

## LOCK-IN INFO

The Band Council proudly presents ... Summer Lock-in! The lock-in **starts at 9 PM** after the Family Picnic on **August 16th!** What so special about Band Lock-in? Games, movies, basketball tournament, music, dance, band Olympics, special presentation by Seniors, & Freshman surprise...

What can you bring to make it a HUGE success?

Freshmen bring: cookies/candy/dessert

Sophomores bring: drinks-6 pack or 12-pack

Juniors bring: chips/dips

Seniors bring: anything

Once you check in at 9 PM expect to stay until 7 AM!!!!!!!!!! **Pick-Up time 7 AM**

## Family Picnic

Friday, August 16th, at 5:30 PM at Frankie Carter Randolph Park. The park is just West of Clear Brook on FM 2351 in Friendswood. The band booster will be grilling hot dogs for all the band members and their families. How can you help? Follow the table below. Bring just the item or items assigned from the list below:

If your last name begins with:	Please bring the following items:
A,B,C,D, or E	Hot Dog Buns 2 packages
F	Napkins (200 Count)
G,H,I,J, or K	Chips (1 super size or 2 regular)
L or M	Dessert (finger food such as, cookies, brownies, cupcakes.)
N,O,P, or Q	Dip or pickle relish
R	Grated cheese

S, T, U, V, W, X, , Y, or Z	Dessert (finger food such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes...)
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**BRING YOUR OWN:** soft drinks, insect repellent, lawn chairs. Come early! At the picnic you can buy band shirts, hats, lanyards, luggage tags, aprons, drink tickets for the games (this way band members have a drink provided at every game), and join the Booster Club!

### **Physical Forms Due Now!**

**One last reminder about Physicals. Forms MUST be turned in to participate in Band Camp - PERIOD! Forms are still available in the band hall and at the CBHS front office.**

### ***What Every Freshman Band Parent Should Know by Cathy Whitehead—Proud Brook Band Mom since 1997***

Welcome to the wonderful world of Clear Brook marching band! You and your band kid are about to become part of the best organization at Clear Brook. We have the finest directors, the most involved parents, and definitely the most dedicated and talented students...and we certainly have the most fun! The Brook Band Booster Club is going to be your best source of information about marching band through our monthly meetings, website, and online newsletters. But there are always a few details that somehow get lost in the shuffle. This first in a series of articles will try to answer some questions you may be having about beginning this new adventure. Subsequent articles will take you through marching contests, Homecoming, Region Band tryouts, concert season, band trip, and band banquet.

#### ***Prologue – Summer Band, Family Picnic, Band Lock-In***

Summer Band begins early for incoming freshmen. This is when the drum majors and drill leaders work with the “fish” to teach them how to stand and play and roll those feet and count those yard lines...all at the same time! Then the whole band joins them and they slowly but surely turn a confusing series of patterns and a lot of unfamiliar music into an award-winning half-time show. (Remember: Band Parents are always welcome to watch marching practice anytime!) Every morning, your band kid will be working hard out on the front parking lot, which is marked with yard lines, and then learning and playing the new music inside the band hall. Refer to the superb article by Drum Major Andrea Sugano in the last issue for tips on keeping hydrated and healthy, what to bring to practice, and the Summer Band schedule. (Freshmen will be dismissed in plenty of time to attend the Brook Fish Camp on Monday, August 12).

During Summer Band, the Band Directors arrange for a sales representative to come to school to take orders for marching shoes and some other items you will definitely want to consider buying:

- marching shoes, state-institution-style black, usually about \$30 (these are most definitely required, as everyone’s feet must look and move the same)
- heavy-duty zipper garment bags, black with red monogram, to transport marching uniforms to and from games and contests (this particular bag is not required, but your student must have a similar garment bag to use for this purpose)
- tote bags, black with red monogram, to carry shoes, extra black socks, snacks, etc. (not required, but nice to have)

Mr. Atkinson, with Booster parent help, will fit the kids with marching uniforms during the second week of Band Camp. Freshmen typically end up with pant legs or jacket sleeves 6 or 8 inches too long, but the necessary alterations will be noted. Also be on the lookout for the Band Student Handbook which will be sent home during Band Camp; it is full of vital information as well as several important forms which will require your attention and signature.

The Family Picnic on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the main event of Summer Band for us parents...you can't miss this! This is when we have an informal Band Booster meeting, introduce this year's officers and committee chairs, listen to the band play a selection from this year's show, join the Band Boosters Club, eat hot dogs and yummy desserts, sweat a bit, listen to the Drum Line's amazing cadences, volunteer for the many jobs we do for the band, sweat some more, and break out our checkbooks. Understand that you are not required to buy anything, but you won't be able to resist the great t-shirts, polo shirts, tote bags, aprons, luggage tags, lanyards, and more. All proceeds benefit the Booster Club, which in turn uses every dollar to support the Brook Band. Two items on your shopping list that evening are critical: your Booster Club membership dues and a drink ticket for your band kid (refer to the article elsewhere in this issue for more info on this) so don't forget at least those two things.

Back at Brook later that same evening the band kids, along with the directors and an adequate number of parent chaperones, will stay up all night at the Band Lock-In. This is such a great time for the freshmen to get to know other kids better and just a totally fun and worthwhile evening/night/morning. Encourage your fish to come!

### ***Ready or Not ---School Starts, Daily Practice Continues***

When school starts on August 19, your band kid will experience very long days as daily marching practice shifts to the after-school schedule. They usually have a half-hour to an hour after school before they are required to be out on the parking lot to begin practice. Pack them a healthy snack and encourage them to drink lots of water during this time. But make sure they know they must be ready to roll when the Drum Majors want them! Freshmen are often assigned “chores” like helping move equipment from the Band Hall to the parking lot and back again. They practice until 5 pm, when the Drum Majors dismiss them with a Brook Band tradition that you must see...shivers of pride are guaranteed. Your kid will be dead tired and pretty stinky, so hang that air freshener in the car for the ride home.

In the meantime, the Band Directors are teaching the music to the individual band classes during the school day and overseeing the design of the marching program. You will find tiny squares of paper with arcane codes (which I still can't decipher) in your kid's pockets...keep them! These are their positions during the different sets of the program. Mr. Atkinson will arrange to have t-shirts designed to tie in with the theme of the marching show ordered and delivered in time for the first game. They usually cost \$10 and you must buy one of these shirts for your kid to wear under their band uniform at all times.

***Here We Go -- Football Season Starts Sept. 6 (Away Game at Strake Jesuit 8900 Bellaire Blvd. Houston)***

### ***Friday Afternoon Before a Game***

There is short run-through on the practice football field (grass!) behind school from about 3 to 4 pm. The band then has a break until about 5 pm when they report back to the Band Hall to check-out uniforms, load large instruments, and get ready to board CCISD buses at about 5:30 (for a 7 pm kickoff at CCISD District Stadium or earlier for an away game). For some kids, this hour break is not long enough to go home, clean up, eat, change, etc. So, many of them will bring their marching clothes that morning and the parents will deliver “bag-o-dinner” to the Band Hall between 4 and 5 pm. Your band kid should definitely eat and drink during this break...there can be no food or drink on the bus ride and there's no time to eat after arrival at the game, first chance to eat is during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, which is usually about 8:30 pm. Here's what your kid should have and be wearing when he/she gets on the bus to go the game:

- garment bag with assigned uniform *neatly* inside
- assigned hat box
- small instruments
- tote bag with extra black socks (perpetually packed just in case), sweat towel, personal items, etc.
- themed t-shirt, light-weight shorts, black socks, and black marching shoes (a real fashion statement)

There are always two or three Booster Club chaperones (screened and trained) on each of about 8 band buses. Your kid signs up for a specific bus, must answer roll call before and after the game, and is asked to cooperate fully with the chaperones and the bus driver. (Please note: If your student plans to ride home from the game or any other band event with you instead of on the bus, he/she must submit a parent-signed Alternative Transportation Form to the Band Directors at least two days before the game/event—no exceptions to this safety rule!) During the bus ride, the chaperones distribute Drink Tickets to those kids who have purchased them to be redeemed during third quarter break for an ice-cold drink of their choice.

### ***We're at the stadium—now what?***

After the buses are parked, the band kids put on their uniforms over t-shirt and shorts, collect instruments and tote bags (they shouldn't leave anything on the buses), and march into the stadium. At CCISD Stadium, the home stands are on the north side, closest to FM 2094, and the band sits on the east end, closest to entrance gates (directors announce where band sits at away games). Booster parents will have positioned large jugs of ice water in the stands which will be distributed to the dying-of-thirst band after warm-up and National Anthem and throughout the first quarter as necessary.

You may buy your home game tickets at the gate for \$5 or buy them at school during Thursday or Friday lunchtimes in the commons for less. You may also buy convenient season tickets through CCISD Athletic Office for all the home games. Band Parents typically sit fairly close to the band (like about the 20 yard line; forget the 50, dads) to see all the fun and hear the awesome “stand music”. Great stuff to dance to...and speaking of dancing, don't be alarmed when you see your band kid in the stands...they're just having fun, honest.

The band plays in the stands during the first and second quarters and then moves down to the field for the half-time show. After their portion of the show, they accompany the Brook Celebrities Drill Team for a couple of numbers and then they're done. During the third quarter, the band kids are on break and usually hang out behind the stands while they eat, drink, and visit. (This is where the all-important Drink Ticket comes in—buy one to avoid your kid standing in line at the concession stand and wasting valuable break time). The Band Directors ask...insist...demand that the kids be back in their seats ready to play when the clock rolls over to begin the fourth quarter.

### ***Game's Over—Back to Band Hall***

After the game, the band plays the school songs and then boards the buses for the return trip to school. When they arrive back at the Band Hall, they check-in uniforms and hat boxes, collect their stuff, and get picked up. Most parents come in the Band Hall to wait or you can pick them up outside. By the time all is said and done, your kid's Friday will have lasted from about 6 am till about 11 pm...whew.

### ***What else for now?***

Join the Brook Band Booster Club, of course. Make it a priority to attend our monthly Booster Club meetings (first one is September 3) which are held in the Band Hall on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Try to find a volunteer slot that looks manageable to you so you can get your feet wet. Check the website often ([www.clearbrookband.com](http://www.clearbrookband.com)) and print out the monthly newsletters. Call someone in the Booster Club if you have questions or concerns about anything, anytime. Come to the practices, games, and marching contests to show your support as the Band works toward this year's ultimate goal...**STATE!** I'll have more next month...until then, **WITH PRIDE!**

Cathy Whitehead, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Band Booster Club  
281-488-0315 [rwhitehead1@houston.rr.com](mailto:rwhitehead1@houston.rr.com)

## **Uniform Help Needed!**

We will start on August 5th at 8:30 with fittings for the seniors. Fittings will continue until we are done. Then the hemming processing will begin. **Extra hands are needed for the fitting process and the hemming.** Call Debbie Jones for more information or if you can help!!  
281-992-8785

### ***What do I need to buy to be ready for the season?***

- The "*Bag Mar*" is coming on August 13th. Each year, Brook Band members have the opportunity to purchase garment bags and tote bags with the Clear Brook Band logo. The garment bags are a must for travel with the band uniform (unless you already own one). Tote bags are good for carrying music, instrument, socks, shoes, etc. into the stands at the football games and on the buses. More information will be available during band camp, including prices and delivery dates. Be on the look out for information coming home about these products.
- Band shoes will be sized and ordered on August 8th and 9th. Every student is required to have a pair of black band shoes. Freshmen in particular must be sure to order their shoes during these 2 days. Upperclassmen need to make sure they can find their shoes from last year! If not, this is the time to order them. Clay Keiffer will be selling them through his business, and the marching shoes are *\$30.00* a pair. Mr. Atkinson has a few used pairs available in the band hall for *\$10.00*. Check with him to see what sizes are available.

The 2002-2003 Clear Brook Band Handbook will be sent home on August 9th. This handbook will include a complete calendar for the 2002-2003 band season, band policies, football game procedures, grading guidelines, etc. Be on the look out for this valuable resource! More importantly, the back page of this handbook will include a form for both the parents and the students to sign and return to the band office, indicating that they have read the handbook and agree to follow the guidelines set forth in it. In addition, this form must also be returned with a check for the yearly uniform cleaning fee (*\$22.50*) and a check for the band T-Shirt, which every student is required to buy as part of their uniform. Shirts usually cost *\$10.00*, but the final amount will be available in the handbook. Please make sure you read through the handbook and return the form and check by Friday, August 30th.

## Golf Tournament Update

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Clear Brook Band Booster Club Golf Tournament will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Clear Creek Golf Club. A 1:00 shotgun start will begin the 4 Man Scramble event. Entry fee is \$100 per person or \$300 per team. Hole Sponsorships are \$100 each, and include sign, program, newsletter and web site recognition. If you would like to sponsor or ask those businesses you patronize to help sponsor the tournament, sponsorship registration forms are available. Volunteers are needed to help organize and work the day of the tournament. Entry forms and sponsor registrations may be obtained and volunteers may sign-up the night of the band picnic, August 16<sup>th</sup>, or by contacting Randy or Chris Tunstall at 281-488-6376, e-mail: randytunstall@cs.com.

*See Sponsorship and Registration forms on page 7 and 8 of this newsletter!*

### *Changes in the Band*

As some of you may already know, Mr. Stuckey has resigned his position at Clear Brook in order to become the new Director of Instrumental Music for the Texas City school district. His new duties will include administrative responsibilities for the Texas City district's Music Education program, as well as being head band director at Texas City HS. This new position represents an opportunity Mr. Stuckey felt was too good to pass up. He will certainly be missed in the Brook Band Hall, but we wish him all the very best at Texas City.

We will be seeing a new face in the Band Hall when the new Assistant Director, Meredith Amelung, joins us in August. She is a 2002 graduate of New Mexico State University and attended El Paso High School. She plays the flute and did her student teaching at both the intermediate and high school levels. Her husband has accepted a position with Clear Lake Intermediate as Choir Director. Meredith is eager to get started and very excited to be joining the Brook Band family.

In the meantime, Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Miller will share Head Director responsibilities. They both want to assure everyone that they will continue their ongoing commitment to the Brook Band and will do everything in their power to insure the continuing success of the program. Mr. Atkinson reports that the marching show is finished and ready to roll, and Mr. Miller and Mrs. Keiffer are putting the final touches on the drum parts and Color Guard choreography. All of them are confident that, with a lot of hard work from the students and support from the parents, the Brook Band is headed for another fantastic year.

### **Farewell Party for Mr. Stuckey**

*Come enjoy swimming and refreshments as current and former Band students and their folks say "Live Long and Prosper" to Mr. Stuckey. The party will be on Wednesday, August 14 from 7-9 pm at the City of Webster Swimming Pool located at*

*311 Pennsylvania in Webster. From NASA Road One, turn southeast on Walnut Street, then left on Pennsylvania.*

*The Booster Club will provide cake and asks that each student bring a six-pack of soda or bottled water to share. See you there!*

## **Colorguard Corner**

**Hi, I'm Sarah Adkison, a colorguard parent going on three years now. I would like to welcome new colorguard parents to the band and give them a little insight into what it's about in the twirling of the flags. Some frequently asked questions:**

### **What are the sewing days for?**

**Our colorguard is 50 strong this year and that's a lot of flags. During a half time performance each guard member may twirl two, three, or four flags! We can make these flags ourselves at a cost of about \$5.00 or purchase them at a cost of about \$45.00 a flag. You do the math! So we have sewing days on Saturday mornings before field season to cut, and sew and create the beautiful cloth you see waving on the field.**

### **What is this winterguard thing in the spring semester?**

**Winterguard is actually competition for colorguard. Mrs. Keiffer and other artistic directors put together a choreographed routine with many props and a painted floor. We compete at regional, state, and national levels.**

**Other activities we take on are the Homecoming Carnival, where we sell the colorful, streaming Brook Halos, and picture Buttons.**

**We will also host a mini clinic on Sept. 21. This is our main fund-raiser and we will use some of the funds to take the guard to see Blast in January.**

**Some important dates for colorguard parents to know are:**

**August 12-Colorguard parent meeting 7 pm in the band hall**

**August 13-15 Colorguard clean out 3-5 pm in guard room**

**August 24, 31, and Sept. 7 sewing days 9-1 pm at Brook commons.**

**Know that as a colorguard parent you are a member of the Clear Brook band boosters. The dates of the meetings and other events are in this newsletter. Become an active member!**

**The pleasure for parents is to watch your kids shine on the field and in competition.**

**I have made friends with some wonderful parents and enjoy being part of the band.**

**I think you and your kids will too!**

**Sarah Adkison  
281-996-9107**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
August 12, Monday	7 pm	Colorguard Parent Meeting
August 13-15	3-5	Clean-up days in the Colorguard Room
August 24, Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Flag Sewing Day in the commons
August 31, Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Flag Sewing Day
September 7, Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Flag Sewing Day
September 21, Saturday	7:30 am—12 pm	CG mini-clinic
February 8	TBA	Colorguard Contest (tentative)
March 1st, Saturday	TBA	CG Regionals at Cline Forest
April 5-6	TBA	CG Championships in San Marcos

**Clear Brook High School Band Booster Club  
Membership Application  
2002-2003 School Year**

**Student Information:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instrument Played or Color Guard</u>
_____	_____	_____
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**Family Information:**

	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<b>Name:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Street Address/Apt. #:</b>	_____	_____
<b>City/Zip Code:</b>	_____	_____
<b>E-mail Address (work)</b>	_____	_____
<b>E-mail Address (home)</b>	_____	_____
<b>Home Phone:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Work Phone:</b>	_____	_____
<b>Student's Phone (if different):</b>	_____	_____
<b>Employer:</b>	_____	_____

Note: Employment information will be kept confidential.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if email delivery of the newsletter is NOT an option for your family.

I would like to help in the following areas (check as many as possible):

**Suggestions and Ideas:**

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**Membership Fees:** The Membership Fees (per family) of the Clear Brook Band Booster Club for the 2002-2003 school year are shown below. Please make you checks payable to: **CBHS Band Booster Club**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$15.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Allegro Membership \$25. Clear Brook Band Booster Club is a tax exempt organization.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crescendo Membership \$50.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fortissimo Membership \$100.

**Thank you for supporting the Clear Brook Band Boosters!!!!!!**

August 1-2 (Thur.-Fri.)	8 am—1 pm	Band Camp for Incoming Freshmen, Colorguard and Drum Line
August 5-9 (Mon.-Fri.)	8 am—1 pm	Band Camp for Everyone
August 12, Mon.	8 am—1 pm	Band Camp for Everyone
August 12, Mon.	7 pm	<i>Colorguard Parent Meeting</i>
August 13-15 (Tues.-Thur.)	3 pm—5 pm	Band Camp for Everyone (temp. time change -Inservice for directors) <i>Colorguard –clean-up day in CG room.</i>
August 16, Friday	8 am—1 pm	Band Camp Everyone (back to original time)
August 19, Monday	7:30 am	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
August 19, Monday	3 pm—5 pm	After school marching practice begins!
August 24, Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Colorguard Flag Sewing Day in Commons
August 31. Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Colorguard Flag Sewing Day in Commons
September 2, Monday		Labor Day Holiday
September 3, (Tues.)	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
September 6 Friday	7 pm	Away Football Game (CB v. Strake Jesuit)
September 7, Saturday	9 am—1 pm	Colorguard Flag Sewing Day in Commons
September 13, Friday	7 pm	Away Football Game (CB v. Dobie)
September 21, Saturday	7:30 am– 12 pm 2 pm	<i>Colorguard Mini-Clinic</i> Home Football Game (CB v. Pasadena)
September 28, Saturday	2 pm	Away Football Game (CS v. Smiley)
September 28, Saturday	TBA	Region Jazz Auditions
October 1, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
October 4, Friday	7 pm	Away Football Game (CB v. Baytown Lee)
October 5, Saturday	TBA	North Shore ISD Marching Contest
October 11, Friday	7 pm	Home Football Homecoming (CB v. Galveston Ball)
October 13, Saturday	TBA	Homecoming Dance
October 18th, Friday	7 pm	Away Football Game (CB v. Clear Creek)
October 19th, Saturday	TBA	UIL Region Marching Contest

October 26, Saturday	TBA	2 pm	UIL Area Marching Contest      Home Football Game CB v. Alvin)
November 1, Friday	7 pm		Away Football Game (CB v. Clear Lake)
November 5, Tuesday	7 pm		Band Booster Club Meeting
November 8, Friday	7 pm		Home Football Game (CB v. Brazoswood)
November 25-29			Thanksgiving Break
December 3, Tuesday	7 pm		Band Booster Club Meeting

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
December 10, Tuesday	TBA	District Band Auditions
December 14, Saturday	TBA	Region Band Auditions
December 2-13	TBA	Band Auditions for Spring 2003
December 12, Thur.	7 pm	Winter Concert
December 23-January 6		Winter Break
January 7, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
January 11, Saturday	TBA	Area Band Auditions
January 17-18 (Fri./Sat.)	TBA	Region Band Clinic and Concert
January 20, Monday		Teacher Inservice
January 23-26 (Thur.-Sun.)	TBA	Senior Musical "Grease"
February 4, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
February 8, Saturday	TBA	<i>Tentative Colorguard Contest</i>
February 12-15		TMEA Convention and All State Band
February 22, Saturday	TBA	Solo and Ensemble @ CCHS
March 1, Saturday	TBA	<i>Colorguard Regionals at Cline Forest</i>
March 4, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
March 10-14		Spring Break
March 6, Thursday	7 pm	Orchestra Extravaganza
April 1, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
April 3, Thursday	7 pm	Pre-UIL Concert

April 5-6 (Sat.-Sun)	TBA	<i>Colorguard Championship @San Marcos</i>
April 15-17		Band UIL Concert and Sight-reading
April 18, Friday		Student Holiday
April 24-27 (Thurs-Sun)		Band Spring Trip -(Tentative)
May 6, Tuesday	7 pm	Band Booster Club Meeting
May 8, Thursday	7 pm	Spring Concert
May 10, Saturday	7 pm	Jazz Band/Percussion Ensemble Concert
May 12,-16		Band Auditions for Fall 2003
May 24, Saturday		Graduation
May 26, Monday		Student Holiday
May 30, Friday		Last Day of School

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

All band members are invited to the Ice Cream Social in the commons of Clear Brook High School on August 9 at 1 PM.

**WHAT CAN YOU BRING?** One box of your favorite individually wrapped ice cream/dessert treats. Please make arrangements to drop off the ice cream treats after NOON in the commons. For more information call Margaret Frazier, Hospitality Chair 281-992-0649