



## Apache Band Program

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To All Apache Band Members,

I hope that you have had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting new year! As band camp is approaching, please check the band website at [www.tjc.edu/band](http://www.tjc.edu/band) for all current camp dates and information. Please make sure that you clear all conflicts prior to camp!

All freshmen need to register for the last orientation in July if you have not completed freshman orientation. Percussionists and color guard members please make sure that you clear your schedule for your camps. Any conflicts need to be cleared with Mr. McGowan or Ms. Trotter. Please keep in mind that if you miss band camp that your scholarship will be revoked!

The music that you are receiving is only required for those auditioning for Wind Ensemble, Instrumental Chamber Ensembles or one of our jazz bands. If you do not want to be in any ensembles other than marching band, then there is no need for you to audition. Just as a reminder, our scholarship covers twelve credits in most cases and any extra money that you receive only pays for extra band classes.

For those of you that are non music majors and want to enroll in a private lesson, please remember that your teacher will expect you to practice at least one hour per day on your private lesson material *which will not be your band music*. If this requirement changes your mind about private lessons please contact me immediately so that we can help you decide what to do.

Also, Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi (the band service sorority and fraternity) are meeting frequently this summer to reorganize and create social and service activities to bring the band together during camp. They are also looking for new members so if you want to become more involved with Tyler Junior College please consider these groups.

In closing, we had a banner year last year with all of our ensembles performing at a higher level than I thought would be possible when I first came to TJC. As we begin a new year, my prayer for all of us is that we learn and grow beyond expectations and that each one of us during our most stressful times will be able to keep a positive attitude that continues to push ourselves to even higher levels of excellence. I hope that you are excited to be part of such a large exciting band program and that you are willing to help us continue to maintain our reputation as a premier organization. In the meantime if there is anything we can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tom Mensch  
Director of Bands