

John Horn High School  
**Jaguar Band**  
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Dear Band Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family having a great Summer. I am looking forward to next year with high hopes. This letter will inform you of the upcoming **band camp** and expenses that you will incur for the following school year. **We will have a meeting for ALL PARENTS Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6p.m. in the JHHS Cafeteria. Please turn in all forms at this time!**

I would also like to announce the addition of **Mr. Lynn Childers** to our band staff. Mr. Childers will be our Assistant Band Director/Low Brass Specialist. Mr. Childers comes to us from North Mesquite High School. I have looked to Mr. Childers as a mentor for many years and having him on our staff is quite a blessing. He brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to our staff and we are glad to have him with us. We would also like to wish the best of luck to **Mr. Lozano** as he departs to **Terry Middle School**. We know he will be sending us some great band students very soon.

**Here is a schedule for Band Camp (Required): also found at [www.jaguarband.com](http://www.jaguarband.com)**

**\*Please note the Saturday Rehearsals. This is a state advancement year and we want to have as much drill on the field as possible before the start of school.**

July 25-26	10a.m.-2 p.m.	Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Flag Officers
July 27-28	7:30a.m. –11:30a.m.	All Guard, Drumline, Freshmen
July 31-Aug 3	7:30a.m.-2:30p.m.	Full Band
Aug 4	1:30p.m.	<b>JAG CAMP PEP RALLY (We all play)</b>
Aug 4	7:30-9:30p.m	<b>POOL PARTY(City Lake Park)</b>
*Aug 5	7:30-11:30a.m	Full Band
Aug 7-8	4:30-9:30p.m.	Full Band
Aug 9	3:00-8:30	<b>Dr. Tim @ Highland Park HS (Section Leaders, DM's required)</b>
Aug 10-11	4:30-9:30p.m.	Full Band
*Aug 12	8-11:30a.m.	Full Band (followed by fun day at the park, park TBA)
Aug 15		First Day of School!!

Read the **“to bring”** list on the back of this page so that you are prepared. I must know if you will not be at any of the summer band rehearsals so that I can make arrangements for your absence. We will have alternates for the drill. You do not want to be an alternate and the way to assure this is to be at summer band. What this means is that if you have an unexcused absence you could be replaced with an alternate. We need everyone to be in attendance of all rehearsals. If you have planned vacations or attending church or music camps please call me immediately and tell me what days you will miss and why.

## **IMPORTANT THINGS TO BRING:**

- Wear light clothing – NO SANDALS – Tennis shoes and socks required
- Bring and wear sun screen
- Everyone wears a hat- even if you have more hair than Mr. B
- Sunglasses are great
- You must have your own water jug on the practice field at all times- ALL WATER BREAKS ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE. Please have water in your water jug- **NOT A CARBONATED DRINK!!!**
- **Prepare for the heat by eating a good breakfast and drinking lots of fluids the night before.**
- Lunch breaks can be taken away or eaten in the Fine Arts Hallway. **NO FOOD OR DRINK, EVEN WATER, IN THE BAND ROOM**
- Do Not Miss Rehearsal

It would be a smart thing to get out and take some morning walks to get yourself acclimated to the heat before band camp. You can't learn drill from the sidelines or sitting inside from being sick. Take the proper precautions and do not take the heat lightly.

Enclosed in this letter is a Band Supply List. If your student has certain items, you do not have to order them again. **Items that everyone must purchase are the show shirt and uniform cleaning.** If you need new shoes and gloves, we will have a size run of shoes and gloves to try on during band camp. We will be wearing our collared red shirts and **khaki shorts** to the first 2 or 3 games this year, so you may start to look for those early.

Also enclosed is a **Parent Volunteer list** for you to fill out and return to us so we can call you if we need your help. If you are available for our band camp outdoor rehearsals, we would like to have some parent volunteers help this year with water breaks. We will purchase a nice shade canopy and a couple of chairs for your comfort. Please e-mail or call me if you will be available for this honor.

If you have any questions, call me at 972-882-5237 and leave a message. Next year will be a great one for the Jaguar Band. It is important that we set the tone of excellence from the very first day of band camp.

For more dates in the Fall, check out our calendar page at our web site at <http://www.jaguarband.com>. I promise I will try to have it updated. There is also many informative pages for students and parents to peruse.

Sincerely,

Todd Burke