

# **USSBA National Championships Washington, DC**

**Perform in US Naval Academy Stadium, Tour our Nation's Capital**

Thanks for your interest in Cleveland High School Marching Band. It can easily be one of the most exciting and rewarding activities of your high school career. It is an intense, hard-working organization, but the rewards are well worth it. Here are some of the things that you, as a new member, need to be aware of:

## **TIME COMMITMENT -**

Marching Band rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 5:00 from August through November. There will be approximately 10-12 football games on Fridays beginning the last weekend of August and finishing in mid-November. We will go to contests on 5 Saturdays beginning the last weekend of September and ending the 2nd week of November. We will also rehearse on two other Saturdays during the fall. Students will also participate in the Cleveland Christmas Parade the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of December.

**NOTE** - Attendance at these activities is a part of the student's grade.

## **MONEY COMMITMENT –**

The Marching Band assessment covers all transportation, housing, uniform (except guard), t-shirt, shoes, instruction, music, and a ticket to the year-end banquet. This year's assessment is set by the Band Booster Board at \$549. The Board asks that you pay with one of the following options:

**Payment option-** You will not be written into the drill if you are behind on the payment schedule.

8 monthly payments (April=\$24 [**non-refundable**], May-November=\$75 per month)

Payments are due on the last day of each month.

**NOTE** – Any assessment outstanding after December 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a finance charge of \$5 per week.

## **Discount option-**

Anyone paid in full by the last day of Band Camp will receive a \$50 discount.

**NOTE** – Those wishing the discount must make monthly payments starting in April

## **ALTERNATE PERFORMER POLICY –**

Due to an increased rate of summer member dropouts, it is necessary to institute an alternate performer policy.

The Marching Band drill (marching formations) will be written for approximately 10% fewer students than actually sign up. This will cover the drop out rate from the past few seasons and will allow the Band to begin the season with no “holes” in the drill. In the event that there are more performers at camp than positions, an alternate system will be put in place where by students will share a drill spot based on the following:

- 1] Performance skill
- 2] Experience
- 3] Paid up assessment

## **FUND RAISERS –**

We have super fundraisers to help you with assessment. The new CHS Band discount cards are now available! They sell for \$10 and you make \$6 profit. Your customers usually make their money back the first time they use it, so these cards really sell themselves. Come by the band room office or call 479-6511.

August – Cheesecake/Cookie Dough Sale

October – Fruit Sale

## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS-**

The CHS Band Boosters maintain a savings account system for the members of the band. Money from student fundraisers is deposited directly into the student’s account.

Student account guidelines -

- All money deposited in student’s account will be used toward band activities only. Students are welcome to purchase instruments, accessories, and repair work with this money. All withdrawals must be accompanied by a legitimate invoice from the vendor or service.
- Money used for spending on trips will be disbursed at a maximum rate of \$50/day of the trip.
- Seniors may withdraw the amount of their senior year’s assessment under the following conditions:
  1. Student is a member in good standing (enrolled in Concert, no money due)
  2. Assessment was paid “out-of-pocket” (cash or check)
  3. Withdrawals will be disbursed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.

## **INSTRUMENT RENTAL-**

The cost for renting a school-owned instrument is \$25 per semester. These instruments include: Marching baritone, marching mellophone, marching tuba (sousaphone), piccolo, bass clarinet, oboe, bassoon, tenor and bari saxes, French horn, euphonium, tuba, and all percussion. This money is used to defray the tremendous expense of upkeep and repair on these instruments.

**NOTE** - This fee will be added to your assessment and should be paid in full by December 4, 2009.