

# Summer Band FAQ

## Q. What should I wear?

- Comfortable school appropriate clothing.
- Light weight clothing and light colors. No hoodies!
- **Tennis Shoes or Similar!** – This is very important! When we march, we work on what we call the roll-step as our fundamental marching step. You cannot correctly roll-step in inappropriate or inflexible footwear that does not conform to the foot.
  - Please do NOT come to summer band in: Flip flops, sandals, boots, wedges, heels, slip ons, etc.
  - Please DO come to summer band in: Tennis shoes (or other athletic shoe), boat shoes, converse, or other closed-toe soft-sole shoe.
- A hat to shield your face
- Sunglasses if you like
- SUNSCREEN!

## Q. What should I bring?

- Water! – Please(!) bring a water jug labelled with your name on it. Thankfully, most of the time the panhandle weather is kind to us and it isn't too terribly hot. However, even on a mild day you need to make sure you're staying hydrated.
- Your instrument & music
- SUNSCREEN!

## Q. Do I need to be at rehearsal?

- A. Yes! When we are assigning marching spots we strongly take into consideration attendance – in fact, consistent attendance is the most important – thought not the only – factor we consider when assigning marching spots. If you have concerns regarding COVID-19, please reach out to me so we can discuss what that will look like.

## Q. I have a summer job – what about work conflicts?

- A. While we understand the desire and often times the necessity of a summer job, students are still expected to adjust their work schedule AROUND summer band. Missing rehearsals for work are not an excused absence and will likely result in the loss of a marching spot.

## Q. What are the Social Activities? Do I have to attend?

- A. No – however, we strongly encourage it! We want you to get to know your fellow band members in other sections and grade levels. Show up – you'll have fun!

## Q. I have more questions you haven't answered!

- B. Ask! My email address is [john.benton@pampaisd.net](mailto:john.benton@pampaisd.net) and my office phone is 806.669.4800. I'd love to be able to clarify any questions or concerns you may have.

I hope you have had a fantastic summer - I can't wait to get started with the 2019 Pampa High School Band!

Mr. Benton

# Summer Band Registration Day

## Q. What is Registration Day?

A. Registration day is our chance to take care of the following things:

- Uniform Fitting
- Band shirt sizing, glove sizing (~\$2.50 - winds only), marching shoe sizing (Freshman, upperclassman who need a new pair, ~\$40.00), and flip folders (~\$5.00, ~\$10.00 for flutes)
  - Paying for the above items. While we will take payments later, pay on the day of if at all possible! We will have someone available to take your payment.
- Required Paperwork (We'll need parent/guardian signatures! Bring a parent/guardian with you if possible!)
- Locker Assignments
- School Owned Instrument Assignments & Checkout, specifically:
  - Sousaphones
  - Marching Baritones
  - Mellophones
  - Others who may need a school instrument
  - Please note that we'll need a parent/guardian signature for this as well!

## Q. When is Registration Day?

A. Registration will be Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at the following times:

9:00 to 10:30 Seniors

10:30 to 12:00 Juniors

1:00 to 3:00 Sophomores

3:00 to 5:00 Freshmen

If you think you might have a conflict on **Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** that would prevent you from coming, please let me know.

## Q. Where?

A. Registration will take place at the high school band hall.

## Q. Why?

A. Having band members come in early to take care of everything allows us to maximize our use rehearsal time during summer band, as we can take care of all 'housekeeping' items ahead of time; additionally, we can get items (T-Shirts, gloves, shoes) ordered sooner. It also allows us to meet every one of you after the summer break and answer any questions you may have!