



THS Band and Colorguard: **2022-2023 Information Packet**

Welcome to the 22-23 THS Tartar Band and Colorguard!

I'm so excited about this coming school year! The staff and I have a great year planned focused on all the things that make the band experience a vital part of every student's life:

- ✓ High quality education in music, movement, and dance from highly qualified staff
- ✓ Fun and rewarding performance opportunities
- ✓ Opportunities to compete and get critique from highly qualified judges
- ✓ A safe and supportive environment where students can learn how to succeed
- ✓ Skills and habits that can be applied across the curriculum

And most importantly – All the FUN that goes with being part of the Band Family!

In this packet, you will find all the info you need including:

1. Information about MEMBERSHIP, FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS and HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS
2. CODE OF CONDUCT, MEMBER CONTRACT, and ATHLETIC CLEARANCE
3. BAND CAMP Information and Schedule (Band Camp starts Monday, August 9th!)
4. Performance Schedule for Marching Band

Please read through this information carefully. Then complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/DamBEf79k9z5pdTP9>

BAND AND ACADEMICS

Most students join Band or Guard because of the fun, social part. **That's a great reason to join!** But there's so much more that the Band has to offer. Over the decades, research has OVERWHELMINGLY shown participation in band to be a powerful force for student success – in academics and in basic life skills. Here are just a few benefits – both practical and comprehensive – to band membership.

- **Freshmen and Sophomores in band do NOT need to enroll in regular PE.** Instead, as a band student, you enroll in PE Band, which is a 7th period class. The schedule for PE Band depends on your membership. You can see the weekly schedules below. **This frees up an extra elective in your regular day to fit all your classes in along with your regular band class.**
- While band is an elective, it is a vital part of a well-rounded academic career. **Being involved in band is a major asset in your life after high school – whether you are college or career bound.** Nothing looks better on a resume or application than commitment to something you care about. And the skills you learn in band are applicable to many life and school circumstances. There is nothing quite like band to develop character, academic excellence, and social-emotional health.
- **It's better to take Band for four years than take STEM, Honors or AP courses.** Commitment to band is more valuable to college admissions than a schedule full of AP/Honors or STEM classes. It sets you apart from the crowd and shows admissions experts your character and commitment. In addition, most colleges no longer offer course credit for AP courses and passed tests, especially for courses in your college major. Plus, the band experience helps you learn skills to become a better student. **That's why, on average, band student have higher GPA's and are more likely to get into the college of their choice than non-band students.**
- **Participation in Band is good for Mental Health and a Balanced Lifestyle.** Music and dance are healthy, physical outlets for creative and emotional needs. Band offers a great resource for students in managing their social-emotional well-being by providing a disciplined way to manage stress and other emotions in a safe, socially supportive environment. The Band is more than a team. We're a family that supports each other in learning and in life.

BAND FINANCES – STUDENT FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

As many of you are aware, **TUSD provides no money to sustain the band program at Torrance High School.** As a result, the burden of funding the band falls to the students and their families. The Boosters and I are committed to providing the highest quality experience possible for all of the band students. But that experience comes with a financial cost that must be covered through fees and fundraising.

******IMPORTANT NOTE******

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE DENIED ACCESS TO ANY VERSION OF MEMBERSHIP ON ACCOUNT OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

Money that is generated by student contributions – whether through fundraising or cash payments – provides ALL of the following services to band students INCLUDING:

- **INSTRUCTION** (9-36 hours per month outside of class time) from **highly qualified STAFF** members in each of the following areas:
 - o Music, including Drumline, Symphonic Winds, Jazz Band and Marching Band
 - o Marching and Movement (also called Visual)
 - o Colorguard (including instruction in dance and equipment)
- All **EQUIPMENT**, including instruments, maintenance and parts, props, rifles, sabers, flags (including silks), music, and performance floors.
- **UNIFORMS** for Marching Band and Winter Drumline/Colorguard
- **DESIGN AND WRITING** of music, movement, drill and props/equipment for Marching Band and Winter Drumline/Colorguard.

THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE

EARLY-BIRD PAY IN FULL

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Non-Marching	\$500.00 (\$100.00 discount)	Friday, September 23, 2022
Fall Marching	\$925.00 (\$175.00 discount)	Friday, September 9, 2022
Winter/Spring	\$925.00 (\$175.00 discount)	Friday, January 13, 2022

SIBLING DISCOUNT (MUST HAVE A SIBLING PAYING FULL OR EARLY-BIRD PRICE IN THE SAME GROUP)

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Non-Marching	\$300.00 (50% discount)
Fall Marching	\$550.00 (50% discount)
Winter/Spring	\$550.00 (50% discount)

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ALL PAYMENTS ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON.

To pay by CASH or CHECK:

- Payments may be given to the Booster Financial Secretary or placed in the mailbox on the door to Mr. A's office.
- Place the payment (cash or check) in an envelope with YOUR FULL NAME, the STUDENT'S FULL NAME, the AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT, and WHAT THE PAYMENT IS FOR.
- Make checks payable to THSBB (Torrance High School Band Boosters).

To pay by CREDIT CARD:

- Go to Cheddar Up at this link: <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/e34XCPN8BXfNBnDmizg619>
- Choose which payment you wish to make and follow instructions from there.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

The Band Boosters at Torrance High School support multiple versions of participation for each individual student. The following Membership options offer students varying degrees of involvement and commitment in the band program. Students and their families may decide which version of membership is best for them.

Remember - it is always possible to fit band into your class schedule, regardless of your commitment level. Talk to Mr. A and your counselor about options – like SUMMER HEALTH to make room in your schedule for band. There are many ways to make sure you meet all the graduation and college entrance requirements while still participating fully in band.

BASIC MEMBERSHIP

Required Courses: PE Band AND Band A/B
Auditions: None required
Financial Obligations: Participation in Group Fundraising Events
Performance Groups: Band A/B

Weekly PE Band Schedule (All are MANDATORY):

Fall: August 25, 2022 – November 18, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Sectionals - 4:00-7:00 pm @ THS Stadium		Home Football Games

Winter/Spring: November 28, 2022-June 9, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sectionals - 3:45-4:45 pm @ Hull MS		Sectionals - 3:45-4:45 pm @ Madrona MS		

Performances – All are MANDATORY:

Equipment Crew at Home Football Games (You MUST sit with the band during the game)
Band A/B performances (Winter Caroling, Spring Concert) - tentative
Central Area Music Festival
Graduation

FULL MEMBER

- Required Courses:** PE Band AND
ONE of: Band A/B, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band
- Auditions:** Required for Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Band
- Financial Obligation:** \$600.00 per student (full year) – Direct payment and/or individual fundraising
Participation in Group Fundraising Events
- Performance Groups:** Pep Band (ALL STUDENTS)
Band A/B
Chamber Ensembles (Students enrolled in Wind/Percussion Ensemble)
Jazz Band (Students enrolled in Jazz Band)

Weekly PE Band Schedule (All are MANDATORY):

Fall: August 25, 2022 – November 18, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Sectionals - 4:00-7:00 pm @ Stadium		Pep Band - 4:00-5:00 pm @ Stadium (followed by Football Game, if applicable)

Winter/Spring: November 28, 2022-June 9, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sectionals - 3:45-4:45 pm @ Hull MS	Jazz Band only - 3:30-5:00 pm @ THS Band Room	Sectionals – 3:45- 4:45 pm @ Madrona MS		

Performances – All are MANDATORY for students in that group:

Pep Band:

Football Games
Basketball Games
Central Area Music Festival
Graduation

Chamber Ensembles:

Winter Caroling
Java Drama
Central Area Music Festival
Knotts Festival
Spring Concert
Night of the Arts
Graduation

Jazz Band:

Cuesta Festival
Central Area Music Festival
Swing Night
Night of the Arts
Recruiting Performances
Graduation
Other gigs throughout the year

Band A/B

Winter Caroling, Spring Concert - tentative
Central Area Music Festival
Graduation

MARCHING MEMBER

- Required Courses:** PE Band AND
ONE of: Colorguard, Band A/B, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band
- Auditions:** Required for Colorguard, Drumline, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Band
- Financial Obligation:** FALL SEASON: \$1,100.00 (Includes FULL Membership)
Direct payment and/or individual fundraising
WINTER/SPRING SEASON: \$1,100.00 (Drumline and Colorguard students ONLY)
Direct payment and/or individual fundraising
Participation in Group Fundraising Events
- Performance Groups:** FALL: Pep Band (ALL STUDENTS)
Marching Band (ALL STUDENTS): **INCLUDES 5-6 SATURDAY EVENTS**
Band A/B
Chamber Ensembles (Students enrolled in Wind/Percussion Ensemble)
Jazz Band (Students enrolled in Jazz Band)
- WINTER: Pep Band (ALL STUDENTS)
Band A/B
Chamber Ensembles (Students enrolled in Wind/Percussion Ensemble)
Jazz Band (Students enrolled in Jazz Band)
Drumline/Colorguard (BY AUDITION): **INCLUDES 5-6 WEEKEND EVENTS**

Weekly PE Band REHEARSAL Schedule (All are MANDATORY for listed group):

Fall: August 25, 2022 – November 18, 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Marching Band – 5:30-8:30 pm @ Stadium		ALL (Except Drumline and Colorguard) Sectionals – 4:00-7:00 pm @ Stadium	Marching Band – 5:30-8:30 pm @ Stadium	Pep Band - 4:00-5:00 pm @ Stadium (followed by Football Game, if applicable)
		Colorguard Only - 5:30-8:30 pm @ Stadium		
		Drumline Only - 5:30- 8:30 pm @ Stadium		

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Winter/Spring: November 28, 2022-June 9, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ALL Students: Sectionals – 3:45-4:45 pm @ Hull MS	Jazz Band Only- 3:30- 5:00 pm @ THS Band Room	ALL Students Sectionals – 3:45-4:45 @ Madrona MS		
Colorguard Only - 5:00-9:00 pm @ THS Band Room		Colorguard Only - 5:00-9:00 pm @ THS Band Room	Colorguard Only - 5:00-9:00 pm @ THS Band Room	
Drumline Only - 5:30-8:30 pm @ THS Band Room		Drumline Only - 5:30- 8:30 pm @ THS Band Room	Drumline Only - 5:30- 8:30 pm @ THS Band Room	

Performances – All are MANDATORY for students in that group:

Pep Band:

Football Games
Basketball Games

Marching Band:

Football Games
Tournaments (5-6 Saturdays)
District Marching Band Showcase

Drumline/Colorguard:

Winter Season Tournaments (5-6 on Saturday OR Sunday)
Friends and Family
Central Area Music Festival
Recruiting Performances

Band A/B

Winter Caroling, Spring Concert - tentative
Central Area Music Festival
Graduation

Chamber Ensembles:

Winter Caroling
Java Drama
Central Area Music Festival
Knotts Festival
Spring Concert
Night of the Arts

Jazz Band:

Cuesta Festival
Central Area Music Festival
Swing Night
Night of the Arts
Recruiting Performances
Other gigs throughout the year

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following are BASIC guidelines for the behavior of all members of the band. More details can be found in the course syllabi that will be distributed on the first day of school.

- It is the member's responsibility to stay informed about ALL details concerning the THS Band & Colorguard. Members are expected to pay attention to ALL communications given by the staff, boosters or THS administration and are responsible for knowing the CONTENT of those communications.
- It is the member's responsibility to keep all of their personal contact information up to date and accurate in the Charms database.
- Students will adhere to all ALL expectations regarding performance days and events as outlined in the syllabi.
- Published rehearsal times do NOT include time to set-up/prepare before rehearsal, nor do they include time after rehearsal for general announcements and questions. Members and parents should plan to arrive about 15 minutes before official start time and to leave about 15 minutes after the official end time.
- There will be NO public displays of affection (aka PDA) AT ANY TIME DURING BAND EVENTS. Holding hands MAY be permitted while out of uniform at THS TB&C events. Necking, hugging, kissing and so forth are NOT permitted at any time. The staff will determine the boundaries of acceptable behavior.
- Students will adhere to all rules and expectations concerning the care and maintenance of their uniforms.
- All school policies are in effect for all THS Tartar Band & Colorguard events including enrollment, grades and citizenship, as well as dress code, drug, and alcohol policies. **Remember, when you travel with the Tartar Band & Colorguard you represent the THS TB&C, Torrance HS, and the Torrance community. Anything you do, in or out of uniform, will reflect on the people you represent.**

MEMBER CONTRACT

By registering for Membership in the band you are agreeing to the following:

As a student member and a parent/guardian of a student participating in the Torrance High School (THS) Tartar Band & Colorguard (TB&C), we hereby confirm each of the following:

We have read and understand all of the information in the provided materials, including all **financial obligations to THS and Torrance High School Band Boosters (THSBB) AND the Code of Conduct.**

- We understand that the student member must be currently enrolled at Torrance High School, must maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in all classes with no more than one (1) “unsatisfactory” grade in citizenship each quarter. Weighted GPA does not count for eligibility.
- We understand that the student must be available for all rehearsals, events, and performances involving the THS TB&C throughout the year. Any exceptions must be arranged with the Director and/or if applicable, the Caption Head for Drumline/Colorguard **in advance**, otherwise citizenship grades will be affected.
- We understand that we are responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the personal information – including contact phone numbers and e-mail addresses for both the student as well as the parent(s)/guardian, on CharmsOffice.com.
- We understand that all students are required to participate in fundraisers, both financially and through personal service, as determined by the Band Boosters and Band Director.
- We understand that Marching Band, Colorguard and Drumline students are not allowed to participate in rehearsals, competitions, or any off-campus activities until the Athletics Clearance Packet – which includes documentation of a physical exam, proof of personal insurance for the student, and a copy of the completed THS Emergency Card -- is completed, submitted to and approved by the THS Athletic Director or Business Office *and* the clearance slip as well as a receipt for payment of or a waiver for the transportation contribution from the THS Business Office is provided.
- We understand that all payments are final. No refunds will be given for students that quit or otherwise do not complete any season or activity associated with a contribution or fee.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE

All FALL and SPRING MARCHING MEMBERS are REQUIRED to complete an Athletic Clearance. This process includes ALL of the following:

1. Use this form (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ETMocyglWebetPoY8hTw-0MJHwOo_LXR/view) to get an athletic physical at your doctor or at any participating urgent care of clinic.
2. Complete the Athletic Clearance process online here: (not yet available)
NOTE – As part of this process you will be required to pay a \$200.00 transportation fee to the school. This fee covers the expenses for all band related bus trips. Contact THS directly with any questions.

Students must complete this process by August 9, 2022. If you cannot complete this by that date, contact Mr. A immediately.

BAND CAMP 2022

Band Camp is MANDATORY for all students who will be participating in the Marching Band program in the Fall, including ALL Drumline and Colorguard students. If you have any conflicts, including family trips or obligations, please contact Mr. A as soon as possible.

Students who are NOT planning to participate in Marching Band in the Fall should attend the music portion of the day.

Dates and times are:

Dates: Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 19
Times: Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Location: Torrance HS Band Room and Upper Field

Daily Schedule (subject to change based on staff availability):

10:00-12:00 – Visual Rehearsal
12:00-1:00 – Lunch Break (FOOD NOT PROVIDED)
1:00-4:00 – Music Rehearsal
4:00-5:00 – Dinner Break (FOOD NOT PROVIDED)
5:00-8:00 – Visual Rehearsal

Note – Band Camp is NOT part of the Summer Program. Additional financial contributions will be expected. (See Marching Member options above)

Students will need:

- Appropriate clothing: Comfortable athletic wear is required. Students will be engaging in physical activity and must be dressed to avoid injury. Students should be appropriately dressed for hot weather and extended periods in the sun. SHIRTS AND PANTS/SHORTS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES, FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS.
- A hat
- Athletic shoes (no flip-flops or sandals allowed) – SOCKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES
- Water – at least one gallon per day.
- Sunscreen (enough for multiple reapplications)
- Food or money for lunch and dinner (students will be excused to go to local restaurants)
- All music PRINTED. (Student will NOT be allowed to practice using music viewed on phones or tablets.) Printed copies will be made available.
- Their instrument or other equipment to be used during practice. Equipment can be stored in the band room overnight.
- Pencils (at least 3 recommended) and a DOT BOOK. (Dot books will be explained on the first day.)
- A large towel for sitting

Students who arrive at band camp dressed inappropriately or without proper provisions (especially sunscreen and water) may be sent home to correct the oversight.

MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

All listed events are MANDATORY for Marching Band students (including Drumline and Colorguard):

REHEARSALS

Weekly rehearsals begin on Monday, August 22, 2022, and continue as listed WEEKLY through Friday, November 18, 2022.

Unless otherwise noted, we rehearse on ALL holidays and student free days EXCEPT Labor Day (September 6, 2022). Rehearsal times may change on these days, but students should expect to attend rehearsal on those days off.

Rehearsals may be added as needed.

Published rehearsal times are for the START and END of rehearsal. Students must show up early to set up and prepare and will have to stay after for announcements and clean up. Expect a minimum of 15 minutes before and after every rehearsal.

MONDAYS – 5:30-8:30 pm @ THS Stadium

WEDNESDAYS – Winds: 4:00-7:00 pm, Drumline/Colorguard: 5:30-8:30 pm @ THS Stadium

THURSDAYS – 5:30-8:30 pm @ THS Stadium

FRIDAYS – 4:00-5:00 pm @ THS Stadium

PERFORMANCES

8/26/2022	Football vs Hawthorne
9/9/2022	Football vs San Pedro
9/30/2022	Football vs Lawndale
10/8/2022	Tournament @ Ayala HS
10/14/2022	Football @ North HS
10/21/2022	Football vs West HS (Homecoming)
10/28/2022	Football vs South Torrance HS (Senior Night)
10/29/2022	Tournament @ TBA (WBA SoCal Super Show)
11/12/2022	Tournament @ Trabuco Hills HS (WBA Regional Championships)
11/18/2022	WBA State Championships – Semifinals (Southern California Location TBA)
11/19/2022	WBA State Championships – Finals (Southern California Location TBA) - TENTATIVE
Date TBA	District Marching Band Showcase (Location TBA)