



The Band Buzz
CLHS Falcon Band Booster Club (FBBC)
Houston, Texas
www.clhsband.org

A Glance at Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 5, 6, 7 & 9	Summer Band Camp	7am-4pm
Aug. 6	Fall Equipment Night (more info below)	6-8pm
Aug. 8	Fish Camp & Pep Rally Summer Band Camp	to be announced 1:30-4pm
Aug. 9	Rock-a-Thon (more info below)	6-midnight
Aug. 12-15	Summer Band Camp	4-8pm
Aug. 16	Summer Band Camp Marching Band Demo & BBQ	4-6:30pm 6:30-8pm
Aug. 19	First day of school, no rehearsal	
Aug. 20-22	Full band Rehearsal	3-5:30pm
Aug. 26	Winds & Percussion Rehearsal	3-5:30pm
Aug. 27	Color Guard Rehearsal	3-5:30pm
Aug. 28-29	Full Band Rehearsal	3-5:30pm
Aug. 30	Football game vs. Manvel Challenger Columbia Stadium	7pm

Note: If there is a conflict between the official calendar at clhsband.org and the Band Buzz, use the official calendar. All future band events are listed on the band calendar.

SUMMER BAND CONTINUES...

Facebook:

Please follow *Clear Lake Falcon Band* on Facebook where you can find lots of photos from last week's marching band activities.

Calendar:

The 2019-2020 band calendar is online at www.charmsoffice.com/charms/login.asp, as well as www.clhsband.org/calendar.html. The best way to stay on top of band is to synch the calendar with your phone; instructions for doing so are below the calendar on the clhsband link above.

On charmsoffice, **clearlakehsband** is the school code, and your initial password is your child's school id number. It's a good idea to visit charmsoffice to verify that your email address is correct so that you receive information from the directors and the booster club. After your first time logging on, you will create a password. All forms needed during the year will be at clhsband.org and charmsoffice.com.

Please note that although this calendar reminder will be emailed each week, the website is the official calendar.

Register as a CCISD Volunteer:

CCISD has implemented a new volunteer application, which now requires volunteers to register on an annual basis.** In order to volunteer with band boosters, please apply or renew your status as a volunteer at ccisd.net/volunteer or click here.

***CCISD employees already undergo criminal history checks annually and, therefore, don't need to register as a volunteer and go through a second criminal history check. ***

Parking/Drop Off Reminder:

Please do not drop students off or park anywhere on the yellow football field painted on the back parking lot (red lot). Students will need to park or be dropped off on the turf field side of the parking lot, NOT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE BAND HALL DOOR.

Equipment Night

Fall Equipment Night is **Tuesday, August 6** at the CLHS Main Building Commons. Band and Color Guard parents (and students optional), including other activity students, need to attend.

5:30 - 6:30 PM Seniors/Juniors/Sophomores;
6:30 - 7:00 PM Freshmen -- Last Names A-L;
7:00 - 7:30 PM Freshmen -- Last Names M-Z

Below is a link to the JotForm to place your Fall E-Night orders. Please complete and submit the JotForm: one per student. All totals will automatically carry to the bottom. You will receive an email at the address you put into the form with your selections. Please print the email and bring with you to E-Night. It is best to wait and write your check at the cashier table in the event any last-minute changes have to be made. Checks can be written to Falcon Band Booster Club or FBBC, and credit cards will be accepted with a 4% credit card fee.

Please fill out the JotForm, print the confirmation email and join us at E-Night!
<http://form.jotform.com/90925034086154>

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

WHAT IS FALL EQUIPMENT NIGHT?

Fall Equipment Night is for picking up any band items ordered in the spring and purchasing items from the Falcon Band Booster Club. These items include game meals, game drinks, water jugs (if not purchased in the spring), contest meals, booster club membership, spirit items, and tickets for the BBQ following the preview show. It is also an opportunity to help make a difference in the Clear Lake Band and Color Guard programs. Fall E-Night is also a tax-free night. You will not be charged sales tax on August 6. Students who place late orders will be subject to higher prices, sales tax, and additional shipping charges.

WHY WAS THERE AN EQUIPMENT NIGHT IN THE SPRING AND NOW THIS ONE?

During the Spring Equipment Night, you ordered and paid for the required band items (shoes, heat uniform, practice shirts, gloves, music folders, lyres, etc.). We do that during the spring so that the students will have everything they need in time to be distributed at the Fall Equipment Night. When we did both in the fall, it was a challenge to get these critical items ordered and distributed before the first game.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER ACTIVITY STUDENTS?

Other activity students who ARE NOT attending any of the practices, football games, or contests are not required to purchase items from the Fall Equipment

Night, but we do ask that they attend to pick up band items they ordered in the spring (if any).

WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO EQUIPMENT NIGHT OR TO MY STUDENT'S SCHEDULED TIME?

We ask parents to make every effort to attend Fall Equipment Night at their designated time. If that isn't possible, you can email me at dxkita@aol.com.

I JOINED THE BOOSTER CLUB DURING THE SPRING EQUIPMENT NIGHT. DO I HAVE TO JOIN AGAIN?

No. If you paid to join the booster club during the Spring Equipment Night in May, THANK YOU! You DO NOT need to join again. If you're not certain if you've joined for the 2019-2020 year, please check with the membership table during Fall Equipment Night.

Rock-a-Thon FAQs:

WHEN AND WHERE WILL IT BE?

Friday, August 9th from 6 pm to midnight, in the Lake High school commons.

WHY IS IT CALLED "ROCK-A-THON" WHEN THE KIDS ARE IN ROLLING CHAIRS?

This goes back to when this fundraiser was started. Originally the kids spent the night in rocking chairs and would rock the night away. The movement limitations for rocking chairs were noted and eventually they moved to rolling chairs. Rolling chairs are not provided and your child will need to bring their own with them. They are allowed a 5-minute break every hour for bathroom breaks.

WHAT ARE THE DONATION LEVELS FOR ENTRANCES AND PRIZES?

The levels are \$65 to be admitted; \$100 for a free drink; \$150 for a free pizza; \$200 for free Chick-Fil-A nuggets; and \$250+ for grand door prize tickets. Regular door prize tickets are awarded at the above levels as well. The more donations collected, the more goodies your child will earn.

CAN I JUST WRITE A CHECK FOR \$65 SO THAT MY CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE?

Yes! The reason we have your kids send out donation letters in June and solicited extra donations in August is to take the \$65 burden off of you. We realize that being in band can get expensive, and this is your chance to ask others to help out. All checks should be made out to "FBBC."

WHY DOES MY BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP COUNT TOWARD PRIZES BUT NOT THE \$65 ENTRANCE FEE?

Booster Club Membership has many membership levels of, starting at \$40 a year. Any amount that you choose over the \$40 level, your child will get that difference credited towards their Rock-a-Thon prize levels. We want to reward

them for you being supportive parents! However, this is still a major fundraiser and we need funds being credited to "Rock-a-Thon" in the budget not just "Membership." It helps to not skew our budget numbers. Rest assured, every dollar earned goes to the same place ultimately and that is to helping our band be the greatest! If every band member participates at the \$65+ level, we will raise over \$11,000! Every dollar stays in the band program to offset expenses that we incur each year.

MY CHILD HAS GOTTEN SOME MORE DONATIONS, WHAT DO I DO WITH THEM?

You have two options here. I will have a table next week at E Night, feel free to bring them to me there or have your child bring the donations with them to check-in on Friday. The more donations I receive prior to Friday, the quicker their check-in will be because it will already be totaled for prizes.

WILL THERE BE FOOD FOR THE KIDS TO EAT OR DO THEY NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN?

Pizza and chicken nuggets will be given out as prizes; we will not have any food for sale. However, the kids who win the pizzas tend to share them with their friends. The pizzas will arrive around 7:30, the chicken nuggets after 9:00, so please plan on late meals. Kids are always welcome to bring their own food and drinks.

CONCESSIONS FOR SALE?

We will have drinks for sale during Rock-a-Thon. For drinks we will have Coke, Sprite, Coke Zero, Dr Pepper, Gatorade and Water, if your child does not like these drinks, they can bring their own. Everything is \$1.00 each. Please plan on sending your child if \$1's, \$5's and \$10's as we will not be able to make change if everybody brings \$20's. Also, we will accept no bills at the concession stand over \$20.

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL THERE BE?

The kids are allowed to bring their gaming systems with them, so don't be shocked when you see game consoles and TVs walk out the door that night. All games and movies will need to be checked in for director approval and nothing with a "Mature" rating will be allowed. They also need to bring their own extension cords. Throughout the night there will also be group activities that all will participate in. Have you ever played Dodge Ball while in a rolling chair? It is hilarious to watch! Mr. Pearce presides over the games between the grades and between the sections. We will also be adding a sibling game, Older vs Younger. We are also adding Chair Races this year.

HOW CAN I HELP OUT?

There are many volunteer opportunities and a Sign-Up Genius has been made. The link to it is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a9ab22aafa7-rockathon>

HOW MUCH MONEY DOES MY CHILD ALREADY HAVE IN DONATIONS?

If you want to know how much has already come in for you child, please email Lisa at lisaklin@gmail.com.

I think I have covered everything but if you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to email one of us, Jeanine (jeanine.rainer@gmail.com) or Lisa (lisaklin@gmail.com). We will have a table Tuesday night at E-Night and can answer your questions there as well. I will have most current reports with me that night so that I can tell you your totals to-date.

Thank you for all your help and support of the Falcon Band Program!
Jeanine Rainer and Lisa Lin
Rock-a-Thon Co-Chairs

Falcon Band BBQ:

On Friday, **August 16**, at 6:30 PM, the band and booster club will be hosting the annual Falcon Band Barbeque and Exhibition. The Falcon Band will perform at 6:30pm on the JV football field followed by a barbeque dinner in the cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased on the JotForm for E-Night.

Have a great week and see everyone again tomorrow before 7am in the Clear Lake HS Band Hall!

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