



EHS "Golden Brigade"

Things incoming band students and parents should know:

WELCOME Students & Parents! Marching band is a large time commitment, but very rewarding. Be prepared for late nights for Tuesday's rehearsals and football games on Fridays, and select Thursdays. Saturdays, during the fall marching band season, are mostly committed to rehearsals and competitions. Parents are encouraged to attend functions and help providing meals and moving equipment whenever possible.

Terms and Abbreviations

- **ASB** – Associated Student Body
- **ASP** – After School Program
- **EHS Band Boosters** – Parent and relative sponsored organization setup to meet the operational and financial needs of the band all year around.
- **Contributions** - the amount of money we would like each student to contribute to help provide a successful band year. (If you are unable to contribute please see Mr. Robert Madrid for other arrangements)
- **Fundraiser** - event or function to raise money for the band or to help students meet their contribution goals

Stay Informed

- Website: www.edisonbands.com
 - Contains handbooks, forms, calendar, current events
- Join **REMIND** for reminders and announcements via text messages and/or email
 - Text @edisonband to 81010 (follow the instructions)
 - Email edisonband@mail.remind.com (leave subject line blank; follow the instructions)
 - Download the **REMIND** app to stay in contact with your band
- Get to know you Class Parent Reps
- Get to know your Band Instructors/Directors
- Volunteer - Parents are always needed and WELCOMED!

2016-17 Parent Class Reps

- Freshman: Marcy Bergen
- Sophomore: Esmeralda Sanchez
- Junior: ***OPEN***
- Senior: Margaret Gallistl
- WinterLine: Sara Weatherby
- WinterGuard: Rosa Martinez
- Save Mart Center Volunteers: Josh Leong
- EHS Band Boosters President: Rhonda Dueck; email: rhondadueck@gmail.com

Directors/Instructors

- EHS Band Director: Robert Madrid; email: Robert.Madrid@fresnounified.org
- Colorguard Instructors: Chris Ballestros & Arianna Hernandez
- Percussion Instructors: Anthony Ortega & Marc Almario
- Bass Instructor: Misael Gutierrez

Uniforms

Cleaning: Crown Cleaners (on the southeast corner of West Ave. and Bullard Ave. by the Manhattan Restaurant)

Instruments

Purchase

- Horn Shop, 4337 N Golden State Blvd # 106, Fresno, CA 93722, (559) 276-2247
- Gottschalks Music Center, 328 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 298- 4400

Instruments (cont.)

Repairs and instrument supplies

For more in depth information, please refer to your Marching Band & Colorguard Handbook. Thank you.

- Guitar Center, 5330 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno, CA 93710; (559) 221-2222
*Guitar Center Stick Club: Cost \$20.00 yearly; Gives you \$5 credit to use towards a new pair of drumsticks each month for a year (Value \$60.00)
- Horn Shop, 4337 N Golden State Blvd # 106, Fresno, CA 93722, (559) 276-2247
- Gottschalks Music Center, 328 Pollasky Ave, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 298- 4400
- American Music Company, 2597 E Ashlan Ave, Fresno, CA 93726, (559) 221-0233
- Patrick's Music Etc., 769 E Barstow Ave., Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 224-7287
- Bentley's Drum Shop, 4477 N Blackstone Ave., Fresno, CA 93726,(559) 222-5011
- Woodwind Brass Wind (online only) www.wwbw.com
- J.W. Pepper (online only) www.jwpepper.com (sheet music)

What's Expected and What to Expect

- Be well rested. Do not stay up all night. You will need all of your energy.
- Be well hydrated.
 - Drink plenty of water the night before, and during the day.
- Eat a healthy meals and snacks
- Wear appropriate clothing.
 - Shoes with good foot support
 - Wear light athletic clothing that is not constrictive. Jeans are not recommended.
 - Sunglasses
 - Hat
 - Sunscreen
- Respect and take care of equipment, Keep it clean and safe at all times.
- Do not let other people play on your instrument.
- Rehearsals should be spent learning how your individual part connects with the other sections in the group.
- Do not be afraid to ask for help from upperclassmen, instructors, or the director
- Be flexible.
- Represent our program well. You represent yourself, our band, our school and our community.
 - Refrain from making negative comments about other bands and the use of foul language and inappropriate jokes.

Rehearsals

Tuesdays 5pm - 9pm

Parade Rehearsal until 4:15 Wednesday & Friday

Sectionals Thursday 3:50 – 5:30pm

some Saturdays

*** Schedule can be found on band website**

Football Games

(Approx. times 5:00pm - 10:30pm) - Schedule can be found on band website

- Short rehearsal after school
- Uniform should be cleaned and pressed
- Have instruments supplies and music ready.
- Have money for dinner. Booster members will take orders in advance and deliver meals on game days.

Competitions

Schedule can be found on band website

- Students are expected to at the EHS band room early. (usually 30 mins before departure)
- Uniform should be cleaned and pressed
- Have instruments supplies and music ready.
- Have money for meals. Some meals may be provided.

Parents: Please be on time.

- Your student should arrive 10-15 minutes early for rehearsals and functions.
- Please pickup you student on time after events.
 - Students should be picked up at dismissal time for practices.
 - Students will call or text home 20 minutes prior to arrival from performances.

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