

**CLEBURNE HIGH SCHOOL**

# **GOLDEN PRIDE**



# **MARCHING BAND**

## **2021 INFORMATION GUIDE**

### **WELCOME!**

We're so glad that you have signed up to be in the high school band next year! We want you to know that we have a place for you in the Golden Pride. Every student who signs up to participate in the Cleburne High School band program will participate in and perform with the Golden Pride Marching Band.

Whether you earn a Varsity marching position and perform in the competition show, are assigned to a Junior Varsity position and assist during the competition show, or you are simply assigned to perform in the stands during the football games, you will be included in every Friday night football game and Saturday marching band competition. Read on for additional information!

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## CLEBURNE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN PRIDE BAND

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# 2021 Marching Band Information Guide

## Congratulations on your decision to be a part of the Golden Pride Band!

Being in band at Cleburne High School will be one of the **most rewarding** experiences you will enjoy over the next four years. It is arguably the **hardest-working** and **most spirited** organization at CHS. Year after year, band students choose to continue in band because they have developed a **strong sense of belonging in a family environment**.

High school band is most notably different than middle school band because of marching band. Band students at CHS enjoy the fact that we take a **prepare-then-perform mentality**. In middle school, you are accustomed to preparing for weeks on end for a single performance. However, at high school, **we perform on a weekly basis** during marching band season, and the students love it because of the energy and excitement that comes with marching the show **in front of a crowd of 5,000 people in a stadium on a Friday night**. You will quickly come to realize that there is **no greater experience**.

In band at CHS, the **physical demands** of being a performer are high. Through marching band, students will develop a certain level of physical fitness. Marching band is widely considered the **Sport of the Arts** - band students **earn PE credit** through participation. We exercise on a daily basis throughout marching season (jumping jacks, planks, push-ups, crunches, burpees, running, etc.). We must challenge each other to be **stronger both physically and mentally** so that we are prepared for the performance demands of the show.

In addition, we must challenge ourselves to **develop a greater level of musical “fitness”**. In order to do this, we strongly encourage our students enroll in the music enrichment program and participate in our masterclass program throughout the school year and summer. The one-on-one time you will spend with a private instructor is much like the time you would spend with a personal trainer to improve your physical health and fitness. **The stronger you are musically, the better you perform as a member of the band.**

You will find that, with marching band, there are a number of skills and items that you will need for band that might seem more like what you might need for athletics - and you would be right! It's **physically challenging** and the experience of performing is one you'll remember for the rest of your life. The summer band experience can be tough, but **students come back every year because they love the way that performing as a member of a unique and dynamic team makes them feel** - especially after investing so much time and energy. We are sure that you will feel the same.

**Band is a busy activity** - there are before and after-school rehearsals and sectionals year-round. That said, if you have interests in other areas (athletics, clubs, organizations), we welcome and encourage you to pursue all interests. **Students who get involved and stay involved succeed at a higher rate and achieve more than students who do not.** Many of the most successful band students are also involved in other activities, such as AP classes, CTE, Ag, athletics, numerous clubs and student organizations, church groups, etc. **No student at CHS will be made to choose one activity over the other** - being a part of the CHS community is important, and **your contributions are valued**.

Please contact us with any questions you may have!

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Sincerely,

*The Golden Pride Band Staff*

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**All students** who plan participate in any component of the 2021 - 2022 Golden Pride Band Program are expected to attend the required events listed below. Please read carefully.  
Contact a band director if you have any questions.

# 2021 Marching Band Calendar

## **UIL MANDATED PRE-PARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EXAM AND MEDICAL HISTORY**

**ALL** students are required to complete and submit a pre-participation physical exam and turn in a new medical history form.  
**Due by Friday, May 28 (last day of school)**

## **ROOKIE MARCHING MINI-CAMP**

*This camp is for **ALL** new band members who play a woodwind or brass instrument.* It is a fundamentals-based camp in which students will learn the basics of marching and playing in preparation for the 2021 school year. We will be active and outdoors during the morning. Wear light colored athletic clothing and a pair of athletic shoes with good cushioning that lace-up and tie.  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 – 2 from 8:00am – 4:00pm (CHS Practice Field and Band Hall)**

## **DRUMLINE MINI-CAMP**

This camp is for all students assigned to perform in the front ensemble and battery percussion sections. Students will learn the fundamentals of marching, continue learning the music fundamentals packet, and begin learning the contest marching show music.  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1 – 2 from 8:00am – 4:00pm (CHS Practice Field and Band Hall)**

## **COLOR GUARD FUNDAMENTALS CAMP**

This camp is for the 2021 Golden Pride Color Guard. It is a fundamentals-based camp in which students will learn the basics of dance, choreography, silks, rifles, and sabers. We will be active so please wear comfortable athletic clothing.  
**Tuesday through Friday, June 1 – 4 from 8:00am – 5:00pm (CHS Multipurpose Gym)**

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM and STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF MINI-CAMP**

This camp is for all members of the Golden Pride Student Leadership Team and Student Support Staff. We have hired Ryan Sirna from SASI - The Leadership People to lead the SLT and SSS in a leadership training seminar utilizing the 2021 SASI Curriculum entitled *Bloom*.  
**Thursday and Friday, June 3 – 4 from 8:00am – 5:00pm (CHS Band Hall)**

## **SUMMER MUSIC SECTIONALS**

Summer sectionals are the time when we learn the music specific to each instrument group for the upcoming school year. **ALL** students should plan to attend each week. Every reasonable effort should be made to attend each sectional. Absences are excused if you have a family vacation, church retreat, summer camp, or similar event scheduled. Please complete the **Summer Absence Notification Form** which can be found on the band website. Contact a band director if you have questions or need access to a direct link to the form.

**Every Tuesday from June 8 to July 20 with the exception of July 6 (cancelled for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)**

### **Summer Sectional Schedule**

- 12:30 - 1:45pm: Trumpet, Tuba, and Front Ensemble
- 1:45 - 3:00pm: Horn, Trombone/Euphonium, and Bases
- 3:00 - 4:15pm: Flute, Clarinet, and Quads
- 4:15 - 5:30pm: Alto Sax, Low Reeds (Bass Clarinet, Tenor Sax, and Bari Sax), and Snare
- 12:30 - 5:30pm: Color Guard

## **SUMMER MUSIC REHEARSALS**

Summer rehearsals are the time when we rehearse as a full band to play through all of our music for the upcoming school year. **ALL** band and color guard students should plan to attend each week. Every reasonable effort should be made to attend each sectional. Absences are excused if you have a family vacation, church retreat, summer camp, or similar event scheduled. Please click the link in the box above to complete the Summer Absence Notification Form. Contact a band director if you have questions or to request a direct link to the form.

**Every Thursday 6:00 – 8:00pm starting June 10 and ending July 15 with exception of July 1 (cancelled for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)**

## **SUMMER BLOCK PARTIES**

Summer block parties are the time when students get to hang out, meet other members of the band, and get to know each other before the school year begins. We will play games and stay active, both inside and outside. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and shoes and bring a jug of water. Eat dinner before you arrive!

**Every Thursday 8:00 – 10:00pm starting June 10 and ending July 15 with exception of July 1 (cancelled for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday)**

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM MINI-CAMP**

This camp will serve as a follow-up to and extension of the first leadership mini-camp with Mr. Sirna as we make final preparations for Summer Band Camp and the school year beyond.

**Thursday and Friday, July 15 – 16 from 8:00am – 5:00pm (CHS Band Hall)**

### **DRUMLINE SUMMER CAMP**

All students assigned to perform in the front ensemble and battery percussion sections will continue learning the music fundamentals packet and the contest marching show music. Camp will be staffed by section-specific instructors, so it is important that everyone is in attendance.

**Monday through Friday, July 19 – 23 from 9:00am – 4:00pm (CHS Band Hall)**

### **SUMMER BAND CAMP**

This is the official start to the competitive marching band season. All woodwind, brass, percussion, and color guard members will learn, review, and refine all fundamentals related to high school band and color guard, finish learning the stand tunes, and begin learning to march and play the 2021 contest marching show. ***ALL members of the band are expected to attend every camp event.***

**Starts Wednesday, July 28; Runs weekdays through August 17 from 8:00am – 5:00pm plus Saturday, August 7 and 14 from 8:00 – 11:00am**

***NOTICE:** All absences, including family vacations, church retreats, summer camps, or similar events, should be avoided during **Summer Band Camp** and **After-School Rehearsals**. The band staff will finalize student assignments to Varsity and Junior Varsity marching positions during this camp in order to begin learning the contest marching show. Absences will influence those decisions.*

### **AFTER-SCHOOL REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

The 2021 school year begins on Wednesday, August 18. After-school rehearsals start on Thursday, August 19. The band rehearses after school every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 4:15 – 6:45pm.

### **2021 GOLDEN PRIDE TAILGATE PERFORMANCE**

The tailgate preview performance is the first official performance of the 2021 marching season and school year. During the performance, the students will show off the marching fundamentals and music they have been working on throughout the summer. The band will finish the event with a premier performance of the 2021 Contest Marching Show.

**Friday, August 20 at 7:00pm (Location TBD)**

### **2021 GOLDEN PRIDE “ROCK THE ROCK” EXTRAVAGANZA**

This performance is designed to provide middle school band students as well as all CISD 5<sup>th</sup> grade students exposure to the Golden Pride Marching Band. The band will perform stand tunes, section features, and the contest marching show. This event is open to the public. SUTA!

**Friday, October 22 at CISD Stadium “The Rock” (morning performance)**

### **FOOTBALL GAME PERFORMANCES**

The CHS Golden Pride Band performs at EVERY Cleburne HS Varsity Football Game. Most games take place on Friday nights, though away games are sometimes scheduled on Thursday evenings. Each performance is an opportunity for us to perform in front of a crowd, in preparation for our major contests.

**Please refer to the official events calendar on CHARMS or the band website. Contact a band director to request a direct link.**

### **MARCHING CONTEST PERFORMANCES**

The 2021 marching contest season will prove to be another season of growth and achievement in the life of the Golden Pride Band and its members. Please refer to Charms for the official calendar. Events will be posted as they are finalized.

#### **CONTEST**

HEB Drumline Contest (Pennington Field - Bedford, TX) -- *Drumline only*

Mansfield Preview of Champions (Vernon Newsom Stadium - Mansfield, TX)

USBands Burluson (Burluson ISD Stadium - Burluson, TX)

UIL Region 30 Marching Contest

Birdville Marching Invitational (BISD Fine Arts/Athletics Complex - North Richland Hills, TX)

UIL Area F Marching Contest

#### **DATE**

Saturday, September 18

Saturday, September 25

Saturday, October 9

*Date and location TBD*

Saturday, October 16

*Date and location TBD*

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