

PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2020

Castle View High School Bands
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AGENDA FOR THE EVENING

- Introduction
- Marching Band Info
- CVBB – Castle View Band Boosters
- Fees
- Grading Policy
- Lettering
- Calendar
- Website
- Assignment for all band students
- Assignment for all band parents
- FUNDRAISING

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MARCHING BAND SHOW

- The Goal of the Castle View Marching Band and Band Program
 - Make Great Memories! (2012 t-shirt)
 - Hold Yourself to a Higher Standard (2013 motto) “Tribal Affect” (2013)
 - Follow Through “Mission Accepted” (2014 commitment)
 - Push past challenges no matter how great or small “Barriers” (2015)
 - Family Fun “Mangiamo!” (2016)
 - Don’t leave our lives to chance. Control our own destiny. “In the Cards” (2017)
 - Overcoming ‘demons’ or shortcomings. Good prevails. “The Dark Corner” (2018)
 - Excellence and Fun in video games “Press Start” (2019)
 - 2020 Together as One / Mandalorian



MARCHING BAND SHOW

- Together As One / Mandalorian
 - With the rescheduling of football to the spring, performance opportunities have been limited.
 - We will be looking at a showcase opportunity in October.
 - Live stream will be utilized if we can't have public performances with an audience.

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CASTLE VIEW BAND BOOSTERS

- President – Kathleen Williams
- Vice President – Jen Dobosz
- Treasurer – Valerie Boswell
- Secretary – Amy Bodfield

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Outgoing Booster Officers

- Audra Johnson
- Farrah Wells
- Cheryl Altman

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WHAT SHOULD CVBB DO?

- Raise money to support the expansion of the Castle View Band program.
- Help with logistics when necessary.
- This does require some vision and drive that is outside the actual band program.
- We still need parents to just help out with certain jobs with or without a booster club.



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WHAT SHOULD CVBB DO?

- Apparel Items
- <https://cvbands2020.itemorder.com/sale>
- Linked on the booster website

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BE PART OF WHAT WE'RE DOING

- Get involved!
- Parents can help with fundraising
- Parents can help move equipment
- Parents can build
- Parents can attend contests and cheer on the band
- Parents can bring patrons who can help support us financially
- Parents can come to meetings and lend their experience to improving the functionality and success of the band program.

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FEES

- Percussion \$60 instrument usage fee
 - Students NOT enrolled in Percussion Tech will have this assessed as a fine, students in percussion tech are assessed as a class fee automatically.
- School instrument rental - \$50 per semester - can be waived because of need
- Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Uniforms – NORMALLY - Tux purchase (Als' Formal Wear approx \$145). NORMALLY, dresses purchased [around \$65] - or you can purchased used from a graduate) **THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT BE PURCHASING TUXES OR DRESSES** For this year we will be purchasing long sleeve, black, concert shirts that will serve as our uniform for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Design will be announced in September. Students will need to provide their own black dress pants and appropriate footwear.



FEES

- Marching Band Fees \$100 – Automatically assessed to Marching Band and Color Guard as a class fee. NORMALLY - \$300 additional fee. THIS YEAR \$150. The fee is in place to accommodate the needs of the program. FanAngel raise fundraiser is under way. All funds from this fundraiser are NORMALLY applied towards the Marching Band Fee. Any amount not covered by the fundraiser is NORMALLY assessed as a fine beginning in September or October. CVBB fee is NORMALLY \$35 and covers ALL Meals for the marching season – Checks to CVBB. Non-marchers should only pay \$10 to CVBB. THIS YEAR CVBB's FEE IS \$10 FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- Jazz Band – STUDENTS PROVIDE OWN NICE RED/BLACK dress clothing; Potential Costs for Jazz Festival



WHY FEES?

- Busing to contests – (\$10,000)
 - Depending on the time and distance, buses cost the program between \$400-\$1000. Since the marching band uses two buses that doubles, when both bands go to contest it doubles. When bus drivers are unavailable, we are forced to use charters which costs even more.
- Truck Rental - \$125-\$175 per truck, per event; usually around \$1200 each season.
- Staffing - (\$17,000)
- Music - \$2750 (+\$400 for rights to arrange)– BOA Bands pay \$4500-\$6000 for their shows (THIS YEAR'S SHOW WILL ROLL OVER TO NEXT YEAR)
- Drill Design - \$0 – Most bands in Colorado by \$1500-\$6000, BOA bands can pay upwards of \$10,000
- Show Design Materials – Flags \$1000+, new vinyl \$1200+, Media carts \$2700 (boosters)
- (\$31,500) – 80 students @ \$400 = 32,000 – 80 currently in marching this year.



THE HANDLING OF FEES

- Procedure for assessing fees - Any fees not paid are turned into the bookkeeper. The only way for the bookkeeper can add fees is as “fines”. Please do not see this as punitive.
 - I will make you aware of fees, give a couple of weeks to pay, then send lists to the bookkeeper to add to Infinite Campus.
- Bookkeeping request from parents
 - Pay your fees at your earliest convenience
 - If you can't afford to pay your balance, please make payments towards progress
 - Castle View is NOT a credit organization
 - We do want to work with parents and students, but you wouldn't go without paying your water bill...



HOW MUCH DOES A CLEAR CONSCIENCE COST?

ON THE CURRENT BUDGET

- \$150 (plus the school fee of \$100 + \$10 Booster Club) for Marching Band – Total \$260 - \$250 to school, \$10 to boosters
- \$100 For every band member for the two concert bands (ADDITIONAL!)
- \$70 for Jazz Band



WHY BAND AT CV?

- Philosophy
- Value
- A promise

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GRADING POLICY

- 60% Class Participation – 10 points a day, 30 points per week 50 for jazz and percussion- 66%??? 2020 HYBRID FOR 2A, 2B Will be 50 points per week.
- 30% Concerts/other performances – ALL BAND - 4 concert performances (two fall, two spring) – Festivals in the spring. PEP BAND – ALL Home Varsity Football Games (5) and Select Home Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball Games (8-10 total games, max of 9 event times). – Marching Band – 5-6 contests, 5 football games, 8 extra practices
 - The difference between a concert and a pep band performance.
 - Football games are pep band performances for non-marchers, but they are like concerts for the marching band!
- 10% OTHER assignments (chair auditions, playing tests)



LETTERING

- Not all about grades!
- Not all about talent!
- Not all about effort!
- It's definitely not what I think about a student or family!



LETTERING

- What it is about:
 - Service and commitment to the band program as a whole
 - Additional performance in community groups
 - Individual accomplishments on your instrument
 - Documentation of that material in an honest way that outlines the contributions through the application
 - Application turned in and on time
 - Most of all it is rewarding those that go above and beyond for the program and are willing to put forth the effort to be recognized for going above and beyond. Applications available October. Point total necessary is published in early April. Applications due right after the Gala.

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FUNDRAISERS

- FanAngel - LINK WAS EMAILED IN JULY - \$5,932.69
- Peaches
- MATRESSES?? (Scheduled for October 3 in pencil)
- STOMP?? AUCTION BASKET?
- BUTTERBRAIDS (x 2)
- POINSETTIAS
- SPRING GALA



HOW DO YOU MEAN SELL THE PROGRAM?

- Speak highly of the value of what we are doing!
- Talk about band.
- Support live instrumental music!
- Start conversations with local business owners.
- Look for opportunities for the band, jazz band, percussion tech to perform!
- Book the bands to perform! Follow through!
- Get involved with what is happening at the elementary level in Douglas County!
- Encourage community members to support the music programs at our schools.
- Talk about band!



WHAT TO TALK ABOUT?

- Your stories are the best stories! Tell them.

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WHY MUSIC???

- More specifically, why play a musical instrument?
- The value of playing an instrument is probably obvious to you. However, convincing you of its importance is not the point. The point is: Can you convince someone else?



WHY MUSIC???

- Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons.
- Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel in all of their studies, work better in teams, have enhanced critical thinking skills, stay in school, and pursue further education.
- Secondary students who participated in a music group at school reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (tobacco, alcohol, and drugs).
- Schools with music programs have an estimated 90.2% graduation rate and 93.9% attendance rate compared to schools without music education, which average 72.9% graduation and 84.9% attendance.



WHY MUSIC???

- *Regardless of socioeconomic status or school district, students (3rd graders) who participate in high-quality music programs score higher on reading and spelling tests.*
- *A Stanford study shows that music engages areas of the brain which are involved with paying attention, making predictions and updating events in our memory.*
- *Children who take music lessons show different brain development and improved memory over the course of a year, compared to those who do not receive musical training.*
- *Schools that have music programs have an attendance rate of 93.3% compared to 84.9% in schools without music programs.*



Musicians Have Enhanced Brains

Plasticity of the brain and how musical training helps brain plasticity has been proven by decades of research



The volume of grey matter is greater in adult professional musicians than in people who are not musiciansⁱⁱⁱ

Other studies have shown a greater volume of white matter in musicians' brains

The same study also showed that children's brains structurally change after 15 months of musical training



WEBSITE STUFF

- CHARMS OFFICE
- INFORMATION UPDATES
- FORMS
- RESOURCES
- ASSIGNMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS
 - Page 37 of the handbook (signed by student and parent)
 - Serves as a field trip permission form for any of our trips.
 - Rules and expectations for activities
 - Transportation form
 - UPDATE your Charms Info



VOLUNTEER!

- SURVEY
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- Parent tab



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERING
 - PEACHES
 - COVID YEAR OF TRAINING
 - OTHERS!!!!



CLOSING

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THANKS FOR ATTENDING!!

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