



CRHS BAND FAMILY

Welcome Information

Summer/Fall 2023



CRHS Cougar Band is...

- Family! Welcome to the family!
- Fantastic organization
- Kids learn leadership, respect, excellence, discipline
- Competition - performance
- They learn to work together, and individually - for one goal

Marching Season-What does that look like?

- Summer Band Camp – Mandatory, begins **July 24, 2023** - see Charms calendar for specific times - first week is **7:00 to 4:00**
- First Day of School – **August 16, 2023**
- Practices after school 3 days, and games most weeks
- October is when most of the competitions occur; it is a very busy band month (*nickname: BandTober*)
- Band Activities
 - Marching contests, football games, pep rallies, Homecoming parade, BBQ preview/premier, Holiday Dinner, and more!

What you need to know as a Student:

We will have two shows this fall - a Spirit Show, and a Competition Show. Everyone will march in the Spirit Show. For the Competition Show, you will need to earn a spot.

- Every incoming 9th grader must have a **physical** to participate in marching band. See forms on the website. On May 24th, CRHS offers physicals for \$30 - this physical form must be turned in to Mr. Davis by July 24th to participate in Summer Band.
- If you want to be considered for the Competition Show, you need to **submit a marching video and a playing video**. Links are on the website.
- Marching practices have a “uniform” of a gray or white shirt, athletic shorts, and good tennis shoes.
- Game days: we will have a run through in a “run through uniform” of a CR Cougar Band gray shirt with black “CR” shorts. After dinner in the commons, students change into the band uniform for the game. Uniforms are kept at the school and are checked in/out every game day or marching competition day.

After Marching Season

December: re-audition to set Spring Concert Band placement

- Wind Ensemble (varsity concert season spring band)
- Symphonic Band (non-varsity)
- Concert 1 & 2 (sub-non-varsity)
- Jazz Band (optional; extra band period, audition)

Encore ends when marching season ends - after the last game.

- Concert Band uniforms are distributed.
- Boys need a tux shirt - more info coming.
- Region Band auditions occur during marching season - we highly encourage all students to try out. It helps tremendously with proficiency on your instrument.
- Solo and Ensemble Contest: Feb-March
- UIL Concert and Sightreading contests: April
- Spring Trip: April
- Band Awards Night: May

Band Member Marcher Estimated Cost

Money Day - Saturday, August 5, 2023 - Required First Year Band Marching Student

- Approximately **\$500-\$600** for minimum required items - *includes a \$50 Transportation fee - paid to the band-forwarded to the district- DO NOT PAY THIS ON PAY N GO - we pay this to the district in one payment - there is also an \$80 instrument maintenance for school owned instruments. We like the majority of this money to be paid that day, but will work with you if you need to pay over time.*
- Band fee is \$200, down from years past (included in \$600)(meals before all events, uniform maintenance, show costs, etc.).
- Lots of items are one-time purchase.
- Optional spirit items, and duplicate items.

Returning Band members -

\$200 for Band fee, plus transportation fee, & required show shirt

- Encore has already had their Money Day; merchandise will be distributed in July.

Band Booster Board Executive Officers:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer 1 (Money Out)
- Treasurer 2 (Money In)
- VP Fundraising
- VP Uniforms
- VP Chaperones
- VP Membership & Volunteers
- VP Merchandise
- VP 9th Grade Liaison

Special Committee positions

(not required to attend Booster Board meetings)(non-voting board members)

Photography Chair

Webmaster Chair

Social Media Chair

Load Crew Chair

Mum Room Chair

Feed the Hoard Chair

Announcer

CRHS Band Boosters Membership

Parents, Family, or Community can join (*minimum \$25*)

What does the Booster Club do?

- Coordinates volunteer needs - chaperones, etc.
- Raises funds for band above and beyond what Katy ISD can provide
- Manage the finances of the non-profit
- Organizes events and parties
- Orders and distributes merchandise for fall
- Handles uniform sizing and distribution
- Supports this band in every way we are able

Booster Membership Perks

- **\$25 Maroon Level** - Voting privileges at Band Booster General Meetings, and a Band Booster Car decal.
- **\$75 Bronze Level** - All privileges of the Maroon level, plus name in concert programs as a supporter of The Band.
- **\$125 Silver Level** - All privileges of the Bronze level, plus Photo Opportunity during the last game of the regular season in the stands, and before the game on the football field with your student.
- **\$250 Gold Level** - All privileges of the Silver level, plus four reserved seats at the spring concert.
- **\$500 Platinum Level** - All privileges of the Gold level, plus priority seating for 2 at the End of Year Band Awards Night.

Event or Activity Volunteering

First year parents can get involved in all areas:

- Chaperoning for games/trips
- Fundraising
- Meal distribution
- Mums
- Photography
- Load Crew/prop building
- Party/event planning
- Popsicle Days (day before games)
- Uniform sizing/distribution
- Merchandise distribution

All parents are encouraged to participate!

Chaperone Crew

- Travel with Band to games and contests. 11 buses last year - up to 16 chaperones per event.
- Work with VP Chaperones to coordinate student safety, and general event management of masses of people.
- Opportunity to see up close Band moments from the field.
- Spots fill quickly. Sign up at Money Day (*first Saturday in Aug!*)



Fundraising Crew

Booster Fundraising Goal - Bring in funds to help the band do what we do

- Big event - Hour-A-Thon - July 28th - *this is our new major fundraiser!*
- Corporate Sponsors - see packet (*due date is 7/28 for logos*)
- Homecoming Mums (*From now to Homecoming*)
- Poinsettia sales (*fall, community partnership with Brookwood Community*)
- Holiday Auction & Gift Baskets (*December*)
- Spirit nights (*year long*)
- Other items to be determined!

Fundraiser meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd at Hasta La Pasta - please come if you are interested!

Hour-A-Thon

Friday - July 28th at 2:00

- Biggest fundraiser of the year!
- Many booster clubs are using this now.
- In the weeks prior, parents help put names/phone numbers of people to contribute - co-workers, grandparents, relatives.
- Parents are encouraged to invest in the band via the booster membership, but can contribute to this as well.
- Most donations are given this day, electronically, but checks and cash are also taken over the weeks following.
- It is fun; the kids really get involved, and raises lots of money!

Mum Factory Crew

- Season runs May – September 8th(*Homecoming*)
- This used to be our biggest fundraiser, selling mums and garters to the entire student body.
- Thousands of volunteer hours are needed to produce about 300 custom products.
- **Take Home Kits and Classes available this this year**
- Volunteers work from home or in Band Mum Room
- You don't have to be crafty to help! Join the Remind group and text @mum-makers to 81010.
- Facebook - [CRHS Cougar Mum Room](#)
- Instagram - https://instagram.com/crhs_mum_shop
- Website - <https://crhsboostermumshop.com/>



Uniform Crew

- Sizing students for Marching uniforms and Concert uniforms
- Checking out and in - every game day and contest
- Contest day inspections!
Making sure we look our best
- Responsible for Cleaning and maintaining - light sewing needed
- Maintaining uniform database for inventory, labeling, sizes and student assignment



Various Volunteer Crews

- Photographers / videographers
- “Feed the Horde” - Pre-game/event meal distribution
- Popsicle Day - after practice, day before game
- Prop Crew - helps build props for shows
- Loading Crew - loads the truck for every event

Photographer Team

- At an event, take photos, upload photos to Flickr
- Lots of people needed!
- Football games
- Contests - on the field/behind the scenes
- Concerts and other events (a little forgotten once the excitement of Marching Season is over)
- NEW this year: Band is doing a Metallica-themed “Short Spirit Show” Contest - need 10 dedicated parents to film/video this for our submission to the contest- can even be using cell phones, will be a compilation

How to stay informed:

- **Website:** CincoRanchCougarBand.com
- **Subscribe to the CHARMS** calendar (instructions on website)
- **The Horn:** newsletter comes out almost every week with specific instructions about that week and the next - copies on website
- **Robin Sparks:** Freshman Liaison:
crhsbandfreshmaninfo@gmail.com
- **Presidents:** Holly Rosenquist or Fred Sparks
crhsbandpresidents@gmail.com
- **Facebook:** [Cinco Ranch Cougar Band](#)
- **Stay Connected:** Make sure you have the correct email in Charms – this is how you will get email communication

CRHS Cougar Band Directors

- **Ray Jones** – Head Director - Marching Band/Wind Ensemble
 - RayHJones@katyisd.org
- **Rory Davis** – Director/Props/Symphonic and Concert 2
 - RoryLDavis@katyisd.org
- **Danny Rivera** – Battery & Front Ensemble Director/Concert 1/Jazz Band
 - DanielRivera@katyisd.org
- **Holly Trotchie** – Encore Dance Company Director
 - HollyETrotchie@katyisd.org
- **Samantha Cockerham** – Encore Dance Section Assistant Director
 - Samanthaeshilk-Cockerham@katyisd.org
- **Shelby Dupont** - District Email TBA
 - @katyisd.org

Please complete the form below

- ❖ This gives us your contact information so we can be in touch during summer band. Charms is how we usually communicate. (Information not updated yet).
- ❖ Tell us how you would like to volunteer so we can be in touch and get you involved.
- ❖ Highly encourage you to volunteer!
- ❖ *Remember - it is over in the *Blink of an I**

Questions?



