

Congratulations And Welcome to the Tyler Junior College Apache Band

Enclosed are details about paperwork, uniform costs, and just a few reminders about summer dates and hopefully answers to some or most of your questions.

Band Camp Dates:

Please look carefully at the attached calendar for all dates!

*Everyone needs to be in attendance for these camps, as we will already begin learning our halftime music and **LEARNING DRILL**.* Once school begins, only class time will be used to add to what has been learned during camp. If you miss camp, you will be lost and unable to perform. Remember that you are being paid to perform, so treat marching band like a job and be responsible for your attendance and participation.

Housing will be available for you **IF you call the band hall to request dorm housing by July 1st!!** (903) 510-2242.

Also, make sure you wear comfortable athletic clothing to Band Camp. Wear athletic tennis shoes. Make sure that your clothing is appropriate and not revealing. Tank tops are acceptable, sports bras alone are not. **BRING WATER!! BRING SUNSCREEN!!!** Get ready to get plenty of exercise and get yourself used to the heat!

Uniform Costs:

Enclosed is a sample band camp registration form with costs for uniform items. TJC will provide you with your basic uniform. However, there are accessories that you must provide in addition to the basic band uniform. This form should help with planning for monetary expenditures that may arise as school begins. Costs listed are as current as possible, but some prices may vary as items are finalized closer to band camp. There are required items listed at the top and then a few optional items listed near the bottom. If you have any questions regarding uniform costs, please call the band hall at 903-510-2242 or e-mail one of the band directors.

Class Registration:

All freshmen must attend one of the six orientation dates during the summer in order to register for classes. Call the school at 903 510 2523 to set up if you have not already.

Make sure that when you register for classes at orientation you enroll in the proper class. All Freshmen Woodwind, Brass, Color Guard, and DRUMLINE should be registered in MUEN 1127 C 001 (T. Mensch) which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00-8:50am and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-9:40am. All PIT PERCUSSION students need to be registered in MUEN 1127 C 002 (T. McGowan) which meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-9:50am and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-9:40am. You may also make marching band a PE credit by enrolling in a separate kinesiology course that is paired with marching band. The same grade you earn in marching band will be assigned to the kinesiology class and no other class time is necessary. It makes marching band two credits instead of one credit (it will appear on your schedule and transcript as a separate class, but they are one in the same). Often times students who will transfer to a four year institution need a PE credit and this

kinesiology course will satisfy that requirement, without any extra work on the student's part. This is not required, merely suggested. If you wish, sign up for KINE 1102 027. Keep in mind this course is not required for a degree from TJC. If you don't need the credit, DO NOT SIGN UP FOR THIS CLASS.

Extra Ensembles:

If you wish to audition for extra ensembles (wind ensemble, woodwind or brass choir, or jazz ensemble), the audition music is enclosed in this packet. Additional scholarship money is available to those who qualify by audition for any of our other ensembles. Audition dates for those ensembles are listed on the calendar.

Calendar:

Also enclosed with this packet is a current FALL semester calendar, with football game dates and times. ONLY for HOME GAMES, there is typically a run-through rehearsal IN THE STADIUM from 9am-11am that is not on the calendar. Any other dates will be given on a monthly basis and well in advance, so that students may work out any job conflicts that may occur. Give your employer a copy of this calendar NOW, so that you may make sure that there are no scheduling conflicts this coming semester. The calendar has dates for ALL performing groups, so make sure you read it carefully to know which dates apply to marching band, jazz band, wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, etc.

Again, congratulations on being selected as a member of the 2008-2009 TJC Apache Band! We'll see you in August!

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please call the band hall at 903-510-2242 or e-mail one of the directors.

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