

John Horn High School  
*Jaguar Band*  
A Dedication to Excellence!  
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Dear Band Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your family having a great summer. Our marching show this year is called “**Transfigurations**” featuring original music by Key Poulan. Most of your kids already have their music and I hope they are getting some practice time in. 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 on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the JHHS Auditorium. Please turn in all forms at this time!**

I would also like to announce our newest member of the JHHS Staff. **Alycia Bingaman** will be the new band director at Terry Middle School. She is the wife of Mr. Bingaman and comes to us with many years of success teaching middle schools in Allen ISD and most recently Cain Middle School in Rockwall ISD. I feel very blessed that she has joined us on our quest for excellence!

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

July 29-30	10-2	<b>Drum Majors, Section Leaders.</b>
Aug 2-6	7:30a.m. -3:30p.m.	Full Band <b>Lunch break will be 11-12:30</b>
<b>Aug 5</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>PARENT MEETING REQUIRED</b>
Aug 6	7:30pm-9:30pm	<b>POOL PARTY-CITY LAKE PARK</b>
Aug 9-13	7:30a.m.-3:30p.m.	Full Band <b>Lunch break will be 11-12:30</b>
<b>Aug 13<sup>th</sup> will be Jag Camp. We will announce the schedule for that day when we get it.</b>		
Aug 16-20	4:30p.m.-9:00p.m.	Full Band <b>Dinner break will be 6:15-7</b>
Aug 24	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 all of summer band. What this means is that if you have an 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:**

- Your instrument with **ALL** Music and a pencil
- Wear light colored clothing – **NO SANDALS** – Tennis shoes and socks required
- Baggy pants covering the ankles are not acceptable.
- 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!!! Camelbaks are a good thing!**
- **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, the best way to contact me is via e-mail over the summer at [tburke@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:tburke@mesquiteisd.org). 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 are also many informative pages for students and parents to peruse.

Sincerely,

Todd Burke, Director