

# **Freshman FAQs**

## **Where can I get info about band?**

The JET Band website, [www.jetband.org](http://www.jetband.org), is the source for all **Director and student information**. For the monthly practice and event schedule, click on the Calendar button then Charms then Public Calendar.

The **Jet Band Blast** is dedicated to **Booster information** and is sent out weekly. To get on the distribution list, send an email to [blast@jetband.org](mailto:blast@jetband.org).

## **What do I need to bring or do for Summer band?**

Eat breakfast or bring it along with a water jug, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, tennis shoes, music & instrument. A Frog Togg is great for keeping you cool - available at Wal-Mart or Academy.

## **Lunch during Summer band - what are the options?**

Students are not allowed to leave campus during lunchtime. They may bring a lunch or purchase lunch from the JET Fuel team ("JET Fuel" is the name of the parent volunteers who provide meals for the band students). JET Fuel lunches includes a sandwich (Chick-fil-a, Whataburger, Schlotzsky's, etc.), chips & cookies. The form with the daily menu is on our website. All meals must be pre-paid and ordered by the Required Parent Meeting at the end of July.

## **Money Day - do you need to be there and are there any payment options?**

It is **essential** that you come to Money Day. This is when all gear, shoes, accessories, performance shirt and shorts are ordered. Boys need to order concert shirt, tie and cummerbund. Fees for game/contest day meals, transportation, etc are also included. Cash, check or Pay Pal options are available. If you have any of these items, please bring them on the 2nd day of summer band to be verified. Any additional questions, please go to the Money Day link on our website.

Any financial concerns need to go to Mr. Ary.

## **What is after school practice like during football season?**

Practice takes place after school from 3:30 - 6:00/6:30 p.m. (usually) 3 days prior to a football game with a run-through performance before the game on game day. Students will go to the band hall after school, eat a quick snack (because they'll need it) then grab their instrument, water jug, sunglasses, hat and head to the practice field. Percussion students can expect to stay 15 minutes longer to put away the "pit" equipment.

## **What are volunteer points & who do you report them to?**

There are no more points, just hours rounded up to the highest hour. Keep track of all volunteer hours and report them monthly to [points@jetband.org](mailto:points@jetband.org). It is never too late to turn in your hours!!

## **Where & when do you buy football tickets?**

For games at Rhodes Stadium, tickets can be bought individually at each game at the gate or in the THS commons, two days prior to the game at a discounted price (cash or check only). Season tickets cover all games at Rhodes. For away games, tickets are available at the gate. Athletic passes are also available and cover all sporting events.

## **Pep Rallies - where and when?**

Usually occur on Fridays at 10 or 2 in the main gym. Come early & grab a seat in the Commons to watch the band march from the band hall to the gym, then make your way to the gym. Sit high up in the bleachers on the west side with all of the other parents & wear your JET band shirt.

## **What are script cards?**

Through Shopwithscrip.com & the JET Band, you can buy gift cards for stores and restaurants. A percentage of your purchase will go into your student's trip account. The script cards committee chairperson will explain how this process works.

## **What are good volunteer positions if you work?**

Most volunteer opportunities will have the option to sign up via Sign Up Genius.

Jet Fuel - help serve food to students on weekend games.

UIL Hospitality - help serve concessions at UIL Region Marching contest at Rhodes Stadium in October, help serve judges and sell concessions to students during Region Band Auditions in December and Junior High UIL auditions in March and April on weeknights and weekends.

UIL Room Monitors - help monitor the rooms during UIL auditions weeknights and weekends.

Faculty Breakfast - provide food for the faculty on the day of their in-service training before school starts.

Tide Troopers - wash uniforms at your home. All cleaning products with instructions will be provided.

Concert Uniforms - help hand out uniforms to the different bands during Spring concert season.

Garage Sale - help Friday night receiving/inventorying items or Saturday during the sale.

Homecoming Mums - can take work home.

## **Helpful Hints:**

\*\* Money Day - be sure to buy 2 pair of socks, 2 pair of shorts and 2 JET band performance shirts so you won't be washing clothes at midnight for the next day's contest.

\*\* During marching band season, put all accessories like socks, shorts, performance shirt, gloves, rain poncho & garment bag in the band duffel bag and keep it in the same location so students remember to bring it along with the water jug to school on game day.

Safe in the Band Hall - use this to turn in forms, \$, etc. - the safe is located by the band hall door with envelopes on top of it. Place your info in an envelope then label with student's name, \$ amount and what's inside. Drop into safe and it will get to the appropriate person.

Percussionists - make sure your student has ear plugs.

Email [freshman.mentoring@jetband.org](mailto:freshman.mentoring@jetband.org) with questions or concerns.