



**Coral Glades High School
Music Association**

**Freshman / New Incoming Student
Packet**

-An Overview of the Music Program with Questions & Answers-



Coral Glades High School Music Program New Member Program Overview

Welcome to the CGHS Music Program. You have made the decision to be part of an award-winning and growing program that promotes excellence in all areas. The following information has been compiled to answer the frequently asked questions of new members. Our complete handbook can be viewed on our website, www.cghsmusic.org.

Registration Procedures

All incoming freshman should select “Band 1”, “Orchestra 1” and/or “Eurythmics 1” (Guard) on their Coral Glades course card. The Music Director will audition students for placement in level-appropriate classes either in the Spring or early Fall.

Once you have coursed into the program, please go onto our website and complete an online registration which provides the Music Association with all the pertinent contact information for use throughout the school year. We communicate with parents and students via telephone, email and in the case of the students (leaders to students) occasionally text. Your student does not have to have a cell phone in order to participate in the program. A common family email will work for communication purposes.

Participation in Band is a full year commitment.

Coral Glades Band follows a school year-long performing curriculum which means that we perform as a marching and concert band throughout the school year. Concert Band, which follows Marching Band, is the natural progression of Marching Band so the classes remain the same, only the uniforms and performing venues change. *Marching Band* begins with Freshman Camp in June, picks up again in August and ends with the Holiday Parade in Coral Springs in December. *Concert Band* music practice begins in October in the classroom and concert band runs through to May with the Spring Concert and KOTA performances.

The Marching Band consists of all winds, percussion and guard students. At the end of Marching Band, Color Guard transitions into Winter Guard. Coral Glades Guard Ensemble is a member of the South Florida Winter Guard Association (SFWGA.org) which provides a venue for students to continue the marching band auxiliary and drill team experience into the winter and spring months. Practices begin in December and the competitions run from January to May, ending with the KOTA performance.

All of the winds and percussion move into Concert Band. Concert Band music practice begins in October in the classroom and concert band runs through to May with the Spring Concert and KOTA performances. Band classes remain the same, only the

uniforms and performing venues change. The Percussion students also have the option of choosing to join the Indoor Percussion Ensemble.

Based on the year-long commitment required from our music program students, it is not uncommon for a conflict in extracurricular activities to occur with our music program schedule. Once a student realizes or anticipates a conflict, the student should bring it to the attention of the Music Director, so that an appropriate solution can be determined.

I want to be in Band and Orchestra

Students who choose to participate in both programs will be scheduled for the Band 1 and Orchestra 1 classes. They may audition for consideration towards a higher level class. Based on the curriculum, the student must participate in all of the Marching Band requirements for Marching Season. The student will also participate in the all performances for orchestra, but typically there are no conflicts between orchestra and band during Marching Season.

Band & Orchestra Camps - Freshman & All Students

Coral Glades Music Program runs several camps prior to the start of school in August. For all incoming new upperclassman and freshman students, a **Freshman Band Camp** is held for 3 days at the end of the school year in June. This is a *mandatory* program designed to introduce new students to the program and to prepare them for integration into the rest of the band. The students will learn marching drill, practice music, run laps & exercise to build endurance, and work with the Music Program Leaders and/or Clinicians to prepare them for the August Band Camp. At the completion of the camp, they should be fully aware of what is expected of them for the fall marching season. They will also have met and worked with all of the leadership and know their way around the music room and the school.

In August, several specialty Band camps are held, *all mandatory*. **Percussion Camp**, **Guard Camp** and **Full Marching Band** (winds, percussion & guard) are all held prior to the start of school. Historically, Percussion Camp and Guard Camp run concurrently for 1 week. This is usually done two weeks before school starts. Full Marching Band Camp runs the week before school starts. For all Percussion and Guard students, they will attend their specialty camp for one week and then, also, attend Full Marching Band Camp.

Living in Florida, our students will be performing during Marching Season in uniform, in the hot, humid, sunny weather. Attending Band Camp is a part of their conditioning for the anticipated demands of the season. We encourage our students to not only practice their instruments during the summer, but to also exercise outside so as to be acclimated when the school year begins.

Orchestra Camp has been held either at Coral Glades High School or at one of the other area high schools. Information about available Orchestra camps will be posted on

the website in the Spring for Summer programs. It is encouraged that all Orchestra students participate.

What is the Camp Day Like?

Your student needs to plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early before the scheduled practice time and they will not be ready to leave until 15 minutes after the end of the practice. This extra time allows for instrument setup, moving equipment to the practice fields, bathroom run, etc. The reverse takes place at the end of the practice. Please do not get upset when your child does not walk out of the band room door exactly at the specified pickup time. Often the Band Director may dismiss the students but the section leader or another leader may need students to police the band room, help to prepare for the next day, etc. We encourage our students to take the responsibility to help the leadership as well as each other. They are a team.

Your student should start drinking plenty of water the night before a practice to make sure they are well hydrated. Outdoor practices will take place in the blazing sun or in light rain. If there is thunder/lightening in the area, they will not go out or they will come in from the field.

Your student should not have dairy products the morning of an outdoor practice. If they do not know if it is an outdoor practice, they should assume it is. They should bring a thermal jug of cold water to practice. Ideally something at 2 quarts or larger as they bring it onto the field with them and take water breaks throughout the practice day. They need to have enough water to get them through the morning session or an afternoon session. They will be able to refill the jug at lunchtime. If your student carries a large instrument, e.g.: sax or tuba, you may wish to invest in a water jug with a shoulder strap.

Snacks, Sunscreen, Clothing, etc

Snacks/Lunch: If the session is over by 1 PM, they may bring a light snack for a break. If the session runs beyond 1 PM, then the student should pack a substantial bag lunch and beverage. Students will not leave the school property during band camp. If the student is staying through the dinner hour, they will be told to bring a substantial bag dinner or, if food will be available, they will be given the choice to purchase. Our students work hard and they may require more food during this period so plan their food supply accordingly.

Clothing - Sunscreen - Bug Spray/Lotion

All students (band, guard & percussion) must wear white or light grey t-shirts and they must keep their shirts on during practice. No sports bras or cut-off t-shirts are allowed. They should wear navy blue or black shorts (Soffees are acceptable). For Freshman Camp in June, students may wear sneakers and socks or Dinkles (marching shoes available at All County Music) and socks. For Mandatory Full Band Camp in August, all

winds and percussion students must wear Dinkles and socks. Guard will require shoes appropriate to the theme of the Marching Show. Details will be provided during Guard Camp.

Wear a hat. Sunglasses are encouraged.

Your student should pack their own sunscreen and apply it during the day. Sunburn is not an acceptable reason for not participating in practice.

As our band room backs up to the Everglades, we do find infestations of mosquitos and gnats at different times of the year. We encourage the use of bug repellents. Again, bug bites are not an acceptable reason for not participating in practice.

What if my student has a reaction to the sun or heat?

Occasionally the sun gets the better of a student and they may feel faint or nauseous. They should report any illness immediately to a Band Leader or Staff member. If your child has additional health challenges such as asthma or diabetes, please make sure your child comes prepared for the unexpected. The heat can cause seemingly in control children to go out of control with their medications. It is critical that they have their inhalers, insulin or glucose supplements on their body or in the hands of a staff member during all practices, field trips, etc. If they have unusual medical requirements, please make sure that information is clearly defined in their completed medical forms. A Board or Staff Member may call you to confirm the details so that your child's care can be planned for, in case of emergency.

Attendance

Camp Attendance: Camp attendance is mandatory for Marching Band/Freshman Band/Guard/Percussion Camps. Orchestra camp is encouraged as the student must absorb the extra fee for the orchestra camp.

Attendance is vitally important for your student to make the planned progression and to contribute to the entire ensemble. The ensemble functions as a total unit, and anytime a student is absent, it diminishes the result obtained by all other ensemble members. If you are a new student to the program, and pre-existing vacation plans may create a conflict, we encourage you to discuss the conflict with the Band Director as soon as possible, craig.haukebo@browardschools.com. The Director is the only person who may excuse a student from practice/rehearsal.

What are the costs and fees for the programs?

Broward County School Board provides only basic support for the Music Program. Fees are necessary to cover the cost of band camps, rehearsals, show music, flags & props, entry fees, uniforms, instrument rental and equipment transport. Each Spring, a budget is developed based on estimated operating expenses for the upcoming season. The

total budgeted amount is then divided by the number of participating students to determine the cost per student. Because this amount would be prohibitive for many students, the band booster organization (Coral Glades High School Music Association) is asked to raise money so that fees can be kept at a manageable level.

Fees and payment schedules for each ensemble are noted below for the 2010-2011 year. Payments are due by the 15th of the month. **Students will not be allowed to continue in the program with unpaid fees.** These fees do not include the cost of states or recreational field trips such as travel to theme parks following competitions. Students who face difficult financial situations should speak directly with the Music Director or the President or Treasurer of the Music Association.

In order to secure a spot in the marching show as well as to receive access to the music for the marching show, the first payment of \$25.00 and a signed participation contract (see website) must be received by Monday, June 7th, 2010.

	ORCH	MARCHING	W. GUARD*	IND. PERC.	JAZZ
May-10			\$ 200		
Jun-10		\$ 25	\$ 200		
Jul-10	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 200		
Aug-10	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 200		
Sep-10	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 200		
Oct-10	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 200		\$ 50
Nov-10	\$ 50		\$ 200		\$ 25
Dec-10			\$ 200	\$ 200	
Jan-11			\$ 170	\$ 150	
Feb-11				\$ 150	
Mar-11				\$ 150	
	\$ 250	\$ 625	\$ 1,770	\$ 650	\$ 75
* Includes Marching Season					
All Pmts Due the 15th of the Month, Except the First Marching Payment - Due June 1.					

Are There Any Other Fees?

For students participating in Concert Band, there are no additional fees. Concert Band is the natural progression of Marching Band so the classes remain the same, only the uniforms and performing venues change. Winter Guard fees are calculated as part of the annual Guard fees noted in the fee chart. See the note below regarding additional purchases for Guard.

Your child may opt to audition for Indoor Percussion or Jazz Band. These are ensembles consisting of students selected through audition to participate. They meet outside of the normal class room time and are taught by clinicians and/or our Music Director. The fees for these programs are independent of the Marching, Orchestra or Guard fees and are noted in the fee chart. Information about these programs are made available to the students in the fall and information is posted on the website.

Chamber Orchestra is a program offered outside of the classroom for students who choose to audition. The group is directed by upperclassman in conjunction with the Orchestra Clinician and Music Director. This program practices outside of the regular class schedule and will occasionally perform for local organizations. There are no fees associated with this program.

Full Orchestra is offered as another ensemble during the Winter Season. As a part of the performing curriculum, it is expected that students in the upper-level strings class will participate in this program including the after-school practices. Students from Concert Band may audition to play with Full Orchestra. There are no additional fees for this ensemble and practice is held outside of the regular class schedule.

How Do I Pay My Fees?

All fees, trip costs, and fundraising money should be paid by 1) **check/money order/cash** to CGHSMA and deposited in the Lockbox in the Music Room or mailed to CGHSMA, 1440 Coral Ridge Drive #107, Coral Springs FL 33071. Please make sure that the money is in a sealed envelope and includes a note indicating the name of the student and for what the payment is to be applied. 2) **PayPal** via our website, www.cghsmusic.org. Please make sure that your payment includes a note indicating the name of the student and for what the payment is to be applied.

Please note that fees do not include consumable items such as required shoes, socks, gloves, etc. The CGHS Music Association offers fundraising opportunities to help members earn credit towards fees and travel.

Fundraising

The Coral Glades High School Music Association (CGHSMA) provides many fundraising events to allow each family the opportunity to raise necessary funds. Many students raise the entire cost of the program through fundraisers. This is the best way

to offset the costs associated with being a Music Program member. Money raised through fundraising efforts may be applied towards fees and travel expenses. Families should check the website often, in order to stay informed of all planned fundraising opportunities. Suggestions for new fundraising programs should be directed to the Vice President of Fundraising whose contact information is on the website.

Uniforms

Students are measured and issued uniforms at the start of each program. Marching Band measurements are usually completed during the Mandatory Full Marching Band Camp in August. The Marching Band uniforms are stored in the Uniform Room and issued to students prior to each performance (football games, concerts, competitions). Students are not allowed into the Uniform Room. All uniform exchanges are done in the presence of the Parent Uniform Coordinator and the Uniform Quartermaster(s). Occasionally during Marching season, the uniforms are collected for dry cleaning and minor repair. Students are asked to be timely when turning in their uniforms.

Concert Dress Uniforms are fitted in October and issued to the students for use during Concert Season. Each student is responsible for storing the uniform at home and bringing it to school the day of a performance. Students will change into the dress uniform prior to beginning the performance. The dress uniforms are returned at the end of the school year. Failure to return the uniform in its entirety will be result in a school obligation (fee).

What Does Color Guard Wear?

Members of Color Guard wear a uniform/costume designed to enhance the theme of the Marching Show. Members are sized during Guard Camp. Each costume is custom made and will take several weeks to receive.

Are There Other Purchase Required And Not Covered In The Fees?

Marching Band: Band members (winds & percussion) are required to purchase standard black Dinkles Marching Shoes for use during August Band Camp and all performances during Marching season. These are available online at www.dinkles.com or at All County Music Store on University Drive in Tamarac. The cost is roughly \$30.00. The students are also required to purchase one set of white cotton marching gloves and 1 set of black cotton marching gloves. The student will wear one black and one white glove for their uniform. The remaining 2 spare gloves will be used for a backup pair by the student. The gloves may also be purchased at All County Music or will be available for purchase in the Band Room starting in August. The cost in the Band Room is \$3.00 per pair. The students should launder the gloves after each use.

Students must also wear black ankle or knee socks when in uniform.

Your student will be issued a band t-shirt during August Band Camp which they must wear under their uniform jackets. The cost of these shirts are included in the fees.

For Marching Band Camp, students will need to purchase a dot matrix book at a local office supply store. This is a spiral 3 x 5 inch book of index cards that the students will use to mark drill. This book should be suspended on a long shoe lace so as to rest around the students neck during practice. (Cost is <\$5.00.)

Guard: As Guard follows a performing curriculum, often using theatrical productions as the basis of the performance, there may be additional costs unique to the program. Families should anticipate the following costs, many of which occur the first year a student participates in the program. In addition, due to the creative aspect of their program, students may be asked to purchase additional materials not listed below.

- Shoes for both marching band and winter guard
- If selected to be a part of the weapons line, the student will need to purchase their own rifle and/or saber.
- Possible undergarments for both seasons
- Show make-up for both seasons
- Black and white electrical tape
- 2 pair of gloves for the year
- Team Duffle Bag to carry their possessions during performances
- Flag Bags to carry their flags during travel to and from performances
- Team Warm-Up Suit, to be worn at performances when not in costume

Orchestra: Orchestra students typically wear their dress concert uniforms issued by the school. The male attire is a tuxedo and does come with black dress shoes. The female members will need to purchase black close-toed shoes (flat or moderate heels) for dress attire as these are not included in their concert dress from the school. Members of Chamber Orchestra need to wear black pants and black dress shirts or black dresses and black shoes for performances. These items are not provided by the school.

Jazz Band & Indoor Percussion: Attire is decided at the start of a season. Historically Jazz Band wears black shirts/pants/dresses and black shoes for performances. This attire is not provided by the school. Dress requirements will be discussed at the first meeting in the fall. Indoor Percussion fees include a portion of their performance attire and are dependent on the theme of their show. It is possible that students may have to purchase shoes, pants, shirts or some combination of these items to supplement the costume selected for their performance. Dress requirements will be discussed at the first meeting.

Instrument Rental: Where available, the program will rent an instrument to a student. The student and parent need to complete and sign a rental agreement contract and pay the fee. Summer rental fee is \$10.00 cash and covers rental from June-August. School year rental is \$20.00 cash and covers the school year. A copy of the signed contract acts as your receipt.

Dinners During Football Season: A meal plan will be offered which will allow you to prepay for a meal for your student for each day of a football game performance. The meal will typically consist of a protein, vegetable, starch, dessert, fruit and beverage. Examples may include Boston Market, Pizza & Pasta, Subway, etc. Typically the students have a band practice the afternoon of a football game performance so they do not go home after school. Instead they go to the band room for practice followed by an hour for dinner and then time to dress before they march onto the field or board the bus for an away game. You may provide a bag dinner for your student or drop a dinner off for your child in the cafeteria at 4:30 pm the afternoon of the game. The students have a limited window of time so it is preferred that you drop the food off and leave. Alternatively if you have an interest in being around during the dinner hour, we ask that you consider volunteering to serve the students dinner. Please contact the Vice President / Band regarding volunteering for dinner service.

Will The Marching Band Compete?

The Marching Band usually competes in 2-4 regional band competitions during the season. Fees for participation in these competitions are included in the standard fees. It is important that your student be present for all competitions and assessments. The competitions may include the following:

- Falcon Sound Invitational, Flanagan High School, October
- John I Leonard High School, October
- Barbara Coleman High School, October or November
- FBA District Marching Band Evaluation, October
- Santa Lucas Invitational, November

Dates will be posted on the website. Typically attendance at a competition is an all-day/all evening time commitment for the students and staff.

Who/What are the FBA and MBA Assessments?

As Coral Glades Music program follows a performing curriculum, each ensemble has the opportunity to be assessed by third party organizations who are recognized for their support of the creative arts and their pursuit of best practices. The primary organization in Florida is The Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA). FBA Music Performance Assessments (MPA) are the accepted standard of evaluation for high school bands and Coral Glades subscribes to their standards of excellence.

The purpose of the assessment is as follows:

- To provide opportunities for students and directors to perform in an environment which provides critical evaluation of its performance by noted experts in the field of band performance,
- To provide the opportunity for students and directors to perform for their peers in a formal concert setting,
- To provide a performance opportunity which will serve as a motivational goal for students and directors,
- To provide an opportunity for students and directors to hear performances of their peers and learn from hearing those performances, and to provide a goal which is so compelling that the preparation for attaining that goal becomes the vehicle for continued growth and to demonstrate students' abilities to apply musical fundamentals and concepts in an ensemble performance setting.

CGHS Marching Band will assess in October and Concert Band will assess in the Spring. Assessments are done on a district and statewide basis. It is important that your student be present for all assessments. Families are encouraged to attend assessments both in the Assessment Location's Performing Field (marching band) or Auditorium (concert band) as well as to go to the Concert Band Sight-reading phase in the classroom with the band. Family and audience support is a big part of motivating the students to go above and beyond on their performances.

Do Band and Orchestra Classes Prevent Me From Taking Other Electives?

For those students who want to fulfill their Health and Personal Fitness credits online, they will now be able to take the same single HOPE course that is offered during the school day at Coral Glades High School. This has been an issue for many of our students because HOPE (the newer health and personal fitness required course instituted in the fall of 2007) has up until now, not been available online. This has forced many of our Coral Glades students to choose between continuing to take orchestra, band, or color guard and enrolling in some other desirable electives like journalism, debate or foreign language. In an attempt to solve this problem, our guidance director, Mr. Tritto, last year began allowing music students to substitute the Florida Virtual School (FLVS) offerings called Life Management Skills and Personal Fitness to fulfill these credits. FLVS offers the single HOPE option online. For incoming freshman or upperclassmen who have not already fulfilled this credit and would like to take this course online, the process is simple. You can sign up at www.flvs.com, but your child's guidance counselor at Coral Glades must be involved in the process. So call the school at 754-322-1250 and ask to speak with the guidance department for additional information. Remember, however, that guidance staff is on vacation during a portion of the summer.

Are The Students Able To Collect Service Hours For Their Music Program Activities?

As the Coral Glades High School Music Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, there are some instances when a student may receive community service hours for activities. The following list has been approved by the Volunteer Hours Coordinator at Coral Glades High School. Anything outside of this list will not receive service hours.

Drama Production: Students who are playing in the orchestra or band for any drama productions can submit both rehearsal and performance times for service hours.

Golf Tournament: Hours volunteered for the tournament are acceptable for service hour credit.

Holiday Concert: Practice and performance time for this concert are acceptable for service hours. Each student can submit up to 15 hours TOTAL for this project. (This includes class time (Practice for the performance) as well as the performance evening.

Chamber Concert: Any performances that the Chamber Concert participates in are acceptable service hours. Rehearsals OUTSIDE of class time can also be credited as well as travel time to and from the performances.

Full Orchestra: Rehearsal Time and any performances and travel to these performances can be submitted.

Jazz Band Performances: Rehearsal Time and any performances and travel to these performances can be submitted.

Winter Guard & Indoor Percussion Season: If the Guard travels WITH the Indoor or vice versa to a joint show and either pulls the floor or assists with set up for the other team - up to 5 hours can be turned in PER COMPETITION for that additional service time. Neither Guard nor Indoor Percussion members can submit service hours for competitions in which they perform but are not assisting with the other team.

International Night: (February) The hours for set up, food service and clean up can be submitted for service hour credit.

Additional details and requirements for Volunteer Service Hours are available at the Coral Glades High School website, through guidance and/or through the Broward County website: www.browardschools.com/schools/service_learning.htm.

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