

# ***Jefferson Forest High School Band***

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Dear 2013 JF Marching Band Students & Parents,

**PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY—WE ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE DO SOME THINGS NEXT YEAR—EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF SCHEDULE CHANGES, ETC.**

We are in the first stages of preparation for what I hope will be the best marching season in the history of the JFHS Band. We have exciting things planned for next year—the show (titled ***Who Would Ever Want To Be King?***, featuring the music of Carl Orff, Chick Corea, and Coldplay) is in development with arrangers, the drill writer, & other consultants, & I believe it will be the best show we've ever put on the field! We will compete, as usual, throughout the Mid-Atlantic region—our travel plans include an overnight trip to VA Beach & a return to the James Madison University “Parade of Champions” field competition. So far preliminary sign ups have gone well—the numbers look good—this should be an exciting season!

**CHANGE:** Registration will be online this year for the first time—the online form, which can be accessed on the home page of band website ([www.jeffersonforestband.org](http://www.jeffersonforestband.org)), replaces the traditional registration form, volunteer form, and contact information form. *Everyone will still have to fill out & submit a Medical Permission form—we have to have those in hard copy form with us all the time.* The Med form & the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Calendar are attached to this letter. **Everyone must be registered online by June 1—we are under contract with our drill writer to provide final numbers by June 5—only those students who have completed online registration by June 1 will be written into the show. Any after that will be considered alternates & will only be offered a spot in the show if one opens up. Medical Permission forms must be submitted in hard copy by June 1.** It is essential that we have & maintain an accurate, up-to-date e-mail database of students and parents—it is by far the most effective way to disseminate information.

We ask that a parent of each marching band member attend a meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 PM in the Jefferson Forest High School band room so that we can answer any questions you may have, disseminate information, & go over band fee payment options. It is very important that you attend this meeting. We would like to collect the first installment of band fees at the meeting if possible (the actual due date is **June 1**). The total cost of operating the marching band is around \$800 per student—the JF Band Boosters, Inc. subsidizes approximately 50% of that amount (which covers things like staffing, show design, additional transportation, & equipment). Marching Band fees are \$400/student for 2013-14. This fee helps to offset the costs for the VA Beach trip (which includes transportation, lodging, & meals), a band t-shirt (which is part of the uniform, & property of the student), uniform & instrument use & maintenance, band camp expenses, water & soda for each performance, pizza at halftime of all home football games, & consumable marching band accessories. Band fees can be paid in 2 installments, with the 1<sup>st</sup> due by **June 1** (we will be set up to collect fees at the JF Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 29) & the last due on **August 1** (the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of full band camp). However, if you are able to pay the full \$400 by June 1, it would be greatly appreciated—much of the cost of operating marching band is incurred before August! For your convenience band fees may be paid online through PayPal, a secure online banking entity. PayPal accepts all major credit cards. Please note that PayPal will ask for a shipping address even if the item does not require shipping (such as band fees). This information is collected to insure that payments are applied to the appropriate

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student. A link is available from the band website ([www.jeffersonforestband.org](http://www.jeffersonforestband.org)) under the "Financial" tab. Kroger Gift Card balances built up through mid-May will be applied to the June 1 installment (if you have enough to cover the entire fee or more than the initial 50% deposit, it will **all** be applied at that time). Any balance accrued from mid-May through mid-July will be applied to the Aug. 1 installment. My Kroger Card account has been generating around \$75/month toward my daughter's band fees—it's conceivable that you could generate enough to cover a substantial amount of the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment between mid-May & mid-July. If you don't have a Kroger Card & want to get started as soon as possible, indicate that in the appropriate place on the online registration form & someone will contact you, or submit the form attached to this letter.

Please note that the attached calendar is a 1<sup>st</sup> Draft—there will likely be some changes as we go along. **There are Saturday practices scheduled during Band Camp (Aug. 3 & 10)—they replace the 2 days lost to the earlier start of the school year—I didn't want to start camp earlier.**

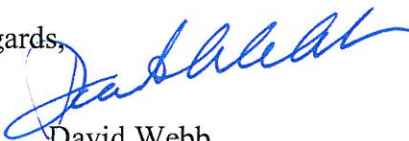
**Major change: Colorguard will have most Tuesday afternoons off and will practice without the rest of the band on Wednesdays. Brass, woodwinds, and percussion will operate under the traditional schedule, with most Wednesdays off.** We will have Full Band Practice (everyone!!!) on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Oct. 16, & Oct. 30. Please make an effort to schedule appointments on "off days" to minimize rehearsal absences. All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. Please see Mr. Webb if there are individual issues with specific dates. **Consistent rehearsal attendance is vital to our success!**

The emergency medical permission form is a blanket form that gives your child permission to participate in all band activities, including trips (see calendar), & for staff & chaperones to seek appropriate medical attention for your child if the need arises. No one will be permitted to participate in any band activity without a completed emergency medical form. This form needs to be returned by the first day of your band student's participation in marching band. **In addition to the form, please submit a photocopy of the front AND back of your insurance card, & have all forms turned in by June 1. Also, we will comply with changes in BCPS policy regarding distribution on medication (prescription AND over-the-counter)—more information on that will be distributed in the fall before the first competition trip.**

One of the things making Marching Band such a special & worthwhile activity is the opportunity for parent involvement. We have a large operation, & we cannot begin to succeed without the help of many parent volunteers. On the attached volunteer form, you will find a list of opportunities to get involved & be a part of this great organization. We welcome your participation in any or all of these areas. The more people we have, the less work any individual has to do, & the more fun & fulfilling it becomes for everyone. Please consider volunteering your time & talents.

I am very excited about next year's band—I believe we are going to have a fantastic fall! Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can help you with anything regarding your child's participation in the JF Band program.

Regards,



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*1<sup>st</sup> Draft: This Calendar is subject to change*

## **2013 JF Marching Band Calendar**

Please make note of the daily rehearsal schedule—every effort has been made to keep it consistent, but there are place where adjustments had to be made for one reason or another. All practices take place at Forest Elementary School (except in the case of inclement weather, in which case we will practice inside at JFHS. **The schedule as it pertains to Colorguard in particular is significantly different from years past—please make note!** *Please* make every effort to make appointments (orthodontist, doctor, tutoring, hair, nails, etc.) on “off days”. **Rehearsal attendance is required.**


**Percussion Camp (for battery and font ensemble/pit) will be held June 10 – 14 at JFHS. All percussionists are expected to attend. Contact Mr. Webb if there are individual issues.**

**ROOKIE MARCHER CAMP: JULY 24, 25, & 26, 8:00 AM – NOON at Forest Elementary School. This gives 1<sup>st</sup> year marchers a “head start” on marching technique before band camp. All veteran marchers invited.**

**All performances are required—no exceptions outside of personal illness &/or family emergency.**

**The Bedford Christmas Parade** is absolutely *REQUIRED* for all marching band participants. It will be on **Sat., Dec. 7** (it has traditionally been in late morning/early afternoon). After competition season ends, Bedford Christmas Parade practices will be held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays through December 5<sup>th</sup>.

<b>7/21</b>	<b>7/22</b>	<b>7/23</b>	<b>7/24</b>	<b>7/25</b>	<b>7/26</b>	<b>7/27</b>
	Guard Camp 8-12; 2-5 at FES	Guard Camp 8-12; 2-5 at FES	Guard Camp 8-12; 2-5 at FES	Guard Camp 8-12; 2-5 at FES	Guard Camp 8-12; 2-5 at FES	Guard Camp 9-3 at FES Bring a lunch!!!
<b>7/28</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>7/30</b>	<b>7/31</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>8/3</b>
	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-1 <i>Trip: DCI Show in Salem Entire Band</i>	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-2
<b>8/4</b>	<b>8/5</b>	<b>8/6</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>8/10</b>
	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 8-12; 3-7	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	<i>Football Program Picture Day—AM</i> Full Band 8-3
<b>8/11</b>	<b>8/12</b>	<b>8/13</b>	<b>8/14</b>	<b>8/15</b>	<b>8/16</b>	<b>8/17</b>
	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	Full Band 3-7	<i>First Day of School—No Practice.</i>	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>47</b>
<b>8/18</b>	<b>8/19</b>	<b>8/20</b>	<b>8/21</b>	<b>8/22</b>	<b>8/23</b>	<b>8/24</b>
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	
<b>8/25</b>	<b>8/26</b>	<b>8/27</b>	<b>8/28</b>	<b>8/29</b>	<b>8/30</b>	<b>8/31</b>
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	

9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7
	Labor Day— No School	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>DRILL DAY</b> <b>@ FES</b> 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM Bring a lunch!!!
9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	
9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	9/20	9/21
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	
9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27	9/28
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Probable Competition (BCI??)</b>
9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	<b>Probable Competition (BCI??)</b>
10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10	10/11	10/12
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Probable Competition</b>
10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19
	School Closed for Students	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	<b>Probable Competition</b>
10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Guard Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Probable Competition</b>
10/26	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2
	Full Band 4:15-6:45	Brass, Woodwinds, & Percussion Practice 4:15-6:45	Full Band 4:15-6:45		Full Band 4:15-6:45	<b>Probable Competition</b>
11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9
				Full Band 4:15-5:30	<b>Home Football</b> Band Performs Practice at 4:00	

**Please complete & return by June 1, 2013**

**2013-2014 Jefferson Forest High School Band  
Permission & Medical Information Form**

**I. PERMISSION**

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to attend/take part in **ALL BAND ACTIVITIES** with the Jefferson Forest High School Band for the school year 2013-2014. It is understood that the student will recognize the authority of the band directors as well as any adult chaperone, and will abide by all school rules & regulations while engaged in the co-curricular activity, both on & off school property. Failure to abide by these rules will result in appropriate administrative action &/or dismissal from the band program. Please refer to the band calendar for list of scheduled activities.

**II. MEDICAL INFORMATION**

1. List any physical restrictions.
2. List any allergies that may affect participation.
3. List any other pertinent medical information, including any medications taken on a regular or as-needed basis.

*By signing this form you are stating that: You give permission for your child to receive emergency medical treatment in case of illness or injury. It is understood that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian before any treatment is administered.*

**III. INSURANCE INFORMATION (Check One Option)**

**SUBMIT A PHOTOCOPY OF THE FRONT & BACK OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD WITH THIS FORM.**

(☐) 1. By completing the insurance information & signing this form, I give my permission for this information to be given to the proper medical authorities in case of a medical emergency involving my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Insurance Company)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Policy Number)

(☐) 2. I do not currently have a medical plan for my son/daughter. I will be responsible for any & all medical expenses that may occur during or as a result of any band related function.

**IV. STUDENT INFORMATION (PLEASE CHECK IF THIS A NEW ADDRESS ☐)**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ '13-'14 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person if Parent/Guardian is unavailable: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT AND PERMISSION**

By signing this form you are hereby agreeing to all sections of this document and giving your permission for your child's participation in all band events for the school year 2013-2014. Also, by signing this form you are acknowledging understanding and intended compliance with all band, school, school system, local, state, & federal rules, regulations, standards, codes, and laws while engaged in any band function. You also acknowledge full responsibility for all school-owned items, including equipment, instruments, uniforms, and accessories.

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN)

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT)