

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 **RATTLE THE BONES**, featuring music from Beethoven, Chopin, Bach and Saint-Saens. Your student should 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 Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the JHHS Auditorium. You will be given a copy of all forms at this time! These forms can be turned in at the UNIFORM Fitting days. It is important that ALL band parents attend this meeting.**

We have tried to be as detailed as possible for our band camp calendar. I understand if you have already made plans to be out of town during these times. The June music camps are a perfect opportunity for your student to get some music instruction over the summer. Do not miss these camps if at all possible. Percussion parents- Please follow the schedule that you were given from Mr.Solis!

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event/Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 6-9	June Music Camp/JHHS Fine Arts Wing	9am-12noon
June 27-29	July Music Camp/ JHHS Fine Arts Wing	9am-12noon
July 11-15	Percussion Camp/ JHHS	8am-4pm
July 18	Jaguar Band Leadership Prep (Leadership Team ONLY)	9-3 pm
July 19-20	<b>Leadership/Freshmen/New Marchers</b>	8-10am
<b>July 26</b>	<b>PARENT MEETING, AUDITORIUM</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
July 25-29	<b>Full Band Camp</b> 7:00-10:30 outside/12:30-3:30pm inside ( <b>Everyone Reports!</b> )	
July 30	Junior/Senior Uniform Fitting- Band Hall	9am-1pm
Aug 6	Freshman/Sophomore Uniform Fitting- Band Hall	9am-1pm
Aug 7	POOL Party, Town East Pool	7:30pm-9:30pm
Aug 7-11	<b>Full Band Camp</b> 7:30-11 outside/1-4 inside	
Aug 12	DCI FINALS Party in the Band Hall	4pm
Aug 14-15	<b>Full Band Camp</b> 7:30-11 outside/1-4 inside	
Aug 16-18	<b>Full Band/</b> 4:30-6:30pm inside/7-9pm outside	
Aug 21-24	<b>Full Band/</b> 4:30-6:30pm inside/7-9pm outside	
Aug 25	<b>Full Band/</b> 8am-12noon Outside + Teacher Performance at 11	
<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!</b>	

Read the “**to remember**” list on the back of this page so that you are prepared. Summer Band Camp is mandatory and 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 at all rehearsals.** If you have planned vacations or attending church or music camps please e-mail me immediately and tell me what days you will miss and why.

## **IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- 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!
- **This year we will provide you your own JAGUAR BAND water jug. You must have it on the practice field at all times- ALL WATER BREAKS ARE TAKEN OUTSIDE.** Do not lose your water jug or you will buy a new one. **WE DO NOT SHARE WATER JUGS!!!**
- **DO NOT DRINK CARBONATED DRINKS!!!**
- **Prepare for the heat by eating a good breakfast and drinking lots of fluids the night before.**
- **You may bring your lunch or go out and eat.** Lunch breaks can be taken away or eaten in the Fine Arts Hallway. **NO FOOD OR DRINK, EVEN WATER, IN THE BAND ROOM.**
- **YOUR BEST ATTITUDE!**

**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 black shirts and **khaki shorts** to the first 2 or 3 games this year, so you may start to look for those shorts early. Many people pay for this all at once at the Uniform Fitting. Many pay throughout the year. It's really up to you, just let us know.

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 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 [www.jaguarband.com](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



Please scan the code and join the Band App. This will keep you in touch with all upcoming events and information.