

# Princeton Panther Bands

*A History of Musical Excellence*

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Dear Panther Band,

***The 2010-11 Princeton High School Band Calendar is included with this letter. Please pay close attention to the dates listed and keep it in a safe place for frequent reference.***

Summer is almost here and that means Summer Band is approaching quickly. The Summer mini-camp is June 2 & 3 from 2pm-5pm and July 30 will sneak up on you before you know it! Relax and get to know your family again during June and July, because when August comes, they may only see you when you're asleep!

During Summer Band, Aug 2-6, lunch will be provided by the Princeton Band Boosters for \$15.00. It is necessary that all students remain at school during the lunch hour to eat, rest, and relax with friends. Students will be monitored and not allowed to leave campus during this time.

Each student should wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing (*within the school dress code, no spaghetti straps, short shorts, sleeveless shirts, bare bellies, etc.*). Sunscreen, sunglasses, and some type of hat to keep the sun off of your head while you are outside are a must! It is mandatory that all students wear some sort of athletic shoe while we are marching (*no bare feet, NO FLIP-FLOPS!*). Flip-flops and boots will hurt your feet and are not appropriate shoes for marching. Each student should also plan to bring a water jug to use during our outdoor practices (*a necessity!*). There will be many breaks for students to cool off and get a drink. It is also recommended that you get outside before camp starts, so the heat is not such a shock to your system. We will use the Multi-Purpose Facility during the hotter afternoon hours after lunch.

***All wind and percussion students should come to Summer Band with ALL the show music memorized!*** Pass-offs will begin during Summer Band and continue into school. ***All wind and percussion students should come to Summer Band with ALL the show music memorized!*** No student will perform in full uniform or get their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter break at football games until they have passed off the required music from the show. ***All wind and percussion students should come to Summer Band with ALL the show music memorized!*** Students who do not pass off their music can be removed from the performing group and replaced by an alternate marcher. ***All wind and percussion students should come to Summer Band with ALL the show music memorized!***

There are certain items that students, as members of the marching band, will need to purchase from the band. ***Please be prepared to pay for these on July 30 when you arrive for HS Band Registration and Uniform Fitting.*** Please see the Band Supply Form for a break down of these items. ***Flag uniform fees should have been paid by July 30.***

A calendar has been included with this letter. Please use it when planning your work schedule, vacations, and other commitments. All high school band students will perform the district mandated drug screening of all students involved in extracurricular activities. Students will be required to test on a date usually scheduled during our practice time. More information will be provided once it becomes available.

There are also four forms included here that must be completed by the parents of every student participating in the Princeton High School Marching Band (the forms are front and back to save paper). Please return the completed forms when you arrive for Band Registration and Uniform Fitting from 5pm-7pm on July 31 at the high school band hall. No student will be allowed to travel or perform with the band until these completed forms are returned.

Again this Summer, we will have a Summer Band Mini-Camp on June 2 & 3 from 2pm-5pm. These will be for everyone participating in the high school marching band. This will allow some time to remember what the marching fundamentals are and to help keep our “chops” in shape. ***These camps are required for all students in the marching band.***

To aid in communication, please have your parent’s login to [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com). If this is your first time to do this, the school code for the parent/student login is “princetonhsband” and the student ID/Password is the student last name and first initial, like “brewerb”(for 9<sup>th</sup> graders) or your student ID number from your report card (for 10-12 graders). If you have trouble logging in, you can email Mr. McClure at [bmccclure@princetonisd.net](mailto:bmccclure@princetonisd.net) for assistance. Once you have logged in, click the “Student Info” icon and update your personal information. You can also change your password, if you like.

*“Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.”*

*Theodore Roosevelt*

*“No organization can depend on genius; the supply is always scarce and unreliable. It is the test of an organization to make ordinary human beings perform better than they seem capable of, to bring out whatever strengths there is in its members, and to use each one’s strength to help all the others perform. **The purpose of an organization is to enable common people to do uncommon things.**”*

*Peter F. Drucker*

This will be a **GREAT** year and the dedication and commitment that each of you brings to this band, to contribute your own personal strengths, will allow all of us to perform better and enable us to do great things. This is going to be the **BEST (and the BIGGEST)** band that Princeton has ever had. *I’ve had this statement in the letter for the last five years, and it’s still true.*

You will decide how successful the band will be this year. Where do you want to be November 1? We can perform in the AlamoDome or we can be at school. ***Our success is in EACH of your hands.***

Have a Great Summer,

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