



James E. Taylor High School Band

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Hi,

I hope you are having a fun and restful summer. Do your best to relax while you can because your life will soon be very busy with all the activities of the JET Band. In this packet you will find important documents pertaining to the Taylor Band. The most important document is the August calendar. This is the first page of the calendar for the entire year. The rest of the calendar can be found at <http://www.charmsmusic.com>.

The calendar is your roadmap to success in the Taylor Band. It is very easy to go to this website to view the calendar that contains most of the activities for the year. Simply go to www.charmsmusic.com and scroll over the "Enter" button. In the Parent/Student login enter the word **JETaylorBand** (no spaces, not case sensitive). Click on the "Public Calendar" button to view and/or print the calendar. You can also click on each event for details about events. Be sure to bookmark this site and check it often for updates and details. You can also get to the calendar by visiting www.jetband.org.

I'd like to introduce a couple of new people to our marching band staff for this year. Mr. Landers, who has been the Guard director for the last three years, is moving into a consultant role for the visual part of the marching band and for the color guard. Ms. Brandi Ball will be taking over as our new Color Guard director. Ms. Ball comes to us from Cypress Lakes High School and has been teaching and performing in the Houston area for many years. We are excited to welcome her to the JET Band family. Also new to our staff is our music arranger. Ryan George has arranged our marching show this year and he brings a fresh and exciting element to our marching show design.

For the Taylor Band to succeed, each member must be present for all rehearsals and performances. When even one person is missing for even one minute, even for a very good reason, we fail to be our very best. I expect you and the JET Band teaching staff to do everything possible to reach our maximum potential. It is crucial that you plan your life around this calendar; with over 300 band members it is impossible for us to schedule Taylor Band activities around all of you. One thing to notice on the August calendar is the times for most summer band rehearsals. There will only be two blocks of time that you will have to be at school. The first block will be an outdoor marching block from 7:00am – 11:00am and the second, an indoor music block from 12:00noon – 4:00pm. Continuing a great addition from last year, you will have an option of leaving campus for lunch or purchasing lunch on campus so you don't have to leave. This option will be available beginning the second day of band camp, August 4th. Please review the rehearsal schedule intently as we will begin learning the marching show drill the second day of camp, meaning we will set drill positions the first day of camp. If you are not present, we will not be able to place you into a drill position.

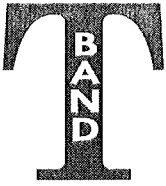
The fall marching show is music from a wide range of sources. The marching show is called "**Death and Transfiguration**" and is shaping up to be a very exciting show. Over the next couple of weeks, we will post the show music online at jetband.org, along with a list of each person's part assignment so you can download the correct part and begin memorizing your music. If you are not already receiving the weekly email updates about upcoming events, send an email to blast@jetband.org to have your parents' and your email address added to the distribution list.

Attendance at summer rehearsals is very important. Performing instrumentation is already set, but specific performance positions will be assigned during our August rehearsals. If you would like to earn one of the performance positions, you must plan to attend every minute of every summer band rehearsal. Color Guard and Drum Line members: be sure to check the JET Band website – jetband.org – for the particulars of the upcoming camps that begin for you during the last week of July.

I look forward to seeing all of your bright, shining faces back in the Taylor Band Hall on Wednesday, August 3 (or sooner). As always, if you need anything, please contact me at ChristopherGBailey@katyisd.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer! **I can't wait to see what you have to offer the JET Band and what the JET Band has in store for you!**

Best wishes,

Christopher Bailey
Director of Bands
James E. Taylor High School



June 28, 2011

Dear Band & Color Guard Parents,

I am very happy to welcome all of you on behalf of the Taylor Band Booster Club to what I am sure will be another memorable year for the Taylor High School Band and Color Guard. This year I encourage all of our returning Booster families to extend a warm welcome to the freshman and new band members to the JET band family. It is up to all of us to help them become a part of the wonderful tradition that accompanies their children being members of the "Best High School Band in Texas". The Taylor Band Booster Club is a volunteer organization proudly serving the Taylor community through special events, promotions and fundraising initiatives that help support the James E. Taylor Band and Color Guard. The Band Booster organization promotes and maintains an enthusiastic interest in the Band and aids in providing the Band Program with items and special events that are not financed by the general school budget. The Booster Organization contributes significantly to the quality of the school experience for both students and staff. It is only through the continued support of the Taylor Band families, staff, and the many volunteers that we are able to create and sustain our growth and success. Please bookmark the Taylor band web site www.jetband.org to your "favorites." This site will help you stay current with Jet Band news and announcements. The JET Band calendar, which is now being updated for the 2011-2012 school year, will give you an outline of all the important dates for the band. Please make a special note to your calendars now for three important and fun events that are just around the corner.

FRESHMAN AND NEW PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING – August 2 @ 7:00 P.M.

This meeting will be held in the THS Orchestra Room and will provide all new parents to the James E. Taylor (JET) Band Program the chance to become acquainted with the Band Booster Organization and the Taylor Band Directors. Many of your questions will be answered. **There will be many opportunities for you to get involved.**

ANNUAL BURGER BASH – August 20 @ 6:00 P.M. Held at Rhodes Stadium

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available and each family is asked to bring one dish or dessert to share. Please bring drinks as needed for your family. It is a very informal event where you can enjoy your dinner, watch the kids perform, meet your fellow band boosters, and have a good time!

1st TAYLOR BAND BOOSTER MEETING – August 9 @ 7:30 P.M. in the PAC

Various booster activities will be discussed and a director's report will be given. Future meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at the same time.

Enclosed is a data sheet; please correct/complete it and bring it to one of the meetings noted above.

Thank you for being an active Booster Club Member and with your help we can ensure that our children will be able to participate in the fun and excitement of being a part of this wonderful tradition. By working together, we can make a difference in enriching the academic and overall educational experience of all of our students.

Best regards,

Alfred (Al) Stone

President Taylor Band Booster Club

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Student Leader Workdays	2 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Student Leader Workdays 7:00 PM New Band Parent Orientation	3 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Full Band 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Full Band	4 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Full Band 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Full Band	5 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Full Band	6 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM Full Band 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Leadership Workshop 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Money Day 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Leadership Workshop
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14	15 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Full Band 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Full Band	16 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Uniform Fitting 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Full Band	17 6:00 AM Faculty Breakfast (Leadership) 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Fish Camp 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Uniform Fitting 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Full Band	18 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Uniform Fitting 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Full Band	19 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Full Band 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Full Band	20 Band Directors Fall Meeting 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Full Band 6:00 PM Burger Bash
21	22 First Day of School	23	24 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Full Band 6:30 PM Meet the Mustangs Pep Rally	25 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Full Band	26 10:00 AM Pep Rally 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Full Band 6:00 PM Band Olympics	27 2:00 PM Performance Run-Thru 6:00 PM Football vs. CyFair @ Rhodes (Home)
28	29	30 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Full Band	31 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Full Band			

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March-A-Thon

The James E. Taylor High School Band is continuing this year with an exciting event providing a parade for the neighborhoods surrounding Taylor High School. Our goal in this venture is three-fold. First and foremost, we want to provide entertainment for, and gain exposure from the supporters of our program. We are also going to use this as an opportunity to raise funds for the 2011-2012 school year. The members of the band will be accepting pledges or donations (donations recommended) for total marching distance.

Also, for a minimum donation of \$150, the entire 300 piece marching band will provide a small personal concert containing songs chosen by the individual houses or cul-de-sacs along the route (list of songs will be provided). These concerts and donations will take place along the parade route. Contact Chris Bailey (christopherGbailey@katyisd.org) or Holly Meredith (hollyAmeredith@katyisd.org) for a personal concert.

We will kick off the fundraiser part of the activity with the students on the first day of summer band. As this is a mandatory activity for all members of the band and colorguard, I would encourage everyone to get out and get pledges and donations from their friends and families. We will be asking each student to raise a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges. Even if only ten family members, neighbors, and friends donated \$5.00, that goal would be easily accomplished. The beauty of this fundraiser is it is **PURE PROFIT!!!** We have a great opportunity to make a considerable amount of money for the program to keep doing the great things you've known to love from the JET Band.

The Band Booster Organization is a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization so donations may be tax deductible. No goods or services are being received.

General Information:

Who: All members of the 2011 JET Band and Color Guard

Date: August 13, 2011

Time: 8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 (lunch 12:00-1:00 location Memorial Parkway Jr. High)

Music Required: All stands music for the 2011 marching season

For further information please contact Holly Meredith anytime at hollyAmeredith@katyisd.org.

I hope you will have a GREAT and RELAXING rest of your summer! I look forward to seeing all of you at the start of summer band August 3rd.

Sincerely,

Chris Bailey
Director of Bands
James E. Taylor High School