charger Band. The student is selected by their fellow students and the Band Directors.

Jim Souter Memorial Scholarship

Two \$1,000 scholarships are available to senior band and guard students in memory of Mr. Jim Souter, a former Charger Band parent. Applications for these scholarships will be made available to the students by the Band Directors during the spring semester. The Scholarship Committee evaluates the students' applications and awards the scholarships at the band banquet.

Band Letter Jackets

Band Letter jackets are awarded to seniors. Students may earn a jacket before their senior year, if certain qualifications are met. Criteria for band jackets are posted on the bulletin board in the Band Hall.

Homecoming

One of the varsity football games is designated as Homecoming. Homecoming also includes a pep rally and a school dance the day after the game.

Photo Buttons

Photo buttons are scheduled during summer band. Pictures will be taken and buttons made for a nominal fee. The time and location for picture buttons will be announced and posted in the Band Hall several days before the picture sessions are scheduled.

Band Spirit Items

Spirit items include T-shirts, jackets, caps, mugs, sweatshirts, etc. Each year, new items are added. Items are sold at the monthly Band Parent meetings, football games, Charger Band Night (August 20th) and other times during the school year. If you ever need an item during the school year, contact the "Spirit Item" Committee chairs Lisa and Will Galvan.

"The Crew"

The Crew is a group of parents who design and construct the props, equipment racks, etc. for the Charger Band. The Crew sees that the equipment is transported to games and contests. John DeLoach, the 5th Vice President (Equipment) is the Crew leader.

Summer Band Party

The student band officers organize a summer band party for all band students, usually before school starts. The party is a great way to encourage camaraderie in the band. This event is coordinated with the Band Parents and is well chaperoned. More details will be available during Summer Band.

Concessions

Most of the Band Parents' funds come from staffing concession stands at BAC and Heroes Stadium. The Northeast High Schools' Band Parent Associations operate the concession stands. Churchill parents will always staff the stands for Churchill football games. Other events where concession stands are needed at BAC include volleyball, basketball, soccer, track, baseball, and special events held at the complex. These events are worked on a rotating basis with the other Northeast Band Parent organizations. Moneys are distributed twice a year. Sign up sheets will be available before football season and throughout the school year as events are scheduled. Please plan on working at least 3 times.

Band Parents Meetings for 2010-2011 School Year

Meetings are regularly held the third week of each month at 7:00 PM in the Band Hall (the specific day to be announced). A complete schedule will be included in the July edition of the Charger Band newsletter.

Corporate Fund Raising

Corporate fund raising events include the **Charger Band Night (August 20th), Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction (September 16th) during the fall.** Plaza Bricks are sold year round to benefit the corporate fund. We have recently added event hosting as additional Corporate Fundraisers. Dates and details will be publicized as plans become available. There is also an Equipment Fund (money to replace worn out equipment or obtain additional equipment) and the Student Performance Enhancement Fund (money used to subsidize the UIL show, marching clinicians during the fall and winter guard and concert band clinicians during the spring).

Student Fund-Raising

Student fund-raising is also very important to the members of the Charger Band. Please refer to the packet you will receive during the May meeting for details.

2010 Varsity Football Schedule

DAY	DATE	GAME	SITE	TIME
Thurs.	26-Aug	Clark	Heroes	7:00 PM
Sat.	4-Sep	Marshall	Farris	7:00 PM
Fri.	10-Sep	Temple	Heroes	7:30 PM
Fri.	17-Sep	Judson	Rutledge	7:30 PM
Fri.	24-Sep	Reagan	Heroes	7:30 PM
Sat.	2-Oct	<u>Lee</u>	Comalander	7:00 PM
Fri.	8-Oct	MacArthur	Comalander	7:30 PM
Fri.	15-Oct	<u>Madison</u>	Heroes	7:30 PM
Sat.	23-Oct	Johnson	Heroes	7:00 PM
Fri.	29-Oct	<u>Roosevelt</u>	Comalander	7:30 PM

Marching Competition Dates

Monday, October 5th	NEISD Marching Festival	Comalander
Saturday, October 9th	BOA Houston	Pearland Stadium
Saturday, October 16 th	UIL Region Contest	Judson
Saturday, October 23 rd	UIL Area Contest	To Be Determined
Fri-Sat, October 29th & 30th	BOA/SA Super Regional	Alamodome
Mon-Tue, November 1 st & 2 nd	State UIL	Alamodome
Thu-Sun, November 11 th -14 th	BOA Grand Nationals	Indianapolis, Indiana

Band Parent Officers

The Band Parent Officers welcome you and are always available to answer any questions you may have.

Winston Churchill High School Band Parent Association Officers 2010-2011

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Student Fundraising

Welcome to the world of student fundraising!!! Through student fundraising, each student will have the opportunity to earn points to pay for his/her own band expenses. We encourage students to try to earn as many points as possible at each opportunity.

Fundraisers already scheduled include Band Directory Ad Sales, Wash Tub Coupons, Entertainment Books, Garage Sale, and Sally Foster Gift-Wrap and Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. Dates and details will be announced at band parent meetings and by e-mail. Additional fundraisers may be added throughout the year. Our year-round fundraiser is the HEB gift cards which are available at all band meetings and various other dates to be announced by e-mail.

Glossary of Terms

- 1 Student Fundraising:** Fundraising done by each individual student to accumulate points in his/her student point account to pay for select band expenses.
- 2. Corporate Fundraising:** Fundraising done by parents of the Band Parent's Association for the good of the whole band.
- 3. Student Point Account:** A student's individual account in which earned points are recorded. The balance in each student account is available on-line for viewing at your convenience. Please allow several days for posting of points.
- 4. Points:** One point is worth one dollar. The recorded number of points in a student account represents the number of dollars earned by the student in student fundraising plus the number of dollars added by the student in cash assessments. For example: If, a student fundraiser generates "earnings" of 60% of sales, then for each \$10 of sales made by the student, the students will earn 6 points in his student account.
- 5. Deadline:** The firm deadline by which a student must have all points accumulated for a stated goal (usually a band trip). No student will be allowed to go on a trip unless all necessary points are in his student account by the final deadline.
- 6. Cash Deposits:** Money deposited by a student directly into his student account to meet the requirements for a deadline if he has not earned enough points through student fundraising.
- 7. Student Assessment Fee:** Each student is required to pay an assessment fee per year as a member of the Churchill Charger Band & Color Guard. This fee is used to help defray the cost of professionally written music and clinicians for the Fall marching show.
- 8. BOA- Bands of America** – Marching Band competition held each fall. Churchill will participate in two BOA competitions this year along with BOA Grand Nationals.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you and others in supporting our students' fine efforts. Please feel free to contact a Band Parent Officer if you have any questions.

Go Charger Band!