



Bay High "Tiger Pride" Marching Band

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Greetings, new and returning, "Tiger Pride" Band Members, Field Guard, Steppers, Managers and Runners:

Our wish for you and your family is to have a safe, productive and a 'major hurricane' free summer! (:^)

The Tiger Pride Band Camp, Percussion Camp and Guard Camp are all mandatory for all 2009/2010 marching band members. There is no fee to attend these camps. All camps will be held at Bay High School. **Full Band Camp** (horn line, drum line, guard and dance team, managers & runners) is **Monday July 20th through Friday July 24th, 2009, from 8 AM until 4 PM & 6-8 PM** **Both Percussion and Guard Camps** are **Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th from 9 AM to 4 PM.** **Rookie Camp, for all new members is July 17th from 9 AM until Noon.**

I would suggest that you bring your lunch and a cold drink to camp with you. Most students do this. However, I am allowing students to leave campus for lunch. If anyone is late for, after lunch, sectionals no one will leave campus for lunch there after. All students are to walk, not drive, or ride in a car with anyone. Students do not walk across HWY. 90 for any reason. Parents, please inform me, personally, if you plan on taking your child off campus, anytime, during band camp hours. Please avoid scheduling doctor and dentist appointments during band camp hours.

You will need to bring the following to band camp: sunscreen (A MUST!) comfortable tennis shoes, with socks (NO SANDALS), shorts, tee shirts, hat, sunglasses, WATER CONTAINER and a PENCIL. Please do not wear torn or ripped clothes to band camp. Band camp is an official school function and all rules that apply during the school year, apply during band camp and will be strictly enforced. Your name should be clearly marked on all instrument cases, coolers, cups, thermoses, bags, etc. **EAT BREAKFAST EACH MORNING BEFORE BAND CAMP BEGINS!!!** Every band camp someone has regurgitated at 10 AM because they "didn't feel like eating anything." Yuck!!!!

ALL WIND INSTRUMENT PLAYERS MUST HAVE A MUSIC LYRE AND A FLIP FOLDER. A lyre is a device that holds the music on the instrument. All instruments and models are different. Your instrument must be taken to a music store to be fitted for a lyre, to assure that it will fit your instrument, especially alto saxophones, trombones and trumpets. There is one basic clarinet lyre and ring. **PERCUSSIONIST:** If you are playing snare drum you will need sticks. We have enough quad and bass drum mallets.

Parents, if your child's instrument is not in perfect playing condition (this includes stuck tuning slides, and dented bells) please take the instrument to a reputable music company and have it repaired prior to band camp. A delay may result in more costly repairs in the future and a damaged instrument affects the intonation of the entire ensemble. I suggest Mississippi Music Co. in Biloxi. Their repair technicians do a superior job and price-wise are very reasonable. Make sure that your child's name is on his/her instrument case. I strongly suggest you install a combination-style lock on your child's instrument case to protect its contents. Please do not install a lock which requires a key. All instruments are stored in the band hall's instrument room and it is impossible to "guard" the instruments before and after each band class. Bay High School carries no insurance for lost, stolen or hurricane damaged, privately owned, instruments. Many students found this out after "Katrina" as did I! Do not leave your instrument in the band hall during summer vacation.

The horn and drum line will be wearing black patent leather shoes with our, expensive, once again, brand new band uniforms. BURNHAM BAND SHOE SERVICE has the best shoes and accessories for the best prices. Burnham will come to our Band Camp to fit each band and guard member. Students should bring a pair of socks for an accurate fitting. It is extremely important that all students wear the same type and style of shoe for uniformity and appearance. Returning band members, please make sure that last year's shoes still fit. Guard and band bring a pair of socks to try on your shoes. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PURCHASE SHOES AND UNIFORM HANGING GARMET BAGS WITH BAY HIGH LOGO.** These items are required. I will send a notice home after the first day of band camp to remind you of the prices and what day the shoe company will be at camp.

Students are not to take their uniforms home, at any time, without prior permission. Students will change clothes after each performance and the uniforms will be hung up neatly in the uniform room. In order to maintain our, expensive, band uniforms properly; Drum Major(s), Horn line and Percussionist are to pay a dry cleaning fee of \$50.00. Guard **MUST** hand wash your uniforms in Woolite and cold water.

All band members are to pay a \$50.00 band fee. Color Guard will pay \$25.00 band fee. Our School District provides what it can for the band program. Unfortunately, this amount is not always sufficient to sustain a program of this size.

Our boosters assist when they are able to do so. The band fee is used, in addition to my budget, to cover the operating expenses of band camp, extra staff, drum heads, props, cups, tape, batteries (I could go on and on!) and any activities planned for band camp.

The official "Tiger Pride" Band polo shirt for 2009 are from Bizzee Bee in Bay St. Louis.

The shirts will be embroidered not silk screened!!! All students, including runners must, purchase an official "Tiger Pride" Band polo shirt. These shirts are \$15.00. Drum Major (s), horn players, percussionist and guard members must purchase a "Marching Show Theme" tee shirt which will cost \$10.00. The boosters pay half for our official "Tiger Pride" band warm-up suits. Student pays \$40.00.

IMPORTANT: All students must have a physical prior to band camp. Parents must sign the physical form, the emergency care release, the band rules, and the photo/news paper/web site permission slip, contract of participation which are attached and must be returned to Ms. Crider the first day of full band camp on July 20th.

Over the years, the Bay High School "Tiger Pride" Band has earned a Superior reputation. This success has been achieved through hard work, dedication and great attitudes. I believe that you will get out of a performance as much as you are willing to give to the preparation. Marching and playing, well, do not always come naturally and sometimes it takes a great deal of effort, but it can be done!

Practice your instrument over the summer. Come to band camp with a super attitude and be ready to give 110%! You can expect the same from your Directors, Drum Majors, Section Leaders and Band Camp Instructors. We are looking forward to a new year, new music, new drills and the new marching show is gonna ROCK!!!

If you have any questions, or concerns please feel free to call me. (Cell: 228-493-4254)

We will be attending The D.C.I. Competition at Ocean Springs on July 14th. We will be traveling via school bus. If you plan on attending you must pay Mr. G. \$17.00 before the end of school and you will need money for concessions and if you plan on purchasing souvenirs.

Sincerely,

E. C.
Cathie Crider

A. Y.
Al Gunsch
Band Directors
Bay High School

FEES YOU WILL NEED for BRUNHAM SHOE COMPANY

(Fitting & fees paid during Band Camp.)

Formal Marching Band Shoes: \$30.00/pr (horn line and drum line)

Guard Shoes Kullerswift \$39.00/pr

Nylon Garment Bag w/ imprint: \$15.50/ea (For new students & if returning students need another one.)

FEES YOU WILL NEED TO PAY THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP TO:

BAY HIGH BAND BOOSTERS:

\$50.00 Band Uniform Cleaning Fee (drum majors, horn line and drummers)

\$50.00 Band Fee for Band Members \$25.00 Fee for Guard Members

\$40.00 for "Tiger Pride" Band warm-up suits. (Boosters pay other half)

\$15.00 Band Polo Shirt

\$10.00 Band Show Theme Tee-Shirt (everyone, including the guard)

\$5.00 for five pairs of gloves for the school year

\$13.00 for tuxedo shirt for gentlemen

As a personal note to all entering freshmen and new students. I assure you that your directors and the Tiger Pride Band Program will never, nor have they ever, approved of hazing activities or any type of "freshman inductions" for entering high school and certainly for entering our band program. Any such activities are to be reported to me immediately and will be dealt with severely.