

Eufaula High School “Mighty Tiger” Marching Band

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EHS Band Students and Parents:

On behalf of the returning vets, I would like to welcome our new freshmen and other “rookies” to membership in one of the largest, most successful student organizations on the EHS campus... **The Eufaula High School Mighty Tiger Band**. Vets, I would like to thank you for committing to another year of producing award winning marching shows and concert festival performances. Your work has been the foundation on which our successes have been built, and I know you will continue to contribute to our tradition of excellence in the band program at Eufaula High School. First of all, congratulations to the EHS Band Student Leaders:

Drum Major: Maddie Register

Flutes: Evelyn Sosa

Clarinets: Charity McCray

Alto Saxophones: Derrick Williams

Tenor Saxophones: Caden Cox

Trumpets: Trinity Gant

Horns: Robert Fant

Trombones: Jaylen Turner

Baritones/Low Brass: Anthony Berry

Percussion: Jacob Forehand

Colorguard: Rondell Randolph

Majorettes: Tristan Morgan

For the last few years, we started having band camp in the afternoon/evenings. We will continue that format this year starting the day at 2:00 pm, break for dinner around 5:30, and dismiss at 9:00 pm.

Band camp is always 2-3 weeks before the start of school. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 8. For band camp days where we are on campus during dinner, students will stay on campus because dinner will be provided by the band boosters. We will provide bottled waters for camp, but I HIGHLY encourage each student to bring their own small cooler with iced waters/Gatorades.

Family vacations, doctor/dental appointments, and other events should be planned around camp/rehearsal dates as the rehearsal attendance is of utmost importance. Please understand that I hire band directors, college band students, music majors, etc... months in advance to come and provide instruction for your child. If he or she is not in attendance, it not only hurts the child, but it causes the entire group to fall behind. Be mindful of the calendar dates and plan accordingly.

Parents, please make plans to attend our Band Booster Meetings which are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the band room. The summer meetings are Thursday, June 8th & Tuesday, July 13th.

We will be using the red “Eufaula Marching Band” dry-fit t-shirt and silver athletic shorts again this year that all instrumentalists will be required to purchase (majorettes & colorguard only need the red dry-fit shirt.) If you still have yours from last year, you do not need to re-purchase these unless you want/need to. They are \$30 for the set (\$16 for new shorts, \$14 for a new shirt.) These will be worn under the uniform to help keep students cool, and will also be used as an alternate uniform for some performances, such as parades, pep rallies, and other more informal performances. We will place the orders on July 20th, to hopefully have them in by July 28th for the parent preview performance. This will be a one-time purchase, because we will re-use these every year. Only new members will be required to purchase it each year (vets will be able to reorder if they outgrow it, lose it, or mess it up.) Add \$1 for each “x” above xl (ex. 2x = +\$1, 3x = +\$2, etc.)

Band fees are outlined below. All instrumentalist fees are due on Monday, July 24th, but you can go ahead and pay earlier this summer if you want. Colorguard/Majorette fees are separate and they have received their

individual payment information. If this is a concern, please contact me and we can set up a payment schedule. We will also have fund raisers to assist.

Yearly Items: \$125

Band Fee: \$65

TBD Cotton "halftime themed" t-shirt: \$10

Uniform dry cleaning fee: \$25

Uniform rental \$25

Additional Items (as needed)

- \$30 Dry-fit t-shirt/shorts: (new members only, and replacements \$14 shirt, \$16 shorts)
- Marching Percussion Sticks (Snare \$11, Tenors \$16, Bass \$31-\$41[depends on which bass drum you play]). Marching Cymbal Gloves (\$14), front ensemble mallets (varies from \$20-\$40)
- Black Band Shoes \$45 (rookies only... unless vets need a new pair.) If yours are still in good condition though, you will NOT need to re-order. These will be ordered on Thursday, July 20th. Flip folders (\$10, \$14 for flutes, \$15 for percussion), lyres (\$8), flip folder pages (\$0.50 each) and any other instrument supplies (reeds/oil/etc.) can also be ordered during camp. Cash or checks need to be made out to "Gadsden Music." Everyone is required to have a working flip folder.
- White Marching Uniform Gloves (wind players only): are \$4 a pair, or \$5 if you wait until a performance day to purchase them. Your first pair is free.
- Socks: Students provide their own socks. They must be **tall & solid black.** I will have "band approved" socks that can be purchased for \$5 a pair.
- In addition to a flip folder, **percussionists & all section leaders** will be required to have a 3-ring binder, with a minimum of 50 plastic sheet protectors. These can be purchased at stores for about \$5 for a pack of 100 sheets. This will hold percussion music, and drill charts for section leaders.

~~We will be selling discount cards during band camp. These are the same ones we sold last year. They are \$20 each, and you profit \$10 for each one you sell. If you sell 12, your band fees are paid in full! We will still sell the bed sheets/towels, but won't start that until September.~~

Things you'll need for band camp: light colored t-shirts, comfortable shorts, tennis/athletic shoes with socks and laces, sunglasses, caps, towels, sunscreen, coolers, drinks, fans, a pencil, reeds, valve oil, cork grease, etc., and of course your working instrument and a great attitude! It'll be hot, so bring plenty of water to keep cool. I don't want you to get sick. We will provide some drinks as well... **but please bring your own cooler with water/Gatorade!**

Things not allowed for band camp: flip flops and/or sandals, spaghetti strapped shirts, halter tops, bathing suits, gum/candy, bad attitudes.

Cell phones are fine, but if you're caught using it DURING rehearsal, it will be taken up and and only returned to a parent if it becomes an issue. They are also at your own risk. We are not responsible for lost, broken, etc. phones, or other personal belongings.

Once school starts, we will rehearse after school on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5:00-7:30. Sectionals will be on Tuesdays &/or Thursdays from 4:00-4:45. Here is the sectional schedule:

- Percussion – every Tuesday & Thursday through mid October
- Colorguard/Majorettes – every Tuesday & Thursday through mid-October
- Flutes/Clarinets – 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Alto Saxes/Horns – 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
- Trumpets – 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
- Low Brass/Tenor Saxes – 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month

If you have not signed up for the EHS Marching Band Remind messages, please do so ASAP. This is the most efficient way to communicate with everyone. Please do not sign up for more than one group though because you'll get each message multiple times. All students need to sign up for their grade (even if you have siblings in the band), but a parent only really needs to sign up for 1 group. These are the same groups from last year, so if you're already getting messages, you don't need to re-sign up. I've only added 1 new group for the new 8th graders (class of 2028.) Please find your summer rehearsal schedule attached and post it in a prominent place so that you may refer to it often.

REMIND texting Instructions:

- 1) Open a blank text message and enter the phone number as 81010
- 2) In the message type the code below with the @ sign before it.
 - You can also download the “REMIND” app if you prefer. Just be sure the push notifications are turned on.

2023-2024 REMIND codes:

Seniors, Class of 2024

Text this code: @edb83c to 81010

Juniors, Class of 2025

Text this code: @g887ce to 81010

Sophomores, Class of 2026

Text this code: @dbb42h to 81010

Freshmen, Class of 2027

Text this code: @ehsband27 to 81010

8th Graders, Class of 2028

Text this code: @ehsband28 to 81010

Colorguard/Majorettes only. This is the same one we've been using.

Text this code: @ehsbandau to 81010



As we progress towards the fall, it is important that you play each day to maintain your “chops”. If you take the entire summer without playing, we will be thrown weeks behind trying to regain our chops and flexibility. Should you or your parents have any questions, I will be available through June 15th at the band room Monday - Thursday from 8am-4pm and can be reached at 334-687-1110 ext. 3031, or email anytime at cliff.washburn@ecsk12.org Also, please take time to check out the band's website & like our facebook page. There are dates on there, as well as other things that are informative, and interesting!

Musically Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cliff Washburn".

Mr. Cliff Washburn
Eufaula High School Band Director