

Cupertino High School

PROUD Pioneer

Marching Band



2017 - 2018

Student Handbook



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Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Season!

Dear Returning & Prospective Members of the Cupertino High School PROUD Pioneer Marching Band,

This handbook is designed to give parents and students a look at our organization and provide valuable information that will help guide you through the year.

We look forward to meeting each and every one of you at our parent/student meeting:

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

6 pm

Cupertino High School Theater

Please read the enclosed information closely and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Again, thank you for your interest in our marching band program!

Musically,

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Marching Band

Marching Band is a unique, choreographed musical experience staged on a football field that combines the artistry of musical performance and visual pageantry. Our students' work diligently to achieve high levels of excellence in performance and through this process will establish a strong work ethic, develop life skills and build life-long bonds.

Our Commitment

Attitude

A positive approach to marching band goes a long way. The work will be challenging at times and there will be highs and lows throughout the season. It is our belief that through hard work and having a sense of respect and responsibility for our equipment, our organization and each other, we will continue to improve in every aspect on a daily basis.

Attendance

The success of our organization relies on the commitment of every member to be present at every rehearsal and performance. Members and parents are asked to carefully look over the Band Calendar and report any conflicts immediately to the Director. If a scheduling conflict exists, it is the responsibility of the member to complete an "Excusal Request Form" (available in Mr. I's office) as soon as possible. The request will be reviewed by Mr. I and determined excused or unexcused. Members are asked not to commit to any other activities once a commitment has been made to our band. If an "Excusal Request Form" is not submitted, the absence will be considered unexcused. Examples of excused absences are illness or death in the family. Having homework or a project due will not be considered an excused absence, which may lead to a student losing his/her position in the show.

Effort

The marching band activity requires that students work to improve and acquire new skills. A large part of the activity involves the ability to carry out various tasks simultaneously, such as marching and playing. The staff uses a variety of sequenced methodical approaches to help students acquire these skills, but ultimately much of the success will depend on the effort given by students on a daily basis. Practice outside of rehearsal will be necessary to achieve these skills.

Health

Our activity involves a great deal of physical activity. It is important that every member be physically capable to handle the rigors of practice, performance and travel. It is required that every member have a physical performed by a medical doctor clearing them for participation in sport-like activities as well as be covered by health insurance.

Every student will be required to have a FUHSD Physical Form on file prior to the start of Band Camp. (July 31, 2017).

Our Staff

Director

Gilbert Iruegas is in his 11th year as the Director of the Cupertino High School Marching Band and his 22nd year as a Band Director. Mr. I, as he is called, moved to California from Texas with his wife, Gabriela, in 2007. Mr. I is originally from San Antonio, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M University in Kingsville, TX. Mr. & Mrs. I have two beautiful daughters, Maliea and Eliana.

Percussion Caption Head / Front Ensemble (Pit) Instructor

Chavadith Tantavorin

Drumline Instructor

Colin Whitcomb

Visual Caption Head

Matt Costales

Color Guard Instructor

Cameron Cornejo

Visual Consultant

Joey Kidd

2017 Band Camp – Where It All Begins

Band Camp

During Band Camp, the students receive instruction on marching and playing fundamentals. Specific attention is given to the fundamentals that are necessary to prepare the students to successfully perform throughout the season. Although the focus is primarily on marching and playing techniques, students will do much more than this - this is where we become a family. Several activities are scheduled during the week that are designed to allow the students to get to know one another and begin to build the bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Sat, July 29: Band Registration & Uniform Measuring – All Parents and Students must be present.

9:00 am Returning Woodwind Check-in
10:00 Returning Brass Check-in
10:30 Returning Percussion & Color Guard Check-in
11:00 Freshmen/ New Member Check-in (Last Name A-M)
11:30 Freshmen/ New Member Check-in (Last Name N-Z)

Mon, July 31 - Fri, Aug 4: Full Band & Color Guard

8:45 am Roll Call
9:00 Marching Basics
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 Sectionals
5:00 Dinner
6:30 Full Ensemble Coordination/ Drill
9:00 Announcements & Dismissal

Sat, Aug 5: Full Band & Color Guard

8:45 am Roll Call
9:00 Marching Basics
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 Ensemble Coordination/ Drill
5:00 Balloon Toss/ Pizza
6:30 Announcements & Dismissal

Mon, Aug 7 - Thurs Aug 10: Full Band & Color Guard

4:45 pm Roll Call- Full Band & Guard
5:00 Music Rehearsal
6:45 Break
7:00 Marching Rehearsal
9:00 Announcements & Dismissal

Fri, Aug 11: Full Band & Color Guard

10th Annual Cupertino High School Band Summer Showcase & Potluck
This will be our first public performance. All family and friends are invited!

5:00 Students Eat
6:00 Parents Eat
6:15 Warm Up
7:30 Perform

Please note that minor time adjustments may be made.

Band Camp Needs – Come Prepared!

Rehearsal Attire

- Comfortable shirt
- Shorts (Recommended, or any type of physical attire)
- Lace up Tennis Shoes (No Boots or Flip Flops)
- Athletic Cotton Socks
- Hat
- Sunglasses

Survival

- 2 Quart Water Container
- Lunch and Dinner – Bring your own meals or money.
- Sun block

Woodwind, Brass, Drum Line and Pit Members

- Black One Inch, 3-Ring Hardback Binder
- 25 Glare-Free Sheet Protectors
- A Pencil
- A **Korg TM-50 Digital Tuner/Metronome**. These can be purchased locally from Starving Musicians for approximately \$25.

Section-Specific Needs

Below is a list of items that will help us reach your goals.

Flutes

Tuning Rod
Cleaning Cloth

Clarinets

Vandoren Reeds #3
Cork Grease
Cleaning Cloth

Saxophones

Vandoren Reeds #3 or #3.5
Cork Grease
Black Neck Strap
Cleaning Cloth

Bass Instruments

Valve Oil
Slide Grease
Cleaning Cloth

Drum Line

White Electrical Tape
Plain Black Wrist Bands

Color Guard

Roll of Black Electrical Tape
Roll of White Electrical Tape

And The Most Important Thing...

The attitude of a CHAMPION!

A positive attitude that encourages you and everyone around you to work together so our band can look and sound it's absolute best.

PLEASE NOTE: LUNCH & DINNER ARE NOT PROVIDED. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING EITHER THEIR OWN MEALS OR MONEY.

Cupertino High School Band

2017 Fall Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
7/29	Sat	9am – 1pm	CHS Band Room	Band Camp Registration
7/31- 8/4	Mon - Fri	8:45am – 9pm	CHS	Band Camp
7/31	Mon	7:00pm	CHS Theater	Parent Meeting
8/5	Sat	8:45am – 6pm	CHS	Band Camp
8/8	Tues	7:30pm	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
8/7- 8/10	Mon - Thurs	4:45pm – 9pm	CHS	Band Camp
8/11	Fri	5pm – 8pm	CHS	Summer Potluck & Showcase
8/15 - 11 16	Tues & Thurs	5:45pm - 9pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
8/22	Tues	7:30pm	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
9/8	Fri	5pm	CHS	Football Game 1
9/12	Tues	7:30	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
9/15	Fri	5:30pm	CHS	Football Game 2
9/23	Sat	Time TBA	CHS	Percussion & Guard Rehearsal
9/26	Tues	7:30	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
9/29	Fri	5:30-9	CHS	Football Game 3 (Homecoming)
9/30	Sat	8:45 am – 5pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
10/3	Tues	7:30	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
10/7	Sat	8:45am - 1pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
10/7	Sat	4pm - 10pm	Homestead HS	FUHSD Band Expo
10/7	Sat	9:30-11am	CHS	TOB Parent Walk Thru
10/10	Tues	7:30 pm	CHS Band Room	TOB Meeting
10/13	Fri	5:30-9	CHS	Football Game
10/14	Sat	All Day	CHS	Tournament of Bands ("TOB")
10/15	Sun	8:45am - Noon	CHS	TOB Clean-up
10/17	Tues	7:30pm	CHS Band Room	Booster Meeting
10/20	Fri	5:30-9:30	CHS	Football Game
10/21	Sat	8:45-5pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
10/28	Sat	8:45am – 1pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
10/28	Sat	4pm – 12am	Pleasanton, CA	Foothill HS Band Review
10/30	Mon	5:45-9pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
11/4	Sat	8:45am - 12pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
11/4	Sat	4pm-12am	Lodi, CA	Grape Bowl Band Review
11/11	Sat	9am-1pm	Downtown SJ	Veterans Day Parade
11/11	Sat	4pm – 12am	Napa, CA	Vintage HS Band Review
11/14	Tues	4:30-7:00/ 7:30-9	CHS	Rehearsal/ Senior Night
11/16	Thurs	5:30pm – 9:30pm	CHS	Home Show & Potluck
11/18	Sat	8:45am – 12pm	CHS	Full Band Rehearsal
11/18	Sat	4pm-12am	Stockton	Lincoln Band Review

All times are tentative until an itinerary is distributed for each event.

Field Show

A field show is a type of performance that involves students marching on a football field to a designed sequence of formations while playing music. This requires extensive coordination through in-class preparation and after school rehearsals.

Show Design

Our search for this year's show began in January 2017. In order to have a show ready in time for this year's Band Camp in August, the design process must begin early enough to allow the director and drill writer the necessary time to collaborate and complete the design. With this timeline, decisions such as instrumentation and drill numbers must be decided on by May 30, 2017. Below is the instrumentation for this year's show.

Woodwinds

Flute
Clarinet
Alto Saxophone
Tenor Saxophone
Bari Saxophone

Horn Line

Trumpet
Mellophone
Baritone
Tuba

Drum Line

Snare Drums
Bass Drums
Tenors

Pit

Various Percussion Instruments

Color Guard

Our Competitive Philosophy

Our competitive philosophy is very clear; we compete and challenge ourselves daily, both as a group and individually, so that each student strives to reach his/her maximum potential. Although we compete against bands from other schools and celebrate our awards, we believe that the true measure of our success is in the improvement we make as a team as well as in the challenges we overcome throughout the year.

Reviews & Competitions

We compete in the Northern California Band Association ("NCBA") Competition Circuit. This fall we will participate in 6 band competitions starting on October 1st and ending on November 19th. At the reviews (or competitions), we are placed into classes based on the size of our band. We will compete against several bands in our class and will be judged by nine judges, being scored on marching, playing and color guard skills. We are assigned a cumulative score and ranked by the order of the scores.

Travel

How We Travel

We travel to all reviews by Royal Coach Charter Buses. While on trips, students are allowed to bring food and drinks but are responsible for the clean maintenance of the bus.

Medical Attention

A first aid kit is always readily available on all trips for minor cuts and bruises. In case of a more serious matter, all parents are required to complete a FUHSD Medical Release Form, which provides us with the necessary medical information and authorization so that we can provide the student the appropriate medical attention. Please inform Mr. I of any medical condition you may have. Mr. I is CPR certified.

Meals

Some meals are provided by the Band Boosters. The meals may be prepared by the Boosters or may be catered. The number of meals students receive will depend on the amount of time we are at an event. Itineraries for each review will be handed out a week prior the event. The itinerary will include all call times, meal information and any anticipated costs related to the trip.

Behavior Expectations

All Cupertino High School Rules apply while on trips. We expect the best behavior from all students and expect that all students follow the behavior guidelines. A student may lose travel privileges if these guidelines are not adhered to. Students are reminded that they represent themselves, their families, their school and their community at all times.

Caution

Although most of our trips are completed without incident, we caution students to stay together and never wander off alone or beyond the parameters set by the Director. We also strongly encourage students to consider the valuables they bring. Although we make every effort to secure the student's belongings, we cannot be held responsible for anything that is lost, stolen or damaged.

Zero Tolerance

In a proactive effort to keep our students healthy and out of trouble, we are encouraging them to make the "right" decisions regarding the use of alcohol and illegal drugs. The Cupertino High School PROUD Pioneer Band has a zero tolerance policy which states that anyone who is caught participating in illegal activity, including being possession or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, in or out of school, will be removed from the band program immediately.

We encourage students to think about their choices and to support each other in making decisions that will keep them healthy and out of trouble. We also ask that parents reinforce this at home by speaking with your son/daughter.

Uniforms

Marching Band Uniforms

Uniforms are provided to each member. Some accessories will need to be purchased by each member. Uniforms are to be worn correctly as assigned by the Director. While in uniform, Jewelry, make-up, and nail polish is not allowed. Students are not allowed to eat while in uniform. Uniforms must be returned in the condition they were in when issued. Normal wear under the uniform is expected, but every effort should be made to keep the uniform clean.

Horn Line and Percussion

Each student will be issued a full uniform, which will include:

- Jacket
- Pants
- Shako (Hat)
- Plume
- Gauntlets (excluding Drum Line)
- Cupertino Star
- White Cotton Gloves
- Performance Marching Band Shoes

Color Guard

Each student will be provided a uniform for field show and a uniform for parades. The field show uniform style will vary from year to year.

Additional color guard expenses include:

- Color Guard bag (Approximately \$28)
- Color Guard Gloves (\$10)
- Field Show Shoes (Approximately \$35-40)
- Parade Shoes & Field Show Shoes (\$35)
- Color Guard Section Jacket (\$40)
- Other clothing/make-up/ hair accessories that they deem necessary (Amount Varies)

Uniform Care

- Uniforms are not to touch the floor.
- Uniforms are to be kept in the uniform bag and hung properly on the issued hangar, except when in use.
- Uniforms are to be stored in the band room.
- Marching shoes are to be stored at home, not in uniform bag.
- Eating and drinking are not allowed in uniform with the exception of water.
- Students will be responsible for any additional cleaning and repair cost if their uniform becomes dirty due to their negligence.

Instruments

The Cupertino High School Band has a limited inventory of instruments that are available for students' use. Students are required to complete an "Instrument Usage Form" and have it signed by a parent prior to receiving an instrument.

Instruments that are available for use include a limited number of:

- Trumpets
- Mellophones
- Baritones
- Tubas
- Bass Clarinets
- Baritone Saxophones
- Drum Line
- Various Percussion

Usage Guidelines

- The instrument is for the use of the assigned student only.
- The instrument will only be used for official Cupertino High School Band purposes.
- The instrument must be properly maintained as assigned by the director.
- The parent or legal guardian will be responsible for all repairs and cost that may become necessary while in their student's use.
- All repairs are to be promptly reported to the Director.
- The parent or legal guardian will replace or pay to replace the instrument if it is lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair.
- The instrument will be returned in its original condition.
- The instrument must be returned at the Director's request.

Director's Instructions For Care

- The instrument is to be cleaned and lubricated once a week.
- When the instrument is not in use, it must be kept in its case with all latches secure.
- The instrument is to be kept in the assigned space in the instrument room when not in use.
- The student is to handle the instrument with care at all times.
- Students are to only handle instruments in their section.



Tournament of Bands (“TOB”)

On October 14, 2017, we will celebrate the 46th annual Cupertino Tournament of Bands. On that day over 40 bands (approximately 4,000 students and their families) from other schools will join us in a day of parade and field show competitions at Cupertino High School.

This event is vital to our band program because each year TOB raises approximately \$20,000 of which 100% of the proceeds go directly to the band program at Cupertino High School.

The event is run entirely by the CHS Band Parents. It is expected that at least one adult family member will volunteer in one of the following positions:

- Band Check In
- Parade Patrol
- Facilities Preparation
- Hospitality
- Information Table
- Grandstand Assembly
- Field Show Usher
- Gate Monitor
- Ticket Sales during Parade
- Ticket Sales during Field Show
- Ticket Taker during Field Show
- Merchandise Sales (Pins, Programs and Blankets)
- Band Bus and Public Parking Assistant
- Shout Out Sales
- Traffic
- Concessions
- Clean Up Crew (Sunday morning)

Band Boosters

The Cupertino High School Band Boosters are an invaluable parent organization that exists to support the band program in many aspects. Additional information about the band booster organization is available at the band website www.chs/fuhsd.org/band.

You can also contact our Booster President, Ed Siarot at hwnnites@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.