



GULF HIGH SCHOOL

Buccaneer Band

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Dear GHS Band Member,

Greetings from your Band Director! I hope you are having a pleasant summer and that you are now getting rested up for an exciting year ahead. I am in the process of putting together a good marching show that I hope all will enjoy. The Gulf High School Buccaneer Band is a highly respected program in our community and we have very high expectations for ourselves. With your hard work and dedication, we can achieve these goals as we have been for the past 8 years. This program is unlike any other in our school and we are looked up to by administration and students alike.

Included in this packet is information about Summer Band Camp activities, calendar, music, and a Parent Release form (Power of Attorney). Please contact me if there are any conflicts or problems by either calling me at the band room (774-3634) or leave a message for me at the main office (774-3600). If you are auditioning for All-State Band, please be sure to prepare all major scales as you will have two minutes to perform as many as you can. The auditions will be in early September at Central High School in Brooksville. The requirements can be found on the FBA website at: www.flmusiced.org.

Please read the calendar thoroughly. The week of July 22nd-25th will involve sectional work on the music, as well as teaching marching basics to those of you that are new to our program. Refer to the calendar to see what days you are to attend. The week of the July 29th-August 2nd is when we begin to work as a whole on the halftime show. Please be on time at 8:00 AM so that we can get started to work. At 12:00 PM, there will be a lunch break where you may either bring your lunch or go out to eat as long as you are back on time! Dress comfortably for all activities and bring hats, sun block, wear tennis shoes (sneakers, NO SANDALS OR OPEN-TOE SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED!!!), and bring a drink since we will be outside in the mornings and possibly late afternoons. Please understand that the student dress code will be enforced, so avoid wearing low cut or revealing tops, tops with small straps, short shorts, and low cut blouses/shirts. Also, hats will not be allowed to be worn inside the building, pants must be worn securely around the waist, and shirts/tops must be long enough to stay tucked into pants. Any student violating these rules will be asked to change or will be sent home.

The band fee will be \$35.00 which includes a band t-shirt which all students will be asked to wear under their uniform. **You will not receive your uniform if you do not turn in the fee by the first day of school!!! This will affect your grade!**

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A separate \$10.00 uniform fee is paid to the District School Board of Pasco County. Please pay this fee with your school fees on registration day. **If you have multiple band classes, only pay \$10.00!** You may need to explain this to the person who is collecting the fee that day. This fee goes to the county where it is put into an account to pay for new uniforms in the future.

Band shoe orders will be taken during Band Camp and will cost \$20.00. If you are a returning member, you can use your old shoes if they still fit and are in good condition. We will be getting new uniforms sometime this school year, which will deviate from our current white marching shoes to black. We will order those shoes later on in the year when we get our new uniforms, which could be anytime between January and March. The cost of the new black shoes will be the same as the white which is \$20.00.

Please bring your completed and notarized Parent Release form to Band Camp along with your band fee and shoe money if possible. Also, complete the short health form and bring it with you. If there are any financial problems, please call and arrangements will be made in privacy.

Please practice the music and start memorizing as much as you can - all music will be memorized eventually. If you do not have it memorized by Camp, please bring a flip folder. Our theme this year is called '*A Southwest Saga*', and will feature music from the old west. The order of the music is: The Magnificent 7, Hoedown, and The Cowboys. We may add another piece when the school year starts and you will be given that music later. This is your music to keep. **Do not lose it!!! It will cost you \$\$\$ to get a replacement!**

If you need a school instrument or have any questions, please contact either the band room (774-3634) or leave a message for me at the main office (774-3600). You can also contact me through e-mail. My e-mail address is ghs.maestro@verizon.net. I am looking forward to working with you this year and I'll see you in July!

Musically yours,

William L. Rutherford
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