

Dear Jaguar Band Parents and Friends,

Thank you all for a successful band camp. We have about 2/3's of the show out on the field and that is exciting! Mr. Travis has done a great job arranging and writing the drill for this great show and I am looking forward to many great performances of it.

**Calling ALL Parent Truck Drivers! We need your help!** This past Saturday, we had a training for some district drivers and parent volunteer drivers with Class A certifications to be cleared to drive the truck. However, we only had parent volunteers represented from MHS, PHS, and NMHS. We are having another training tomorrow morning, **Wed. Aug. 30 at 9am at the Berry Warehouse with James Gadsden. Even parents that**

**Rehearsal Schedule-** Remember that our rehearsal schedule has changed slightly. Mornings on Tuesday, Wed, Thursday are 7am-8:15am. Friday morning (not this week) is 6:40-8:05am at Memorial Stadium- We provide transportation back to JHHS. Tuesday night rehearsals are 6pm-8:30pm.

This week we are having our Thursday morning rehearsal at Berry MS Stadium from 7-8:15am. We will have some buses to provide transportation back to JHHS.

**This week's Game-** Our game is Thursday night at 7pm vs. McKinney Boyd at Ron Poe Stadium in McKinney <http://www.texasbob.com/stadium/stadium.php?id=276> We will be in need of 10-20 chaperones. If you have filled out the online volunteer form, you are eligible to volunteer for us. If you have filled out the parent volunteer form on the MISD website, please notify me if you are interested in chaperoning this week's game. **Please reply to this email that you have a love of riding yellow buses with many children and we will sign you up!** I look forward to hearing from you.

The itinerary for Thursday will be as follows:

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| 2:45PM-    | Students will be released from class, loading will begin   |
| 3:45PM-    | Leave JHHS- students will be given a bag lunch to eat on the way. They are welcome to bring a couple of smaller snacks with them- these do not go into the stands with them. |
| 5:45PM-    | Arrive in McKinney and unload  |
| 7PM        | Gametime.  |
| 12midnight | Arrive at JHHS   |

It is important for you to pick up your student in a timely manner. I will send a remind101 text when we leave the stadium and when we are close to arrival. Our supervision of students will end 30 minutes after our arrival to the school.

Dress for this game will be the black polo (to be issued this week) and school approved khaki shorts with a belt. **It is important that student have a flip folder and lyre for their instrument.** While we are memorizing music for the field, music in the stands must be read. Please get this ASAP.

Please make sure you have the medical release form turned into us before the game- Your band student will not be able to attend if they do not have this form notarized and turned in.

Please sign up for the Remind 101 app by texting @jaguarband to 81010 for any updates that may occur in the evening.

**Objective sheets** will also be passed out this week. Please make sure that you see and sign these sheets. These objectives are the outline of what will be expected of every student in his/her band class during the 6 weeks period. These objectives are 30% of your child's band grade. These objectives can be used to determine chair placement or any other status in any band class. Please make sure that you ask to see these sheets once a week, every six weeks. If you are wondering how your child is doing in class, you will know very quickly by looking at their objective sheet.

**I want to strongly encourage private lessons for your student(s).** The weekly 30-minute one-on-one instruction that your child receives in these lessons is invaluable to them as an instrumentalist. I cannot stress to you enough the amount of success that these lessons will bring to your child, as well as the success they will experience in the band program. The Mesquite ISD lesson rate is \$18.00 per 30 minutes of instruction.

**Water and tissue-** If you have not yet sent your case of water, please send them as soon as possible. You may place them in the pile outside the office in front of the window. We use this water to pass out in the stands. The students get one bottle per game and they refill, as needed, from the provided water coolers. We would also like to ask for some boxes of tissue. As the year goes on, we go through a lot of tissue with this large group of students. If you can, please send a box or two with your student(s).

**We do our best to communicate everything we can with you.** Please feel to reply to these emails with any questions you may have. However, if you would like to speak to your child's band director to ask questions about what is going on in their class, you will find all of that contact information below.

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REMINDER- Please be careful to not schedule testing during contest dates. If you have questions about certain dates and SAT/ACT testing, please contact me.

Please go to [www.jaguarband.com](http://www.jaguarband.com) for more information and an updated rehearsal calendar.

Thank you,  
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