



# Cimarron-Memorial High School Bands

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Dear 2011-2012 CMHS Band and Color Guard Parents & Students:

To begin with, WELCOME to the CMHS Band and Color Guard program!!! I am extremely excited for the upcoming year. This coming year will be the best yet, as we have many new faces entering our program, all with unique talents and abilities, as well as many experienced veteran band members returning to our band "family", and working to make this the absolute best year of the Cimarron-Memorial Band and Color Guard this school's ever had.

This year is also exciting for me personally, as I am entering my fourth year at Cimarron-Memorial High School as the band director. The past three years have proven what hard work and determination really can achieve, as the band and guard programs have grown steadily each year, and the performances and rehearsals have become more exciting and engaging for all those who have seen us. We now have a highly regarded reputation around our district for having fun, memorable, and engaging performances (especially after the 2010 Plan of Attack show). This band is STILL, to this day being talked about and revered for the truly "original" ideas we brought forth in 2010 with "Plan of Attack" - especially the "green sticks"!

So, I'm sure the question on everyone's minds will be - "What does Cimarron-Memorial have in store this year?" That answer, will come in just a few short months with our field show for the 2011 Marching Season!! I wasn't sure how we could top "Plan of Attack" - well, I found a way.....parents, stay tuned.

Aside from our performing successes, the students and I have enjoyed the huge amount of fun times and memories we have had through the years. I've seen a lot of growth from the members of the band not only musically, but socially as well. I also, think this will be an emotional year as I personally look to see through my first 4-year senior class here at Cimarron-Memorial. I have a feeling this will be a special year in many ways.

This year will be exciting, fresh, new, invigorating, and once again above all else, educational, and fun. We have many challenges to meet this year, but I think with this incoming group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the returning band and guard members, we can meet the challenges head on and have a successful and truly monumental year.

The following pages are here to inform you about the "happenings" and important information this fall season. **Band camp (in other words, marching band "training") is rapidly approaching us here in about 3 short months**, so I want to re-announce the dates for band camp, (the dates were in the 2011-2012 Course Catalog) - and announce other important items that you need to know about.

Below, is the 2011-2012 Band Camp Schedule for the CMHS Band and Color Guard. Band Camp is **mandatory and required**, of any member of the Band or Color Guard. This is where the students learn the music for the competition show, the pep music they will play throughout marching band season, and where they will learn the basics of marching, and begin learning the competition show on the field. These rehearsals are in large part, why we are so prepared and ready for the season when it starts!! Band camp is required of a student to have spot written for them in the field show.

**Failure to show up to band camp will result in the student being named an "alternate" - to where they will not have a permanent spot on the field for the show. It is VITAL that all members registered for band, be at band camp rehearsals.**

Below are the dates and times for this year's camp, as published in the 2011-2012 CMHS Course Catalog. **ALSO IMPORTANT - ALL REHEARSALS ARE HELD AT THE SCHOOL - THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT OUT-OF-TOWN CAMP.**

## **2011 CMHS BAND CAMP SCHEDULE**

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> –  
*PERCUSSION/COLORGUARD ONLY; 11am-2pm*

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>–  
*INSTRUMENT CHECKOUT – 8am-10am,*  
***FULL BAND AND COLORGUARD REPORT (EVERYONE); 10am-4pm,***  
*then, (4-6pm Dinner), then,*  
*ALL STUDENT LEADERS, FRESHMEN AND NEW MARCHERS TO THE*  
*CMHS BAND ONLY; 6-9pm*  
***(All veteran CMHS Band members will be excused to go home after 4pm, on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>).***

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>–  
*FULL BAND AND COLORGUARD (EVERYONE); 1pm-4pm,*  
*then, (4-6pm Dinner), then,*  
*ALL STUDENT LEADERS, FRESHMEN AND NEW MARCHERS TO THE*  
*CMHS BAND ONLY; 6-9pm*  
***(All veteran CMHS Band members will be excused to go home after 4pm, on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>).***

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> –  
*FULL BAND & COLORGUARD (EVERYONE);*  
*1-4pm Music **and** 6-9pm Marching, 4-6pm Dinner*

**\*\* (Band Camp Schedule Continues on NEXT PAGE....)\*\***

Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> –  
*FULL BAND & COLORGUARD **(EVERYONE)**;*  
*1-4pm Music **and** 6-9pm Marching, 4-6pm Dinner*

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> –  
*FULL BAND & COLORGUARD **(EVERYONE)**;* 5-9pm

*\*\*Look for an end-of-camp parent performance to culminate on the final day of band camp, or a home football game that same night.*

*More information to follow in your July 2011 mailer.*

**Please schedule family trips, vacations, and other conflicts around these two/three weeks before school starts.** Keep in mind that this band camp schedule is being released well before any fall sport schedule. If you have any questions, please speak to me. **Work, babysitting, vacations, and other excuses like these are not excused.** Please work these kinds of conflicts out ahead of time.

It is very imperative we have all members of the band and color guard present at camp. Missing any significant part of camp due to *non-school related activities*, **will** affect the member's standing in the ensemble. **This year we will once again begin learning the drill for the competition show DURING band camp – attendance is imperative so that you have a spot on the field!**

Please, take the time to mark all of these dates down now, and make sure that all outside work schedules are adjusted, and that vacations are planned before the time band camp starts. Everyone's presence is important so that we have an amazing year!

The students' participation in camp, as eluded to before, will also count towards their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grade, and full participation in camp is required to be placed in the field marching show; **anyone who simply "no shows" band camp will automatically be made an "alternate"** – where you will not have a permanently assigned spot on the field. *If there is an extenuating circumstance that absolutely cannot be worked out at this time, please contact me.* But if at all possible, please work everything out to be at band camp – it will once again, be a blast!

**\*\*IMPORTANT** - If you play a fall sport, please email me with your sports schedule or bring it to camp the first day – so that we can work out when you can be in both your sport and band. **It is possible to do both your sport and band without any penalty in band, you can participate in both activities! School sports are considered "school-related activities", therefore, your standing in the band will not be affected.**

Transportation to and from rehearsals is the responsibility of the student and parent; however, on the 4-6pm dinner breaks that are in the schedule during camp, the band room will remain open for students to stay and hang out if they wish.

## **BAND/GUARD YEARLY FEES**

The next item I would like to bring up is the **2011-2012 CMHS Band/Guard Fee**. These fees are required of every member of the band and color guard – as these fees help pay our staff and section specialists for working with us, the drill for the show we have custom-made for us, the band t-shirts that each student will receive at band camp, and entry fees for the band competitions, so that we can attend the local marching band competitions, our busses so we can get to our performances, band and guard equipment, among many other things.

In the event that **money is or becomes an issue within your family, PLEASE, still be in the band/guard. We will work out any type of payment plan to accommodate you and your family's needs. No one will be denied participation because of money.**

The band fee due of every member this year will be **\$110.00**. The money is due by the end of the first week of camp, on *Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>*. (If you cannot meet the deadline, PLEASE, contact me and we will work out an alternative payment plan! We want all who wish to be in band to be able to participate!)

For new members, the next fee is also a required fee, as this will pay for the **black, dress marching shoes** that the students wear with the band uniform. If you already own these “special” marching band shoes, then this fee is not required. You can of course order new ones, if you wish. **This fee is \$25.00, and the order is through the band office. The total for any new member will be \$135.00 if they need to order shoes.** AGAIN – PLEASE CONTACT ME IF THERE IS A HARDSHIP! We don't want anyone to be dismayed by the financial commitment! We will work with you to make it so you can be part of this!

The first year for any new marching band member is the most costly, but please be assured that we want everyone with the desire to participate!

## **TUESDAY EVENING REHEARSALS THROUGH THE MARCHING BAND SEASON**

Throughout the course of the marching band season, regular, required Tuesday night rehearsals will be in place throughout the season from **5:30-8:30pm every Tuesday evening, beginning with the first week of the school year, on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, through the end of the marching band season, in early November.**

At the end of marching band season, concert band Tuesday night rehearsals will be scheduled only as they are needed, and the students will receive those particular dates on the first day of band camp. These rehearsals are where we will really be able to “dig in” to learn, coordinate, and clean the marching band show. If there are any questions about Tuesday night rehearsals, please let me know! (Again, bring me your sports schedules if you play a sport, so we can review any potential conflicts on Tuesday evenings). These rehearsals again, are **required**, and school sports/activities will not count against you if there is a time conflict. **We will work with you.**

## COLORGUARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

All of the above announcements apply to the Color Guard as well as the band – but also I’d like to bring up a few items specifically for you:

- 1) Color Guard during the school year has **required** Tuesday & Thursday Night Rehearsals. Your first Tuesday evening rehearsal will start with the first week of school, on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, and your first Thursday evening rehearsal will start on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

You will have TWO weekly evening rehearsals. **Tuesdays will be from 4:30-8:30pm, and Thursdays will be from 4:00-8:00pm.** The reason why the color guard has two evening rehearsals weekly is because you do not meet with the band during 1<sup>st</sup> Period. Two night rehearsals a week, and then performances, are what is expected of any color guard member. Realize you will not meet every day, so practice outside of rehearsals is expected!

- 2) ALL GUARD MEMBERS WHO ARE NEW – you also are responsible for the \$25.00 shoe fee – because there are specialized guard shoes that all members of the color guard must own, and the order is through the band office. (If you are a returning member and already own these, you do not need to purchase them again).
- 3) Please make sure you wear clothing you can “move in” when you arrive to band camp on August 8<sup>th</sup> – in other words, preferably no jeans or tight pants – as you will be stretching, dancing, and spinning flags and equipment. This is for any time we have a guard rehearsal.
- 4) If you have any questions about guard practices and what is expected – please let me (Mr. Melton) know! We are incredibly excited for the future of the guard program.

## FINAL THOUGHTS.....

I just want to say that words cannot describe my excitement for the coming year! I know I gave everyone a lot of information at once, but – band camp is only three short months away! I cannot wait to begin!

If you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like to simply introduce yourself before band camp starts – please feel free to give me a call at CMHS – (799-4400, ext. 4040) – or send me an email at [cmelton@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:cmelton@interact.ccsd.net).

Be ready for band camp – all the marching (which can be done by all, even while playing, yes it can be done!) – great music, great friends, fun times, the beginning of putting our 2011 competition show on the field, and the 2011 Drill Down Championships to culminate at the end of band camp!!! (If you don't know what a drill down is, believe me it is FUN!) I look forward to seeing everyone again in August for another incredible year.

I also look forward to meeting all new incoming freshmen, new people and their parents to the Cimarron-Memorial High School Band and Color Guard Program. Have a restful, fun, and safe summer vacation – and we'll see all of you in August! Welcome to our band family!!

Sincerely,

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P.S. – Check out our CMHS Band Website! The website has pictures from last year's band, as well as being updated with THIS year's happenings throughout the summer.  
<http://cmhsbandlv.org>.

P.S.S. – Look for a SECOND band/guard mailer to arrive in July – with more detailed information about band camp, and other information if anything changes over the summer.

***\*\*\*\*Finally, if you have a Facebook account – search Cimarron-Memorial High School Band and Color Guard – and then “Like” the page – and then you will be always up to date on information about the band program!! (Call times, performance attire, website updates, etc.) It's the easiest way to stay informed about band and guard “happenings”.\*\*\*\****

**<http://facebook.com/CMHSBandandGuard>**

**THE NEXT PAGE IS IMPORTANT FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS – READ ON... ..**

*ALSO - No matter what band you are signed up for – (Advanced Band or Marching Band) –  
IT IS THE SAME CLASS.*

*Marching Band rehearses during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Concert Band rehearses for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters.*

*Also understand – that Marching Band is listed as “Early Bird” on the student’s schedules – but  
we do **NOT** meet for an Early Bird Class. The class is on the schedule simply so the students can  
receive credit for the marching band. We **DO** meet every day for 1<sup>st</sup> Period Advanced Band.*

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!**

If you haven’t signed up yet, you still can!! Just have your parents call your counselor to  
get yourself on board. If you have friends still “on the fence” – encourage them to sign  
up and join you in August!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN,  
AWESOME YEAR!!!!!!**

**\*\*The following pages pertain to orders  
for CMHS Band merchandise if you wish  
to place an order over the summer  
months.....read on.....**

**.....And, ATTENTION ALL BAND PARENTS!!!**

**Have you always wanted something to wear to band events that represented the school  
and the band?**

**Have you always wanted to wear the maroon and gray to support your son or daughter  
when they are at games or at competitions?**

**Well - here is your chance!!!**

**We have "Cimarron-Memorial BAND PARENT" T-Shirts!! These shirts will cost \$10.00  
each, checks can be made payable to Cimarron-Memorial High School.**

**If you'd like to order a band parent t-shirt so we can have a "sea of maroon" at football  
games and competitions supporting the kids as they perform, you can place an order  
over the summer!!**

**ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE PLACED FOR SUMMER ORDERING BY JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

**Please fill out the form on the backside, and return by June 30<sup>th</sup>! Thanks for your  
support!!**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**# of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Size(s): S M L XL XXL XXXL**

**Mail form with payment to:**

**2301 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128, attn: Curtis Melton**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

**ATTENTION ALL INCOMING FRESHMEN &  
NEW MEMBERS TO THE 2011-2012  
CIMARRON-MEMORIAL BAND!**

*You now have a chance to purchase the "official"  
Cimarron-Memorial High School Band  
HOODED SWEATSHIRT!*

*Each sweatshirt comes with the students' graduation year on the left sleeve and can last the student all 4 years in the CMHS Band or Colorguard.*

*This is a great item to have as a member of the band or colorguard, and is a new tradition we started in 2009.*

If you would like to "get a jump" on this for the new year, please fill out this order form and send it with a check or money order for **\$35.00**, made payable to **Cimarron-Memorial High School**. Address the envelope to Curtis Melton, 2301 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128

The summer order will be placed in July, so all "early bird" orders will need to be postmarked by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, to receive your sweater(s) upon arrival at band camp.

You can of course, wait until band camp to send your order with your student, and then additional orders will be placed at band camp.

Parents, you may order one as well if you'd like to be able to support the Cimarron-Memorial Band colors at our performances! And returning members, you may order a new one if you wish.

**\*\*If you decide to order more than one (one for your student and one for yourself as the parent/guardian - please note that in the quantity line and specify what size corresponds to which graduation year.\*\***



CLASS OF 2010



**\*\*Note that the sweater is Maroon and the Artwork is Gray and White.\*\***  
**\*\*The "Class Of" text is in Gray.\*\***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL

THANK YOU - AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AT BAND CAMP!!

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> - First day for Percussion and Color Guard**

**Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> - First day for EVERYONE**

**The Cimarron-Memorial High School Band**

**Invites.....**

All families and businesses to join the Cimarron-Memorial High School Band Scholarship Pledge Drive! All sponsors will have their family name or business name memorialized on a plaque located in the band room. In addition, each sponsor will be recognized in all performance programs throughout the school year, and on our band website on the home page as a sponsor of the band.

(detach below portion)

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**SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION**

Name (as it should appear on the plaque, programs, and website)

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Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to sponsor the band at the following level:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bronze = \$100 (Yearly membership)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Silver = \$250 (Yearly membership)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold = \$500 (Yearly membership)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Platinum = \$1,000+ (Lifetime membership)**

**Return this portion to the bandroom with your check. Tax Exempt I.D. will be provided upon request along with receipts for tax purposes.**

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**Las Vegas, NV 89128**