

Cuyahoga Falls High School Band Audition Information 2018/2019

Now is the time to start planning ahead and prepare for your membership in the 2018/2019 CFHS Band! We have a long-standing tradition of excellence in our music program and we fully expect that tradition will be enhanced with the addition of the class of 2022. You are about to begin one of the most exciting experiences of your high school career!

The issues addressed in this handout are intended to answer questions and help our band students prepare for the future. Our expectations are the same as they have always been: we want our band to be its' best.

Enrollment and Class Schedule

Eighth grade students interested in continuing their instrumental music career should have registered for Freshmen Band on their high school schedule. During the first grading period, students choose and/or are placed into the group they will participate in – **Fall Concert Band** or the **Tiger Marching Band**. Following the conclusion of the marching season, all ninth graders will be assigned to **Freshmen Band**.

All members of the band program receive full academic credit for their participation. All students who participate receive a grade based on daily class participation, playing tests, and concert/performance participation.

Audition Requirements

ALL eighth grade students registered for Freshmen Band MUST perform a playing audition for the high school directors. Failure to do so will result in your dismissal from the class.

When preparing the audition material, student should be sure to pay close attention to the key signature, time signature, articulations, rhythms, tempo, dynamics and phrasing of the piece. Students who are planning to audition for marching band should consider the following requirements while moving through the audition process:

1. Students must meet the 2.0 grade point average requirement.
2. Students must meet the appropriate performance level on their instrument.
3. Students must commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule of the Tiger Marching Band.

Audition Round 1:

The first round of auditions will occur during the 8th grade band period from March 12th – 23rd. During their audition slot, students will be required to do the following:

- Perform the chromatic scale and one other scale of the director's choice
- Perform the required piece of music

- Play a brief sight-reading exercise
- Percussionists will perform both a xylophone and snare drum etude and sight read on both the xylophone and the snare drum. They should also be prepared to play several rudiments including the Single Stroke Roll, Long Roll (Double Stroke Roll), Multiple Bounce Roll, Paradiddle, Flam, Flam Tap, 5 Stroke Roll, & 9 Stroke Roll.

Students intending to continue through the marching band audition process **MUST** attend the Tuesday, April 17th mandatory organizational meeting with their parents. Following the meeting, registration for Training Band will need to be completed by Monday, April 23rd.

Audition Round 2 (Marching Band Winds & Brass Only):

Following the parent meeting, students who meet the requirements will receive a copy of Tiger Song. Students should work diligently to memorize Tiger Song prior to Training Band. While at Training Band students will learn marching techniques and fundamental terms to be demonstrated in a second round audition on the last day of Training Band. Final audition results for the marching band will be posted no later than Monday, June 4th.

Audition Round 2 (Drumline Only):

Percussion students who meet the minimum requirements will receive additional music/exercises by April 9th. In order to be placed on an instrument in the drumline, percussion students invited to be in the Tiger Band **MUST** plan to attend the following Drumline Clinics: Tuesday, May 1st 6 – 9pm; Tuesday, May 8th 6 – 9pm; Tuesday, May 15th 6 – 9pm. They are also expected to attend Training Band rehearsals and complete the audition at the end of Training Band week.

Questions?

If you have questions about the audition process, please contact one of the high school band directors. Also, please check out our Cuyahoga Falls Band Website, www.cfbands.com, to see some of the very exciting events your child could be part of during their high school band career!

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Tiger Marching Band
Preliminary Spring & Summer Schedule, 2018/2019

MANDATORY Organizational Parent Meeting for Returning & Potential Members

Tuesday, April 17th 6 – 7 pm @ CFHS Meeting for 8th Graders & Parents

7 – 8 pm @ CFHS Meeting for Returning Members & Parents

Drumline Placement Clinics

Tuesday, May 1st 6 – 9 pm @ CFHS

Tuesday, May 8th 6 – 9 pm @ CFHS

Tuesday, May 15th 6 – 9 pm @ CFHS

Majorette Clinics

Monday, May 14th – Wednesday May 16th 6 – 8 pm @ Roberts Middle School (Gym)

Majorette Auditions

Thursday, May 17th 6 pm @ Roberts Middle School (Gym)

Training Band (MANDATORY for ALL MEMBERS)

Tuesday, May 29th – Friday, June 1st

8 am – 12 pm Full Band

1 pm – 3 pm Drumline Only

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Roster, Part Assignments & Music Posted

Monday, June 4th

Band Camp

Monday, July 16th – Tuesday, August 14th

****ALL rehearsals and performances should be considered a required part of participation in the Tiger Band. A full calendar of events for the fall will be available on the website prior to Training Band. We may be a large performing ensemble, but we depend on every member in order to be our best at all times!**