

CYPRESS RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Incoming Freshmen Information Letter

Dear Parent(s) and Students,

We would like to welcome you to the Cypress Ridge Mighty Ram Band! As we move forward to close out the 2023-2024 school year, we would like to provide you with pertinent and important information so that your transition to high school will feel as seamless as possible. In this letter, we will address our summer band camp dates, google calendar, athletic physical packet/forms, and Remind codes. Please read this information carefully and thoroughly.

Spring Registration:

May 20th - @ Cypress Ridge High School Band Hall – 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Please join us on the above date to register your student for our band program! Incoming freshmen will be able to get fit for their marching shoes, purchase their water jug for summer band, and any other pertinent items needed for the fall semester such as band underwear (show shirt, shorts, cap).

Summer Band Camp/Calendar/Band Handbook:

Every year, the Cypress Ridge Band has required training camps for ALL members of the band program. Our summer band camps typically fall at the end of July. This year, our summer band camp will take place July 29th (First day of band camp!) through August 16th. All Percussion has an additional camp July 15th - 18th. Attendance from our students is vital, so we ask that ALL students and parents do their best to plan around these dates so that our program can have a successful marching season. Please visit www.cyridgeband.com to view our google calendar where you can always find upcoming events for the program as well as our New Member Handbook. Exact times for summer band camp days are TBD.

“What do I need to bring to summer band camp?”

- For the first day of summer band training and on, you will need the following:
 - Athletic clothing (no long sleeves, jeans, sweaters)
 - Tennis shoes
 - Water Jug (1/2 gallon) – Ram Band Water Jugs will be given at the beginning of the camp for members who have made at least 1 payment towards student band fees.
 - Lunch – for full days. We will not be providing meals during summer camp.
 - Instrument

- Flip Folder and Lyre – (required) to keep and carry music at football games - can be purchased at Music and Arts or a local music store

“What if I plan on playing football or volleyball this year?”

- Official players (on rosters) of the Cypress Ridge Football team will not need to attend marching and movement rehearsals, ***but must attend music rehearsals should their football schedule allow.*** If a player is not on varsity, said student will need to travel and perform in the stands with the band at varsity football games.
- Official players (on rosters) of the Cypress Ridge Volleyball team will not need to attend marching and movement rehearsals, ***but must attend music rehearsals should their volleyball schedules allow.*** Players will attend football games whenever their schedule allows/does not conflict with a volleyball game day.

Band Fees:

There are costs associated with being a part of the Cy-Ridge Band for the 2024-2025 school year. **Band fees for the 24-25 year for INCOMING FRESHMEN are \$335/each member.** The band fee includes - water jug, marching shoes, and band underwear. Freshmen/new members will need to purchase the 3 items listed above on top of the fee. **Band fees for veteran members (10th-12th graders) are \$260.** Veteran members may choose to purchase any of the items listed above, every year, depending on the need for them.

Physical Packet/Forms:

In addition to attending summer band camps, there are necessary forms needed from all students before participation can be allowed, per Cy-Fair ISD policy. These forms can be found on our website. Please visit www.cyridgeband.com, to access those forms. Details about said forms are as follows:

- Physical
 - Must be completed every year – this is what you take to the doctor’s office/physician. Please make sure it is filled out front and back and signed by the physician and parent.
 - Please see the last page of the packet for dates where physical exams are offered by the district at low cost to you.
- ECG (Electrocardiogram Exam)
 - Free heart exam offered by the school
 - MUST be completed by ALL incoming freshmen – you may either choose to accept or decline getting the exam done – forms still needs to be turned in to a director whether you are declining or accepting

○ This form is of high priority, as our school nurse will need these forms for her records as soon as the school year commences.

- District Transportation/Parent Permission Form
- Fine Arts Field Trip Form
- UIL Acknowledgement Form

Remind Codes:

Lastly, ALL band students must join our primary communication source, Remind. We use Remind the most regarding communicating with our students about our calendar, upcoming events, weekly reminders, rehearsals, and/or any cancellations that happen due to weather or other circumstances.

Brass: @8dg4da6

Woodwinds: @kc9dg4

Percussion: @d37b44

We realize that this may be a lot of information. Should you have any questions about any of the information above, or anything you may think of that is not addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to email a band director with your questions or concerns. We hope you have a restful summer and **we look forward to seeing you all on July 29th, 2024!**

Please scan the QR code for more information on our band program!



Sincerely,

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Edith Saucedo

Cypress Ridge High School Band

Registration

Monday, May 20th 2024

5:30pm-7:30pm

Students and a parent/guardian need to attend.

- Update Contact Information
- Turn In Physical Forms
- Get Fit and Order Marching Shoes
- Pay Band Fees
- Order Supplies
- Check Out School-Owned Instruments If Necessary

