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7/14/25 JET Band Parent Meeting:

- **Welcome!**
- I'm going to talk over the below items and hopefully answer any questions you may have. If your questions don't get answered in this information, at the end of the meeting I'll share with you where and how we can answer your questions.
- **Summer band schedule:** With the THS campus still under construction, summer band is going to look a bit different than normal. Normally you would drop your kid off at THS by 7am and pick them up at THS after 4pm. This year we are rehearsing both outside at the THS band lot and inside at MPJH. To make things easier for day 1, we'll all be at MPJH for the entire day on Monday, July 21. But starting on Tuesday, July 22 we will be rehearsing on both campuses. Our outside visual rehearsals will take place at THS on the band lot, our indoor music rehearsals will take place at MPJH. Brass and color guard students will start their day at THS at 7am and rehearse outside until 9:00, then they'll either hop on the bus or transport themselves to MPJH for the remainder of the day. Woodwind and battery percussion students will start their day at MPJH at 7am and rehearse until 8:45am, then they'll either hop on the bus or transport themselves to THS, and then at 10:45 they'll either hop back on the bus or transport themselves to MPJH for the remainder of the day. We will have access to the stadium restrooms at THS and if there is lightning in the area, we will move inside.
- **Calendar:** The BoosterHub page and app have two calendars. The Director's google calendar is the official calendar for all JET Band events – rehearsals and performances. The Booster's calendar is for all other events and volunteer opportunities. Once school starts, we have Wednesday afternoons as our afternoon off; use that time to schedule doctors' appointments and to get caught up on life. Students should not miss rehearsals for regularly scheduled appointments. Please look at your family calendar and look for that dentist appointment you scheduled already and make sure it doesn't conflict with a rehearsal or performance.
- **Fees:** As of today, you should have already paid **\$425** through the boosters. You must have a registered account on our BoosterHub website in order to make the payments online. If your student qualifies for Free/Reduced Lunch, you can apply for financial aid through the booster club by emailing President@jetband.org. Once school starts, every student enrolled in band or color guard will also see the KISD \$50 band activity fee through pay-n-go. Remember that fee is separate from the booster club fair-share fee.
- **Financial Commitment Form:** the signed Financial Commitment form should have been signed and uploaded via the Google Form by June 15. A few of you tried to email me the form and I believe I have responded to all those and asked to submit via the google form. If you have not submitted your commitment form (as of this morning only 76 students have), please do so today.
- **Physical:** before your student is allowed to participate this summer, we must have a signed physical on file in the RankOne app. The physical form is available via katyisd.rankone.com then click on Fine Arts packet. Once you have the completed physical, you must upload the physical to RankOne. If you are participating in athletics and fine arts, the RankOne athletics side doesn't talk to the fine arts side so you must upload documents to both sides. In RankOne, there is also a Consent to Treat/Travel form; we will have to have that on file before your student is allowed to travel with the band. If you are having troubles uploading the forms, please email Mr. Guzman at patrickguzman@katyisd.org.
- There are other forms (handbook, uil acknowledgment, etc...) that we will eventually publish and need but for now the pressing need is to get the Commitment Form, Consent to Treat/Travel, and the Physical turned in.

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- **Instrument Fees:** If your student is using KISD-owned equipment, there is the KISD instrument usage fee just like you've had since 6th grade. That fee won't need to get paid until after school starts. Mr. Guzman is in charge of instrument inventory and will be your go-to person on collecting that fee.
- **Things your student should be doing to be successful:** Heat acclimation, hydration, practice their instrument/equipment, move their body, get used to going to bed at a normal time and waking up before 2pm. Our movement clinician Zach Carrasco has a youtube channel specifically for us that has ~30 videos from warm-up and stretching to cardio to marching fundamentals. If your student will watch and participate to these videos over the summer, that will benefit them greatly. If your student says they are struggling with any of the movement, they should utilize these videos.
- **Eat a good breakfast.** Limit milk & dairy. Toast & PB. Egg muffins. Breakfast tacos. Granola bar. Try to drink at least 8oz of water before you leave the house so you are pre-hydrated.
- **Health** - a lot of times when a student gets sick out in the heat, we discover they haven't adequately fueled their body and are dehydrated. Please make sure your student is eating and drinking before rehearsals. If your student often has to sit out of rehearsals, we will call home and ask that someone come pick up the student.
- **Hydration & Heat.** Students must bring at least a ½ gallon water jug to every rehearsal and performance. A 16oz plastic water bottle or a 32oz Stanley is not enough. Please arrive with your jug already filled up with water. We give water breaks every 10-15 minutes during the hottest days. On the long summer band days, your student will drink over a gallon of water. We take an extended break to give them time to refill. Hydration is proactive. KISD has heat guidelines that we follow - we monitor the WBGT and have guidelines to follow based on that reading.
- **Items and rehearsal attire:** Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, loose fitting athletic clothing, athletic shoes (no crocs, no slides, no sandals – they must be able to run forwards, backwards and sideways in these shoes). Brass/woodwind/percussion students rehearse in white shirts every day. Something you may want to consider are long-sleeved UV shirts w a hood. Knee pads: we will perform a lot of choreography that requires the students to put their knee down on the hard concrete; your student will need soft knee pads to cushion that. Sidewalk chalk. Flip folder. Beach towel or yoga mat. Once school starts, your student will have to remember to bring rehearsal clothes to school on all days that we have rehearsals.
- **Summer Lunches:** We eat lunch at 11:00 each day we rehearse 7a-4p. The days we are split between THS and MPJH, we'll all eat at MPJH. Once we are fully back at THS, we'll eat at THS. The booster club is selling lunches or you can bring your own. Info about the summer lunches has been in the Blast emails. KISD policy is THS and MPJH are closed campuses; this includes Summer Band. Students may not leave campus for lunch. I know when we are at MPJH it would be easy for students to run across the street to Starbucks over the lunch break, but that's not allowed. Just like a school day, once they are on campus they are supposed to remain on campus with the exception of transporting to and from THS for rehearsal. When we to 4-9pm in August, we will have a 15 minute snack break but no dinner break.
- **Printing music at home.** We upload music to a Google drive. Students are responsible for printing their own music and having it at school every day. Students are expected to have all the music printed off for rehearsals. If your student has an issue printing at home, have them talk to their student leader and they'll assist you.
- **MAT** - this is our biggest fundraiser. We need every family to participate. The Boosters will talk some more about this in a minute.
- **Parent facebook group** is also a great place to get answers and find out info. **@JETbandboosters** If your student ever needs a ride, this is a great place to ask. We have a lot of great, helpful parents who will gladly help, but you gotta ask for the help.
- **Website: jetband.org** which redirects you to our BoosterHub page. That portal will connect you to our email communications, that's where you'll make online payments and orders, that's where you can sign up to volunteer, and a myriad of other pertinent things.
- **Remind texts.** Phone Number – 81010. Message -- **@25jetband**. There is a separate Remind for the students (@jetbroken). You can join that if you want, but we created that so that we didn't have to burden you with texts that are only pertinent to your student.
- The **new member liaison**, Amy Solomon, is also here to help answer questions. Her goal is to help you navigate

these waters, so please reach out with your questions. mentor@jetband.org

- **Spring Trip to DC:** completely optional. Deadline to register is Sept 19. All registration and payments are through the travel agent. The travel agent has set up a system where you can share a “gofundme” type link where family and friends can help offset the costs.
- To respect everyone’s time I am not going to open up this meeting for questions, but will encourage you to use the BoosterHub app or email mentor@jetband.org for general questions or email me at michaeldary@katyisd.org for specific questions that can’t be answered by fellow parents. If you sent me an email over the summer that required a response and you haven’t received a response, please resend your email and I will get back to you this week.
- **Wrap-up reminders:** we start next Monday promptly at 7am at MPJH in their Main Commons and will remain on that campus for day 1 but starting on Tuesday July 22 we will split between the campuses. You must have a physical on file in RankOne to participate. Your financial commitment form should already be on file. You should have made two payments totalling \$425 payments already. Eat before rehearsal. Bring a large filled water jug. Wear the prescribed rehearsal attire. If you have questions ask... ask student leaders, ask our mentor liaison, ask other parents via facebook group, ask Booster Officers questions via the BoosterHub app, and ask the directors.
- **Now I’ll turn it over to the Boosters for any other announcements and info about the gear sizing/ordering. After the Boosters go over their information, Student Leaders and their parents will hop on the other Teams meeting and we’ll talk about your roles in the organization.**