

# **JOHN HORN HIGH SCHOOL BAND GENERAL INFORMATION 2021-22**

## **HANDBOOK—**

Keep a copy of the handbook in a safe, accessible place at home for you and your parents to refer to.

\*\*\*Students who do not have a signed Confidential Medical Treatment Form, Handbook Acknowledgement Form, and Travel Permission Form on file will not be a part of any extracurricular parts of the band curriculum i.e. trips, marching shows, contests, festivals, etc.\*\*\*

## **PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE—**

Attendance at **ALL** performances is required. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a grade of “0” for a major test grade. Repeated absences from performances will result in dismissal from the performing band. An excused absence from a performance will require that it be made up within the time allotted in the JHHS Student Handbook. If it is not made up, a grade of “0” will result.

## **REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE—**

Attendance is required at **ALL** rehearsals. Any time missed due to an excused absence must be made up within the time allotted in the JHHS Student Handbook or a grade of “0” will result.

Although much advanced planning has gone into our calendar, a rehearsal may need to be called occasionally due to unforeseen circumstances. **WORK WILL ONLY COUNT AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE IF WE DON’T GIVE YOU AT LEAST 2 WEEKS NOTICE.** Plan ahead and give your employer your band calendar before they make up the schedule!

## **DRESS REHEARSALS—**

For selected “dress rehearsal” the Black Jaguar Band T-Shirt(Swag Shirt) will be worn with band shoes and black socks. Official JHHS caps will be allowed at these rehearsals.

## **EQUIPMENT NEEDED—**

The following equipment is needed on a daily basis:

All students- All music, books, tuner.

Flutes—Tuning rod and swab, breathing tube

Clarinets, Oboes, Saxes, Bassoons—clarinets/saxophones-1 box of reeds, bassoons/oboes- 3 or 4 working reeds (no split reeds), swab, cork grease, lyre.

Brasses—lyre, slide grease, valve/slide oil, mutes.

Percussion—Mallets and sticks

It is the student’s responsibility to have all equipment at each rehearsal and performance in good working order.

### **PRACTICE—**

Practice is ALWAYS NECESSARY! The best way to make practice time more enjoyable and productive is to get a regular habit of everyday practice established. LOOK FOR IMPROVEMENT; don't just "put in your time". When you're playing improves, then all the time practicing will seem worthwhile. A good practice routine includes: warm-up, scales, technique drills, tone study, music and a cool down. NEVER SACRIFICE ACCURACY FOR SPEED. Practice the parts you cannot play well. Practice to be perfect. 4 days a week for 45 minutes to an hour is better than 1 day a week for 2 ½ hours. Refer to the website for the Texas Music Project for suggestions on how to improve on your instrument.

### **U.I.L. SOLO AND ENSEMBLE-**

Solo and Ensemble is an event required of all of our band students. In most cases, an accompanist is required to play for a solo. The band will pay for the entry fees for all students; however the cost of the accompanist will be the responsibility of the student. The cost will vary according to the difficulty level of the solo. **Class 1 solos (the hardest) will cost \$40, Class 2 will cost \$35 and 3 will cost \$30.** If there is a problem with these fees, please call me and arrangements can be made. If no arrangements are made, students will be charged on their account for the money owed the pianist. State Solo and Ensemble Contest accompanists' fees are determined by the student's choice of pianist.

### **U.I.L. TEXAS STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE-**

Students that qualify for the TSSEC will be entered into the contest once they pay their contest fees. Fees will be due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPING—**

All performances of the JHHS Band will be recorded either on CD or digitally. In addition, rehearsals will also be recorded as needed for the purpose of improving our instruction.

### **AUXILIARY TRYOUT REGULATIONS—**

It should be understood that the purpose for auxiliary units are to enhance the performance of the band in a visual manner. It is the prerogative of the director to restrict performance when the director deems the performance unsuitable.

Criteria a student must meet in order to try-out are as follows:

The student must audition on the date set by the director. (Exceptions due to illness will be at the discretion of the director.)

Auditions and selection will be the responsibility of certified school staff members. The number of members in the auxiliary units may vary from year to year, depending on the size of the band and the quality of the auditions.

### **BAND PARENT VOLUNTEERS—**

Parents are needed for various tasks throughout the school year. Please fill out the Volunteer List and criminal history background check form if you are interested in helping the band. Parent Volunteers assist with many things the band needs and chaperone on band trips. The amount of volunteers may far exceed the needs of some areas. **ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME—**Membership is free.

### **CHAPERONES—**

All parents who would like to be a chaperone for band trips must have a Criminal Record Check Form on file with the school district. These must be turned in at least 2 weeks prior to your first trip. We encourage all parents to travel with us, but please sign up in advance so we can make sure there is room.

### **BUS SEATING—**

Before the first trip of the year, we will sign you up for buses. You will ride this bus on all trips during the fall semester. You may sit on any seat, but you must remain in the same seat for that trip unless an adult sponsor moves you. If they ask you to move, you need to comply immediately. Trips in the spring will have new bus lists.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS—**

Included in this handbook is a list of all performances and rehearsals that are known at this time. This allows plenty of notice for plans to be made around them. Dates that become available later will be included in the monthly calendars that are sent home. Any changes or additions will be reviewed in class. All events that have at least two weeks notice are required. **Notices of upcoming events will be provided to you by e-mail.**

### **FUND RAISING—**

Fund raisers are a way for students to earn money needed for trips and festivals so it doesn't have to come from your own pocket. The money earned is deposited in the Band Activity Fund and is property of MISD. Each student receives credit for the portion of the profit that they earn. All products sold must be paid for unless broken, and then a replacement will be ordered. **Any product returns are deducted from that student's share of the profit.**

### **LOCKERS—**

A locker in the band locker room will be issued to all band students. Items stored in this locker include: instrument, band notebook, marching shoes, band shoes and official band attire. **Items for other classes should be kept at home or in your backpack.** Food items found in lockers (drink cans or bottles, food wrappers, food) will result in an **automatic detention.** Band lockers are under the same rules as school lockers as described in the Student Handbook. **YOUR LOCKER IS TO BE LOCKED WITH THE BAND ISSUED LOCK AT ALL TIMES. Do not give out your combination to anyone. The safety of your possessions is your responsibility—KEEP IT LOCKED!** A penalty may be assessed to students who repeatedly leave their locker unlocked.

### **MONEY—**

All money that a student turns in for fundraising, trips, band equipment and supplies will need to be receipted. If you turn in fundraising money or pay for anything—*make sure you get a receipt.*

### **(NEW!) PICKING UP STUDENTS AFTER REHEARSAL OR GAMES**

Parents please know the rehearsal schedule and understand what time your band student needs to be picked up. Our directors have families they need to get home to. Please respect their time by picking up your student at the appropriate time. Tuesday night rehearsals end at 8:30pm. We will send you a text when we are on the way home from games so you can meet your student(s) when they have unloaded, secured their instrument and turned in their uniform. **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS WILL END 30 MINUTES AFTER OUR ARRIVAL AT THE SCHOOL.**

### **LETTERMAN JACKETS-**

Students that have accumulated 1000 points on the Letter Jacket Tally sheet are eligible for a letter jacket. If a student participates in marching band for 4 seasons qualifies for a letter jacket. The Jacket and Letter are provided by John Horn HS. Any extra accessories are to be paid for by the student.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES ON TRIPS-**

**Ipod type stereos with headphones are the only type of sound equipment allowed. ANYTHING YOU TAKE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK!! Any sound equipment found outside the buses (in the stands, warm-up, etc.) will be confiscated and kept until a parent can pick them up. This can also result in the suspension of having any ipods, walkman stereos allowed on band trips. Multiple offences will result in having the equipment sent to the office as per school policy.**

### **TO RECEIVE JAGUAR BAND TEXT UPDATES**

Text @jaguarband to 81010 to join. Text rates may apply.