

ESCAMBIA HIGH



THE PRIDE

**BAND HANDBOOK
2011-2012**

Dear Pride Members and Parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2011-2012 edition of “The Pride”. This handbook outlines schedules, policies and member’s responsibilities of the Escambia High Band. Read it carefully and completely, because all of it will apply to every member in the program. Please keep it in a place where you can refer to it easily.

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FRESHMAN BAND, JUNE 13 - 30:

All new members and veteran leadership must attend Freshman Band SCHEDULE: Monday –Thursday, 7 am – Noon. There is no cost to the student. During this time we learn marching fundamentals and music for the football season. Students should wear tennis shoes and shorts (light colors are better) and **bring instruments the first day.** They must bring a water bottle - avoid caffeine and sugary drinks - they dehydrate you.

TUES/THURS MUSIC REHEARSALS July12-Aug 4th, 6:30-8:30 pm:

We will rehearse inside WITH ALL BAND to prepare music for the Fall Show on July 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28. Aug 2nd and 4th will be outdoor rehearsals – students should dress lightly and bug spray is a good idea.

UNIFORM FITTINGS in July (see schedule) at 3 pm

Uniform fittings will take place at 3 pm according to the schedule listed below. You need to wear a light pair of shorts that you can pull the uniform pants over, a t-shirt with sleeves, shoes – we do not have changing facilities. We stop accepting students at 5 pm, to give us time to finish up before rehearsal starts. To order shoes, bring \$25 to the uniform fitting, and have socks for trying on shoes. Checks payable to Escambia band Boosters.

Uniform Fitting Schedule: Seniors and Juniors – July 12 and 14
Juniors and Sophomores – July 19 and 21
Freshmen Woodwinds – July 26
Freshmen Brass and Percussion – July 28
Makeup Fittings – August 2 and 4

.PERCUSSION AND COLORGUARD CAMP Aug 1-5, 4-9 pm:

During this week we will prepare music and drill for band camp. Drummers and guard - **Do not miss any days this week.**

BAND CAMP: Monday Aug 8 through Saturday Aug 13, 4 pm – 9 pm

If you pay your band fees in full during Band Camp, they will be \$250 for the entire year. If you opt to pay them on a monthly basis, band fees are \$30 a month due by the Booster Meeting each month. See the section on fees for more information.

These camp days are for ALL MEMBERS of “The Pride”, including guard and percussion. We will learn our show for the first game during this time. If you are absent any of the camp days, you will not get a spot in the show, and will start out as an alternate. **Do not miss any Camp Days.** Wear shorts, tennis shoes, and socks, and bring water.

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The Boosters will have concessions open at the dinner break, so bring money or a sack lunch if you prefer. **NO ONE will be allowed to leave campus for dinner.** This has to do with school liability, and there will be no exceptions.

Make sure you have turned in your current year authorization and release form. **It is absolutely essential that all information on these forms is accurate and up to date, and that the signatures are notarized!** These forms are required by all medical facilities prior to treatment in any emergency situation. We do not want anything that will delay treatment or notification of family members in an emergency! There is a notary available at the EHS main office during normal school hours. The Boosters will also have a notary available at Showoff Dinner. Remember that the signature must be placed on the form in the presence of the notary for it to be legal!

KICKOFF DINNER - PICTURE DAY AUG 13

On the last Camp Day, at 4 pm we will get dressed and lined up in the band room, then move to the stadium for photos at about 4:30. After the large group photo, we will take section photos. Individual Band photos will be taken later in the year during class - you may purchase a package at that time.

We will perform for the parents at 6:30 p.m. and have a cookout at the concession stand. This event will be open for all parents, students, and family members. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for fundraising events at this event – this includes football concessions and the Civic Center concessions. We will also be recruiting folks to serve on various committees – chaperone, maintenance, pit crew/loading, uniforms, telephone, etc.

FULL BAND MINICAMPS, 4-9 pm, Tues Aug 16th & Thurs Aug 18th - MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE. These run just like Band Camp; we teach a lot more of the halftime drill at these minicamps, so if you miss either camp day this week, you will not be in the show, and will start the season as an alternate.

ALTERNATES:

Each year we lose members during the fall due to moving, quitting, injuries, and academic ineligibility. We always design the show for fewer people than we have on the roll to anticipate this. This means that two members will share one marching spot. **The student who marches and/or plays the show the best will get to perform.** Alternates are usually the weaker first year members, or members who miss any or all of band camp. As spots come available, alternates will move into them. A member may be placed on alternate status for the following reasons:

- Missing any Camp Days
- Unexcused or excessive excused absences or tardies (class or rehearsal).
- Inability to perform the show/music (not passing off at sectionals)

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- Illness or injury that prevents performance.
- Missing a key rehearsal causing incomplete knowledge of the show.
- Missing the last rehearsal before a performance, regardless of the reason.
- Poor attitude

It is inevitable that we lose members due to ineligibility, injury, illness, etc. Marching a “hole” is detrimental to the band’s ability to perform, and for this reason, we have alternates. They fill in when a hole develops if they are capable of learning the music and the spots.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES FOR ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES.

Once school begins, “The Pride” will rehearse Tuesday and Wednesday after school until 6:00 pm and Thursday until 6:30 pm during football season. The Guard usually rehearses Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until October, then switches to the same days as the band. Please note the following policies:

- All rehearsals and performances are mandatory and part of your grade.
- Sectionals are on Thursday 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm, and are **mandatory** and part of your grade.
- If you are absent or check out due to illness, call the band office and inform us. This must be followed up by a written excuse, but the phone call allows us to plan for the absence. Do not be offended when we call to find out why you are not at practice.
- Absences are excused or unexcused. The only way to excuse an absence is to present a note from the parent or guardian stating a valid reason outlined below and date of absence.
- Absences may be excused for (a) personal illness (b) death in the family or (c) an emergency. Special Permission of the band director for specific planned absences may be obtained **two weeks in advance** in writing by the parent or guardian, and will place your student on alternate status. **ALL OTHER ABSENCES ARE UNEXCUSED.**
- An unexcused absence from rehearsal is a zero for that daily grade, and you will be placed on alternate status if possible. After three such absences, you will be removed from the performing group. An unexcused absence from any performance will result in a failing grade for that event (which will be at LEAST a letter grade deduction from the 9 weeks), and you will be placed on alternate status. An unexcused absence from a contest or MPA will result in an automatic F for that 9 weeks.

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- Alternates and those prohibited from performing must still attend all events in uniform. They are still a member of the organization, and will usually be needed in other capacities - equipment setup, etc.
- **WORK OR FAMILY TRIPS ARE NOT EXCUSED ABSENCES –THIS INCLUDES ALL PERFORMANCES, CONTESTS, SECTIONALS AND REHEARSALS.** Plan around the dates you are provided because we need every member at every event.
- When you join the band, you are making a commitment to the entire group. **Parents, please do not pull your child out of practice, performances or the program to discipline them for problems you are experiencing at home – this will not be an excused absence.** It is unfair to all of those depending on that student.
- A calendar of expected events is on the last page of this book. You will be notified of changes in these dates as far in advance as possible, but due to forces beyond the Director's control they are subject to change. You will be expected to participate and attend ALL of these **so please plan family trips, etc., around these events.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- All members will stay to the conclusion of all concerts and events. Exceptions must be coordinated in advance.

FALL SPORTS WAIVER

Those students who participate in fall sports on teams at Escambia High which directly conflict with the rehearsal schedule for marching band may obtain a Fall Sports Waiver from the director to allow them to enroll in band. The waiver will excuse them from any band activities which conflict with the practice and game schedule for fall sports like football, volleyball, and cheerleading. ONLY FALL SPORTS PLAYED FOR ESCAMBIA HIGH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR WAIVERS. RULES:

- A student on a Fall Sports Waiver will participate in any rehearsal over the summer which is not in conflict with the practice schedule for their sport. This includes Freshman Band, July Music Rehearsals, and Band Camps.
- The student will not have a spot in the halftime show, and will not march at contests, nor participate in football games.
- The student will be required to meet all other grading requirements, including passing off memorized music, scales auditions and written assignments.
- The student will not be required to attend any after school rehearsals, performances, competitions or trips while their sport is in season.
- If for any reason a student is no longer participating in the sport or activity for which they were granted the waiver (i.e., cut from the team, quit, etc.), the

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waiver will be immediately removed and the student will be expected to participate fully in all marching band activities the very next day.

- After their season is over, the student will be required to rehearse for and march in any activities the band is performing at.
- The student must pay \$15 monthly band fee (half the full fee).
- All students on waivers will be placed in Concert Band.
- Students who are on Fall Sports Waivers will not receive any PE credit exemption for participation in Band.
- Students who are on waivers will not be eligible for band awards for the school year that are on waiver - they will not earn certificates, letters, pins, or Senior Awards, and they will not earn seniority credit. (they will not be considered a first year member until they complete their first FULL year of band activities)
- The parent and student on a Fall Sports Waiver will sign a contract agreeing to these terms, or they will not be allowed to enroll in band.

CLASS SCHEDULE

All band members participate in marching band – it is a regular part of the curriculum, and all rehearsals are part of the grade. Those not physically capable of actually marching will be given duties within the show they can handle. Those on a Fall Sports Waiver will abide by the terms of their Waiver Contract.

During the school day, marching band students are divided into three possible bands: Concert (intermediate), Symphonic (advanced), and Wind Ensemble (top level). This is based on ability level, regardless of how many years they have been playing. Returning members will be placed based on the director's knowledge of their abilities and prior year auditions. Incoming freshmen will be evaluated during the summer session to determine where they should be placed in order to develop their musical skills – THE MAJORITY OF FRESHMAN WILL BE PLACED IN CONCERT BAND. Shortly before Christmas Break, a series of pass-offs (which also serve as part of the semester exam) will occur to determine seating and placement for concert season. Students may then be moved from one band to another based on the needs of the band and the flexibility of schedules. **However,** This will be kept to a minimum. **This is why summer band is so important for new members!** It allows the directors to evaluate the players and place them correctly the first time.

As the bands prepare for District Concert Festival and/or State Concert Music Performance Assessments (MPA), they will need to rehearse after school 2-3 days a week for the 2 weeks prior. Sectionals will also be called in January and February (one a week). These are mandatory. I work with the coaches for spring sports and other school activities, but again, WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. These schedules will be published well in advance.

Escambia High School Jazz Ensembles are selected musicians from Concert and Symphonic bands. There are two Jazz bands. Jazz "B" is the developing group,

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and may play 1-2 concerts during the year, as well as possible participation in District Jazz MPA. Jazz "A" is the advanced group, and will play at school events such as the Open House as well as numerous concerts, including Swing Nights at the American Legion Post 33 and Jazz MPA.

Colorguard meets 7th period, and it is a FULL YEAR commitment. After football season, the members participate in the indoor guard, Donatar. The indoor competitive season runs through April, and the guard uses the last weeks of school for recruiting and basic skill development for the future. Specific details on the colorguard can be found in the information papers given to each member upon their joining the guard in the spring.

The indoor drumline "Diamonds" provides the opportunity for continued challenge and skill development for percussionists during concert season. It is optional for drummers and strictly extra-curricular. Brass and Woodwind players are allowed to participate, with the understanding that they **will not switch** to percussion for marching or concert band. No indoor rehearsals will be allowed to conflict with regular band activities. Auditions are held at the end of marching season, and only those in good standing in a regular band class are accepted.

Both indoor guard and indoor drumline members have additional costs such as uniforms, equipment and travel. They travel to regional level contests and world championships regularly, and members must pay their own way for these trips. These trips can range from \$100-\$500 each, and they uniforms typically cost \$50-\$150.

It is the student's responsibility to see and hear all announcements, and keep their calendar up to date. There are ALWAYS changes, and ignorance of a report time is not an excuse. "To be early is to be on time - to be on time is to be late!"

TRAVEL TO PERFORMANCES

When "the Pride" travels to performances, everyone rides the bus together. No student is allowed to meet the band at a location or be picked up early unless it has been cleared in advance in writing by the parent, and the reason is **absolutely unavoidable** (e.g., ACT/SAT tests which cannot be rescheduled). Upon return, students will be dismissed after all equipment is properly stored. If a student has approval to be picked up early, it must be by a parent or an adult who has the written permission of the parent. **Under no circumstances will we release a student to any other person - boyfriend, sibling, etc, regardless of the band member's age.** This is for the protection of the students, and we have no legal latitude in this - we must follow the letter of the law.

CONDUCT: Band members and chaperones are representatives of Escambia High School and should conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards.

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In the Stands:

- NO CELL PHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES SHOULD BE VISIBLE AT ANY TIME. Students may have their cell phone with them to call for rides after the event, but they must be turned off and they may not use them in the stands to text, call, or take photos.
- Band members must stay in the band section unless given permission to leave (for instance, a restroom break). Students are usually accompanied by a chaperone if leaving the band section. They must check with the Director prior to leaving, or the Chaperone Chairperson if Director is not available.
- Non-members are not allowed in the Band Section - including parents who are not chaperoning that event. Only chaperones on duty for that event should be in the band area, others should stay outside the area.
- When marching in and out of the stands we always go single file, at attention.
- Students must stay in assigned sections and be ready to play at a moment's notice.
- Students are not allowed to talk "over the fence" to parents, friends, etc. If a parent needs to communicate with a student, they must get permission from a chaperone.
- No food or drink is allowed in the band section except that which is provided for the students by the Boosters. Parents or friends are not allowed to give a member food or drink. NO GUM OR CANDY IN UNIFORM.
- Students are to obey all instructions from chaperones. If there is a question, follow the instruction anyway, then check with the band staff later.
- Medication: Only those items approved by the parent on the medical authorization forms will be allowed. These will be given only by chaperones.
- Asthma inhalers should be clearly labeled, and kept with the students at all times in case of emergency. Students MUST notify the head chaperone of the inhaler.
- No special treatment for your own child when chaperone (food, drink, leaving the area).

Proper wear of the uniform:

- If the coat is on, gauntlets must be worn. Pants must be zipped and both straps worn.
- A white Tshirt with sleeves must be worn – 'under armor' shirts help with the heat.
- Uniform ballcaps are worn at all times when the helmet is not worn.
- No personal hats, kercheifs, bandannas or other non-uniform headgear
- No dangling earrings or loops - posts or studs only. No visible necklaces.

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- Natural makeup and clear polish on fingers - no colored polish.
- Hair worn in such a way to keep it off the collar
- Black socks and shiny black patent leather band shoes are required.

On the Bus:

- Only two persons per seat.
- No standing or walking while the bus is in motion
- No sitting or laying in the aisles
- Personal electronics are allowed, but the band and/or school will not take responsibility if valuables are stolen – you should secure these items in your case when we unload.
- No instrument playing on the bus - drummers may only practice on the soft side of a practice pad.
- No hair sprays, spray deodorants, perfumes or lotions. These should be applied before getting on the bus. (This is to prevent asthma attacks)
- Noise levels are at the discretion of the chaperones and driver.
- **No foul language, alcohol, smoking or drugs by ANYONE at anytime.**
- Students and chaperones will not switch busses and will ride to and from the event on the bus. No one will be allowed to leave the group when we are at an away location to visit family or friends.
- After dark or on long bus trips, boys and girls sit in separate seats.
- No Public Display of Affection (as per District Rights and Responsibilities student).
- If on a charter bus with a VCR, only movies with less than an R rating may be shown.

Upon Arrival:

- Stay on the bus until given permission to unload by chaperones.
- Loading/Uniform Crew gets off the bus first. When called for, students with equipment on the truck unload, then everyone else.
- Back at the school: do not leave until your uniform and gear is properly stored.
- Make sure all belongings and trash are picked up, and check the bus before leaving.

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GRADES

Band is a co-curricular activity, which means that it is an academic subject with an extra-curricular component. Our purpose is to teach musicianship through performance. Everything you do or fail to do in class, rehearsal, or performance is part of your grade. Parents and students must realize that when they join a performing group, they are making a commitment to all of the other members to be there and do their part.

Grades are determined as follows:

40% Participation - being at all class and after school practices on time, with all equipment and participating with appropriate attitude. Unexcused absences are entered as a zero. Failure to care for and properly store music, instruments and equipment will result in points off participation.

40% Performances are our tests. Being on time with all equipment (checked by inspections) will result in a 100 for this grade. An unexcused absence will result in a zero - no makeup. An excused absence will be made up by a written assignment. Festival/contest performances are averaged in separately as an exam grade.

Missing a performance will earn you a failing grade (which will lower your overall grade AT LEAST a letter if not more), and missing a festival or contest will result in an F for the 9 weeks!

20% Practice assignments, playoffs, and playing and written tests are averaged together for a grade.

The Semester Exam has two parts: and audition consisting of scales and exercises in the last month of the semester, and a written exam given on the exam date. This is averaged in as one fifth of the semester grade (9 weeks grades are doubled) and determines chair placement for the next semester.

DISMISSAL/QUITTING: Those who do not follow the rules and policies of the band are subject to dismissal. It is the Director's decision as to which class or group a student is enrolled in and what part they play. **A student who quits during the grading period will remain scheduled in the class, and will fail the semester.** They will be removed from the class at the first opportunity, and only in very rare instances will they be allowed to rejoin the program. The Directors will assign a failing grade for the term to any student whose behavior is inappropriate, quits, or who is not contributing to the overall effort of the program – **the Directors decide who is allowed to stay. Students may be dismissed and/or not allowed to register for band for inappropriate conduct, regardless of the letter grade they are earning.**

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BAND FEES:

In a perfect world, public schools would be funded at a level to allow all activities to achieve the fullest potential. Unfortunately, much of the financial support for the arts comes from other sources. It is necessary for every member of “the Pride” to assume a certain amount of financial obligation directly, as it is impossible to fundraise all of what we need. Before you read any further, let me assure you that I will work with you discreetly and privately if finances ever become a real problem.

BAND FEES ARE \$30 A MONTH, STARTING IN AUGUST AND ENDING IN MAY.

They are due by the monthly Booster Meeting. If you pay your band fees in full during the week of Band Camp Aug 8-13, your total for the entire year is reduced to \$250. That is a cash discount of \$50 over the course of the 10 month school year. Students who join the band sometime during the school year will also owe the \$30 per month, but will not be eligible for the Band Camp Cash Discount.

An extra fee will be charged for any checks that are returned for non-sufficient funds.

You can raise the monthly \$30 by working Civic Center or Football Concessions. Each time someone works a concessions event, a credit will be put in their student’s account (these credits range from \$25 to \$30 per person per shift). After your fees are paid, these credits will continue to be added to your student’s account and they will be used for future travel expenses or fees.

We don’t mind if other relatives or friends of the family assist – as long as they follow the rules we have, they are welcome. If you sign up to work an event, and cannot make it, you must find a replacement worker and notify the team captain or concessions head for that event.

With this system, it is easily possible to pay for even the most expensive trips we take simply by working the Civic Center Concessions, Football Concessions, and the other traditional fundraising events we undertake – cookie dough sales, car washes, can shakes, stadium cleanup, working the gift wrap booth at Christmas time, etc. etc.

You will have the opportunity to sign up for events at the Booster meetings held on the second Monday of each month, as well as the end of camp show-off and dinner.

Band fees cover:

Uniform Rental (except guard)
Uniform Cleaning
Uniform Repair/replacement
Band T-Shirt
Drill and Music
Repair and Supplies
flagpoles, flags, props

Sodas at the games

Instructor salaries
Truck fuel and Maintenance
Instrument rentals
Band Banquet
(In short, everything but the school busses which get us to the games)

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Every family is a member of the Band Boosters. A strong band is made that way only through strong parental support, and your assistance to your child's education is key in their success. There are many ways you can support the band, without actually having to be at every single event, and all these functions are vital. If everyone does their fair share, no one small group of folks will get burned out!

OTHER EXPENSES:

- \$25 - Band shoes paid for when you order.
- Colorguard and Indoor Drumline uniforms, shoes, gloves etc. are separate expenses.
- **Trips are paid for above and beyond the Band Fee.**

STUDENT ACCOUNTS:

The Band Fees, all fundraised money, and all trip payments go into the Booster general operating fund. The Booster Treasurer maintains a record of all fees owed and credits/payments made for each member in a student account, which remains the property of the EHS Band Boosters Association. As long as a student is a member, any credit or debt transfers from year to year, and credits (or debts) may be transferred to a sibling's account.

When any trip is planned, a per-person cost is arrived at which covers all expenses for the trip. That charge is placed on each participating student's account. This is the amount each student must have in their trip account prior to the deadline set for that trip. Chaperones also pay their share, based on the total cost of the trip. Those who do not have their account paid up will not be allowed to go. They will be charged the cancellation fees listed in the Band Trip Contract for that trip, and can only be reimbursed money they paid in directly – State Law dictates that fundraised amounts or credits can not be paid out to individuals.

It is the MEMBER FAMILY'S responsibility to ensure that the account is paid up! A statement of your account will be handed out at the monthly Escambia Band Booster meetings. Any statements not picked up will be mailed the following week. A parent may inspect a student's account at any time by contacting the Treasurer.

Money generated by fundraisers or work credits in a student's account may only be used for band trips and expenses. If the student does not travel, this money will remain in the account to be used later - it may not be refunded. If a student makes a personal deposit to their trip account, the trip cancellation fees that you owe the travel agent will be subtracted and the left over amount may be refunded.

Students who have any debt in their account may not attend the Band Banquet. Seniors who have any debt in their account will have their name turned over to the EHS administration, and they must clear this debt or they will not be allowed to participate in Graduation ceremonies.

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BAND FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE When a student departs the program for any reason, including transferring to another school or when they graduate, any credit remaining in their account is deleted and transfers to the General Operating Fund. They may not “donate” this credit to another student, and they have no say in how it is used in the General Fund.

BAND BOOSTERS meet on the second Monday of each month.

The Escambia High Band Boosters Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization that exists for the support of the Escambia High School Band. The main mission is financial support of the band program. They also provide a number of other vital functions - chaperones, equipment maintenance, public relations, and support of the students. The band would be unable to exist in its present form without the efforts of the Boosters. All members of the band and their parents are members, and expected to do their share in whatever capacity they are best able to serve. Please make every effort to attend meetings and help your support your child when called upon.

Those who do not have a family member in the band may join the boosters for a nominal fee, outlined in the bylaws, and are then able to assist in any capacity or hold any office in the organization.

TUBA SCHOLARSHIPS:

Because of the need to recruit and retain tuba players the Pride offers up to ten \$100 Band Fee Scholarships to students who play tuba or switch to tuba for marching season.

To maintain their Tuba scholarship, the student must:

- ❑ Play tuba for the entire school year.
- ❑ Meet all attendance requirements at rehearsals.
- ❑ Attend all scheduled performances.
- ❑ Complete all passoffs and auditions on the tuba throughout the year.

A scholarship student who does not fulfill their responsibilities will have the Band Fee Scholarship revoked.

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BAND SERVICE AWARDS

In recognition of the hard work and service that each member provides to Escambia High School, Band Service Awards are presented at the annual EHS Band Banquet. The cost of the Banquet and Awards are included in the Band Fees, so all members who have paid or fundraised all their fees and expenses may attend. Those who still owe money to the Boosters may not attend, and their award will be presented to them on request at a later date. Extra tickets for parents, friends, siblings etc., will be made available for sale at a price to be set based on costs (usually \$15-\$20).

The criteria for earning the various awards are as follows:

Students who are in band on a Fall Sports Waiver do not qualify for service awards or compile seniority credit for the year they have the waiver.

Certificate of Achievement – 1 full year of membership, participation in both FBA District Marching and Concert events, attendance at all contests and performances.

Band Varsity Letter – 2 full years of membership, participation in both FBA District Marching and Concert events, attendance at all contests and performances.

3rd Year Member Pin – 3 full years of membership, participation in both FBA District Marching and Concert events, attendance at all contests and performances.

4th year ID tag – 4 full years of membership, participation in both FBA District Marching and Concert events, attendance at all contests and performances.

Senior Mug – all seniors in good standing, with participation in both FBA District Marching and Concert events, regardless of years in the band, receive a Senior Mug.

Those who do not complete a full year of membership, including both Marching and Concert season, are not eligible to receive awards. This includes those who transfer away from EHS midyear, and those guard members who do not march indoor season. Students transferring in who have participated fully in their programs at their previous school will be “grandfathered” in, and will get credit for their service in other bands. Students who miss a festival, contest or performance due to serious illness or a death in the immediate family may obtain a waiver from the director, and receive their award for that year if all other obligations are fulfilled.

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**EXPECTED EVENTS AS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME(subject to change!!!):
DO NOT PLAN ANY FAMILY TRIPS ON DATES OF FESTIVALS, MPA's or CONTESTS!!!!**

FRESHMAN BAND
June 13 – June 30
Mon – Thurs, 7 am – Noon

MUSIC REHEARSALS – Jul 12-Aug 4
Tues and Thurs 6:30-8:30 pm

UNIFORM FITTINGS 3 pm-5 pm
July 12,14 – Seniors and Juniors
July 19, 21 – Juniors and Sophomores
Jul 26 – Freshmen Woodwinds
Jul 28 – Freshman Brass/Perc
Aug 2, 4 - Makeups

GUARD/DRUMLINE CAMP
Aug 1-5, 4-9 pm

BAND CAMP
Aug 8-13, 4 – 9 pm
GROUP PICTURES 13 Aug 4 pm
SHOWOFF DINNER 13 Aug 6:30 pm

MINICAMPS
Aug 16th and Aug 18th, 4-9 pm

Sep 10 ALL STATE AUDITIONS
Pace High School

FOOTBALL GAMES

Aug 26 - Navarre HS (Home, Preseason)
Sep 2- West FL Tech (Away at Woodham MS)
Sep 9 - Crestview (Away)
Sep 16 -Rutherford (Home - Military Night)
Sep 23 - Tate (Home - Cancer Awareness)
Sep 30 - Milton (Away)
Oct 7 - Washington (Homecoming)
Oct 14 – Pace (Away)
Oct 28 – Pine Forest (Away)
Nov 4 - Pensacola (Home – Senior Night/Bailey)
Nov 11 Wakulla (Home) 7 pm kickoff

HOME JV/FRESHMEN FOOTBALL
While the band does not attend, we run the Concessions stands for the home games:
Sep 8 – Crestview (Home)
Sep 29 – Milton (Home)
Oct 13 – Pace (Home)
Oct 27 _ Pine Forest (Home)

Sep 17 EHS Day of Percussion Clinic

MARCHING CONTESTS
YOU MAY NOT MISS ANY OF THESE DATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oct 8 – Patriot Classic (Pace)
Oct 15 – FBA District 1 MPA – Tate HS
Oct 22 – Troy State or Choctaw

JAZZ BAND “A” SWING NIGHTS
Friday Nights, after Football Season ends
American Legion Post 33 9-11 pm

GULF COAST ARTS FEST (Jazz Bands)
Nov 5-6

JAZZ BAND – Evening of Giving
At Cordova Mall – Tentative Nov 13

VETERANS DAY PARADE – Nov 11

ALL COUNTY AUDITIONS at EHS
Dec 5 and Dec 6

CHRISTMAS PARADE (tentative) Dec. 10

ALL COUNTY BAND Tentative Jan 25 or 31, PHS

INDOOR GUARD AND DRUMLINE SHOWS
Each Saturday from late January to Early April

MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS
DO NOT PLAN ANY FAMILY TRIPS FOR THESE DATES :

FBA JAZZ MPA
Feb 10, Ft Walton HS

FBA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MPA
Feb 17, Gulf Breeze HS

FBA CONCERT MPA
Mar 2-3 Ft Walton HS

End of Year Concert First week of May

LEADERSHIP TRYOUTS Week Prior to the Band Banquet

BAND BANQUET 2nd or 3rd week of May

GRADUATION - First week in June

SEE CALENDARS FOR MORE DETAIL. ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO FACTORS BEYOND THE DIRECTOR'S CONTROL.