



July 31, 2020

Dear Campbell Band Students and Parents:

I am so glad to say that it is finally time to be sending out our summer letter. Unfortunately, it is much later than we were expecting, but at least what we know is that we are able to start with our marching band!!!

First and foremost, I want to thank each of you for your patience as we have been releasing information this summer. As you can imagine, plans and decisions in CCSD have changed frequently and are continuing to change. I know that first on your mind is probably the questions resulting around what marching band is even going to look like for this year.

Frankly, those are very real questions to have, and questions that we as a staff all have as well. The only thing that I know for certain is that regardless of how the marching band will take shape this year, our promise is that it will continue to be a rewarding and life changing environment for each of you.

At the moment, we have still not received clearance for our marching bands to begin face to face instruction from CCSD. Nevertheless, as many of our neighboring programs are doing, we are going to go ahead and begin our summer camps. I am very excited to announce that the Campbell High Virtual Band Academy will begin this Monday, August 3!!!

For those of you that are still unsure as to whether you want to commit to marching band, I hope to provide a few answers for you. Regardless, this virtual academy is for EVERYONE!! What we all need right now is an opportunity to reconnect with each other and pick up our instruments and start playing a little bit, but most of all, HAVE A LOT OF FUN!!!

Below is some information that will help you plan for the Summer Virtual Academy and the beginning of the school year:

Virtual Academy Schedule:

Aug. 3: SLT Work Session @ 12:00 PM

Aug. 3: Virtual Town Hall Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Aug. 4-7: Virtual Rehearsal 11AM-12:30PM

Aug. 10-14: Virtual Rehearsal 11AM-12:30PM

Activities that will be covered during rehearsals are stretching, PT Fitness Building, Playing Fundamentals and Warm-Ups, Stand Music, Music for the fall

We will be using Zoom for all of our virtual meetings. Login links will be posted on the marching band google classroom and the band website over the weekend.

Materials Needed for Virtual Academy:

Wind Players: Instrument, metronome, tuner, balloons, paper

Percussion: Marching Snare Sticks, Drum pad, Metronome

Guard: Practice Flag

All Students: Athletic clothing, tennis shoes, water, functioning technology with video capability, an open space for PT, and a great attitude!

School Borrowed Instruments:

If you are a student that typically borrows a school instrument from us, we are working to quickly come up with a time for you to check out those instruments. Please be patient as this may not happen prior to the start of summer rehearsals.

If you and your family have the ability to rent an instrument of your own now is definitely the time that we ask you to do so. Schools across the county are struggling to come up with adequate instrument supplies for a 1:1 instrument to student ratio.

All of the local music supply stores are ready to help you with your instrumental rental needs!!

Accessing Music for Virtual Learning:

All music that you need for virtual rehearsals will be uploaded to the member portal of the band website.

Please visit www.campbellband.org to access the website. Click on member portal. If you have not signed up for an account you will be prompted to do so. Use the links to access the pages with the music you will need. Please print or copy to a device; your instrument specific course pack, your instrument for Stand Tunes 1, your instrument for Stand Tunes 2, your instrument for Stand Tunes 2015, your instrument for the Fight Song, your part for Super Mario Brothers, and percussion should copy the percussion folder.

Virtual Instruction During the School Year:

Just like the rest of CCSD, we will be utilizing CTL5 Learn for all of our band instruction. Expectations are not going to be the same as last spring. All students will need to be participating actively every day during the virtual time frame. The district has set a standard schedule that all high schools are following.

In the band department we will utilize both synchronous and asynchronous learning. We will also be pushing out several virtual resources for you to use during our instruction. Our commitment is that we will provide instruction to you that continues to foster your individual musicianship. More information will be shared about virtual instruction once we have it.

Band Fair Share Fees:

Now that we will not be competing this season for marching band, our fair share fees will be lowered for all students. At this time, I do not have an exact number of what those fees are, but I can share what they will not exceed. Outside of marching band, the fair share fees will not change.

While virtual, the best way to make a payment is to mail a payment to CBBA or use PayPal links on the band website to pay those payment.

Marching Band Fee: Not to exceed \$300

Concert Band Fee: \$50 per semester

Jazz Band Fee: \$25

Performance Opportunities:

At this point, the football programs across the county are still scheduled to have a regular season following GHSA Guidelines. The new dates have pushed back the start of games to the Labor Day Weekend.

At this point, it is still our expectation that the marching band will be present for at least all home football games. Information about this will come once we have it. I assure you that the decision to participate in these activities will be made based solely upon the ability to assure the health and safety of all of our staff, students and volunteers. We will continue to listen to the guidance of CCSD, CDC and the Cobb/Douglas Department of Public Health.

Concerts and public performances for our band program will be evaluated once we are back to face to face instruction.

As I have stated before, we are so happy to be able to be starting back. If you are anything like us, you need the Campbell Band more than anything right now. In this time of uncertainty and unrest I want you to know that it is our #1 priority to make sure that our students are safe and healthy. We will never make a decision that will put your child or your family in any danger at all. Until it is safe for us to be back together in person we will continue to operate virtually and make the best situation that we can out of that environment.

We have missed you all so very much and can't wait to get to work with starting next week.

As always...The Sun Never Sets on the Campbell High School Band!!!

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