



# GULF HIGH SCHOOL

## Buccaneer Band

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Dear GHS Guard Member,

Greetings from your Band Director and Guard Sponsor! I hope you having a pleasant summer and that you are now rested up for an exciting year ahead. If you have registered for Flag Corps/Eurhythmics as a class or plan to take it through our Adult Education program, then that makes you a part of our band program as you will provide the "sights" as the band provides the "sound" for our marching band. You will also be a member of our Indoor Guard which performs during the second half of the year and participate in many evaluations and competitions. I hope that we can work together to continue the tradition of excellence that has been built over the past 50 years. It won't be easy, but I know that with a little work and dedication from you, we can achieve our goal to be the best.

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). You can also contact me via the Internet through e-mail at: [ghs.maestro@verizon.net](mailto:ghs.maestro@verizon.net)

Please read the calendar thoroughly. July 22nd and 23rd will involve "Rookie" Basics which is where new members learn the basics of marching, as well as flag practice from the 24th through the 25th of July. Refer to the calendar to see what time you are to attend. The week of July 29th through August 2nd is when preparation for this year's halftime show will take place. 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, and a drink since we will be outside in the mornings and possibly late afternoons. Also, you are asked to wear tennis shoes/sneakers for every rehearsal. NO SANDALS OR OPEN-TOE SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED!!! Please note: the school board dress code policy will be enforced and students will no longer be allowed to dress in the following manner: Low cut blouses/shirts, tops and shirts must be long enough to able to be tucked into pants or skirts, and all skirts and shorts should be no longer than 4 inches above the knee. These new policies will be strongly enforced and those not complying with these rules will either be asked to change, sent to the office, or will be dismissed from rehearsal and receive a 'zero' for that rehearsal.

The basic guard fee this year will be as follows:

\$35.00	band camp fee (this will include a band/guard t-shirt)
\$10.00	equipment rental fee
\$100.00	uniform fee (you keep the uniform)

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We are currently discussing possible plans for an inexpensive alternate uniform to fit the style of this year's halftime show theme, which is entitled 'A Southwest Saga'. More specific information will be given when we first meet on July 22nd.

Please bring your completed and notarized Parent Release form to Band Camp. Also, complete the short health form and bring your guard fees. If there are any financial problems, please call and arrangements will be made in privacy. I am looking forward to working with you!

Musically yours,

William L. Rutherford  
Director of Bands

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