

Hello Wildcat Band Family,

Marching season is upon us again! We look forward to lots of fun, learning, growing, and above all, excellence! Please know that we need your support in order for us to be successful! Listed below you'll find the dates we've chosen for our summer camps and rehearsals – please mark these dates on your calendar and try to schedule vacations and appointments around them. Also, please find attached information regarding next year's band fees, payment schedules, and other important items.

Don't forget you can check out the schedule for the rest of this year online at our website, theplayingcats.com. The calendar is updated with symphonic band auditions, leadership auditions, concert and banquet dates. Don't forget to use our CHARMS system (link available on the website) to monitor your student's account! We hope you all enjoy your summer; stay safe and we'll see you at camps!

Mr. Young & Mrs. Smith

Rookie Camp:

- **Required for all incoming freshmen and student leaders**
- June 6-10, and June 13-17 (Mon - Fri) 7:30AM – 1PM
- Wear shorts, t-shirts, socks, and tennis shoes – no sandals. Bring lots of water or Gatorade, and pack a lunch!

Freshman Parent Meeting:

- **Required of all student leaders and parents of incoming freshmen**
- June 16, 6:30 in the band room

Full Band Camp:

- **Required of ALL band and color guard members**
- Aug 1-5, and Aug 8-12 (Mon – Fri) 7:30AM – 2PM
- Wear shorts, t-shirts, socks, and tennis shoes – no sandals. Bring lots of water or Gatorade, and pack a lunch!

Full Band Night Rehearsals:

- **Required of all wind and percussion players**
- 6:00PM – 8:00 PM
- June 28, June 30, July 19, July 21, July 26, Aug 16, and Aug 18

Band Booster Meetings:

- 6:00 PM, third Thursday of every month, beginning July 19 (***July 19 meeting is Mandatory for all Parents and students***)



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To: **ALL** Booker T. Washington High School Band Students & Parents
From: The BTWHS Band Booster Executive Board
Subject: Band Fees 2011 – 2012

Booker T. Washington High School has a very successful band program. In order to remain successful we must all invest some of our hard-earned time and money in our band program. We receive very little funding through the county – band fees help us cover expenses like uniform cleaning, instrument repair, the purchase of music, travel expenses, instructors, etc.

You can track these fees at work by attending Booster meetings (6PM on the 3rd Thursday of every month beginning July 19th), and can keep track of your student's fees through our online CHARMS system. If you do not already have access to your student's account, we will set you up at one of our Booster meetings. We recommend monitoring your student's account regularly to avoid any surprises at fee due dates!

The 2011-2012 band fees have been set at \$280.00 per student. Instrument rental (ANY school owned instrument) fees are an additional \$75.00. To make the process less painful we've set up a payment schedule, or you can feel free to pay the full amount all at once. All and fees are non-transferable and non-refundable. Here are a few of your options:

1. Payment schedule:
 - 1st \$140 is due by June 13th
 - 2nd \$140 is due by July 19th
2. Payment in full:
 - **DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR EARLY PAYMENT!** The "EARLY ~~BIRD~~ CAT" special! If you can pay the full amount by June 13th we'll take \$30 off your total, leaving your band fees at \$250 for the year. Instrument rental will remain \$75.

All fees must be paid in full to be eligible to participate. Any student whose fees have not been paid in full (or alternate payment arrangements made) by August 1, 2011 will not be allowed to participate in full band camp or any other activities outside of class time (i.e., football games, competitions, parades, parties, trips, etc.). The list of band members delinquent in payment of their fees is submitted to the school administrator for collection, which will prevent the student's participation in other school activities (prom, graduation, etc.) until full payment is made.

If alternate payment arrangements need to be made please contact the Band Booster Executive Board via our website www.theplayingcats.com. We are happy to work with you! Any payment arrangements made must be completed successfully during the year, or your student will become ineligible to participate in band activities. Students and parents are offered many fundraisers and opportunities to raise money (concession stand, stadium clean-up, etc.) to apply toward these fees. All fees *must* be fully paid off before students can make payments toward or attend any trips or other activities.

We are offering a new incentive for parents that attend our Booster meetings! Every Booster meeting you attend this year will deduct \$5 off next year's band fees! If your student is a senior, we will apply the discount to your student's band trip or band banquet ticket.

Once full band camp begins August 1, 2011 ALL band fees will be non-refundable.

Please sign and return the Parent/Student Band Fee agreement with your first payment. The Boosters provide deposit envelopes at the drop box outside the band room office – all money to be deposited into a student's account **MUST** be placed in one of these envelopes, which should then be filled out *legibly* and then placed into the drop box.

Go Wildcats!

(please detach here and include this in the envelope with your first payment)

Parent/Student Band Fee Agreement

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and student, by signing below you agree to meet these financial obligations and participate in the fundraising opportunities to help off-set the cost of being a part of the Booker T. Washington High School Band. These fees must be paid in full by the 2nd week of Summer Band Camp (July 19, 2011).

You also agree that you understand that failure to pay these fees in a timely manner (or failure to fulfill an alternate arrangement with the Boosters) will mean that the student is *not* eligible to participate in activities outside of the daily band class.

Likewise, you also understand that all fees are non-refundable past the first day of full band camp, August 1, 2011.

I will be paying (check all that apply, then write in the total below):

- Early (before June 13th) and in full: \$250.00
- In payments
 - 1st due June 13th: \$140.00
 - 2nd due July 19th: \$140.00
- Instrument Rental = \$ 75.00

TOTAL: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Student Signature	Date