

THOMAS JEFFERSON

HIGH SCHOOL

JAGUAR

MARCHING BAND



2011-2012

This handbook was created to serve as a guide and introduction to the policies, procedures, projects, and activities of the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band

Thomas Jefferson High School Bands

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Welcome to the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band. The TJHS Marching Band means a great deal to those of us who have been a part of its recent successes and wish to uphold the group's fine tradition. It is our sincere hope that you will find many long lasting friendships, earn the respect of those around you, and feel genuine pride in a job well done. We expect mature, responsible attitudes and actions – combined with lots of hard work.

By accepting membership in the TJHS Marching Band, you agree to perform to the best of your abilities and work hard together with the band staff in making this year's band the finest musical organization that our combined efforts can produce.

You are expected to:

Report consistently and promptly to all rehearsals and performances – to be in the right place at the right time in the proper dress or uniform with your music, instrument, and /or other required equipment, ready to put forth committed effort needed to accomplish excellence.

Practice sufficiently to be prepared to rehearse and perform at the highest level according to your capabilities.

Cooperate to the fullest with your leaders knowing that you will be held accountable for your actions and your contribution to the success of this organization.

Every year is a new challenge and knows that you will make a difference. We're delighted you have chosen to become part of the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band, and we're looking forward to another exciting year.

Always Do Your Personal Best!

Visit www.tjband.com for the latest information.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND STAFF 2011-2012

Director of High School Bands: Mr. James R. Mirabella
Assistant Band Director: Mrs. Julie Lucci
Associate Lower Brass Instructor: Mr. Greg Erdely
Majorette Instructor: Ms. Jamie Ostroff
Color Guard Instructor: Mrs. Kairy Little
Associate Percussion Instructor: Mr. Daniel Hrvatin

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PATRON OFFICERS 2011-2012

President: Mrs. Noreen Gramm
Vice President: Mrs. Laurie Whitt
Treasurer: Mr. Henry (Hank) Churilla
Secretary: Mrs. Kathy LoPresti

MISSION STATEMENT

The TJHS Marching Band is an educational arts program dedicated to providing the youth of our high school and community with the means to develop life, musical, and performance skills, build character and foster teamwork while cultivating the talents of tomorrow's leaders.

The Thomas Jefferson High School Bands are among the area's most respected musical organizations. The bands have been invited to and performed at several prestigious events, and will continue to travel and perform across the United States in the years to come.

During the 2010-2011 school year, the Thomas Jefferson Bands was honored with the following awards:

Pleasant Hills Community Day Parade – Outstanding Parade Entry
Kennywood Fall Fantasy Parade- Marching Band
Brentwood High School Band Festival
Bethel Park High School Band Festival
Mt. Lebanon High School Band Festival
Pittsburgh Steelers vs Baltimore Ravens AFC Division Game
Pittsburgh Steelers pep-rally
Walt Disney World – "Share a Dream Come True" Parade
Jefferson Hill Memorial Day Services
Floreffe Memorial Day Services

2011-2012 Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band Summer Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Tuesday	May 31	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Wednesday	June 1	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Thursday	June 2	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Friday	June 3	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Monday	June 6	Freshman Meeting	7:00 pm	AUDITORIUM

(Shoes and gloves fitting-purchase)

Band Camp Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Monday	August 08	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	August 09	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Wednesday	August 10	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 11	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Friday	August 12	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Monday	August 15	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	August 16	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Wednesday	August 17	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 18	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Friday	August 19	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR

After School Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Tuesday	August 23	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 25	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR
<u>EVERY</u>	Tuesday & Thursday	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR

This will run through the **FIRST NINE (9) WEEKS** of school.

The Director of Bands will post a new After School Schedule for the **SECOND NINE (9) WEEKS** of school.

All after school rehearsals are mandatory and will go towards your weekly Participation grade,
Rehearsal grade and Equipment/Attire grade.

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2011-2012 Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band Game/Festival/Parade Schedule

During the football season the band will rehearse on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm – 4:00pm.**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REPORT TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Saturday	August 13	PH Community Day Parade	9:00 am	PH Presby. Church Parking lot
Friday	August 19	Kennywood Parade	9:00 am – Closing	BR
Saturday	September 2	Away Football TBA @ Woodland Hills Stadium	TBA pm	BR
Friday	September 09	Home Football South Park	6:15 pm	BR
Friday	September 16	Away Football McGuffy	5:30 pm	BR
Saturday	September 17	TBA HS Band Festival	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	September 23	Away Football Baldwin	6:00 pm	BR
Saturday	September 24	West Mifflin HS Band Festivals	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	September 30	Home Football Elizabeth Forward	6:15 pm	BR
Saturday	October 1	<i>TJ Band</i> <i>Band Festival</i>	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	October 7	Home Football Chartiers Valley	6:15 pm	BR
Friday	October 14	Away Football Trinity	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	October 21	Home Football Belle Vernon – Senior Rec.	6:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	October 25	Halloween Parade Pleasant Hills Presby. Church	6:00 pm	Church Parking Lot
Friday	October 28	Away Football West Mifflin	5:40 pm	BR
Friday	November	WPIAL Play-Offs Begin	TBA	
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day Parade	9:15 am	Lobbs Cemetery (Floeffe Fire Dept. Hall)
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day Service	10:15 am	Jefferson Memorial

The Band will continue to perform as long as the TJ football team remains in the playoffs!!!

BR= Band Room

AUD=Auditorium

TBA= To Be Announced

Please realize that this schedule is subject to minor changes. An event may be added or deleted or times may change. The Director will indicate such changes at least two weeks prior to the change of event.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE REASON THE TJ “JAGUAR” BAND IS SUCCESSFUL.
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE ALL MANDATORY REHEARSALS AND
PERFORMANCES.

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The TJHS Marching Band Chain of Command

1. The Director of Bands is in charge of administering the total musical and visual marching band program at TJHS.
2. The Assistant Directors of the Marching Band help the Director in the following areas: the teaching and selection of music, charting and teaching of drills, evaluation of the musical and visual program, evaluation of personnel, and working with the Director throughout the marching and concert band season.
3. The Percussion Instructor is directly responsible to the Director. The Percussion Instructor is in charge of the entire aspect of the marching percussion section including: show music, cadence, warm-ups, and marching/maneuvering. They are in charge of running and maintaining sectional rehearsals, as well as contributing during the full band rehearsals.
4. The Majorette and Color Guard Instructors are directly responsible to the Director and are in charge of administering and evaluating the majorette and color guard portion of the program.
5. The Drum Majors are directly responsible to the Director and Assistant Director and have specific responsibilities assisting in the drilling of the band and fulfilling a field generalship role in rehearsals and performances. Auditions/interviews for this position will be held in May. All Drum Majors must attend an educational/motivational camp during the summer.
6. Section Leaders will be appointed through the recommendation of the Director and Assistant Directors. Section Leaders will be selected in May through an interview process. Section Leaders are responsible for their specific units or sections of the band. Section Leaders will be outstanding marchers, teachers, and leaders. They are to help maintain order during all events, submit requests for necessary equipment and props to a staff member, and to act as peer leaders - both on and off the rehearsal field.
7. Auxiliary Captains will be selected through an audition process during their general auditions for a position on the squad for the upcoming school year.
8. TJHS Marching Band Member - - YOU - - the individual band member and auxiliary member is the backbone of the organization - - the one who sees that tasks get accomplished. You are the future leaders of this organization!

Whom To See For What

Questions about band problems.....	Band Director or Assistant Director
Questions about attendance.....	Band Director
Any music problems.....	Section Leader
Lost or damaged music and drill pages.....	Band Librarian
Color Guard problems or questions.....	Color Guard Instructor
Majorette problems or questions.....	Majorette Instructor
Percussion problems or questions.....	Percussion Instructor
Missing uniform part or repair.....	Any Member of the Uniform Committee
Instrument checkout or repair.....	Band Director or Assistant Director
To get extra drill sheets.....	Band Librarian
Questions or problems with the drill.....	Section Leader
Medical problems.....	Designated Chaperone with Medicine or Band Director
Packing and loading of instruments.....	Truck Crew
Getting permission to use the restroom.....	Any Staff Member
Getting a drink of water.....	Any Staff Member
Getting permission for absence or early dismissal.....	Band Director
Financial difficulties relating to participation in band.....	Band Director

TJHS Marching Band Regulations and Guidelines

Attendance Policies

1. In order for you to truly become part of one of the top musical organizations in this area, it is imperative that our precious rehearsal time is maximized. Your commitment to the success of the ensemble will be directly reflected by your attendance and preparation for each and every rehearsal. You will succeed or fail as a group, not as individuals. Therefore, it is mandatory that you are present, prepared, and prompt for each rehearsal and performance. Marching Band is a unique course at Thomas Jefferson High School. It has curricular requirements, just as any other academic discipline, but it also has out-of-class requirements. Band is a learning activity. Rehearsals, whether during or after school, or in camp are the means by which students learn, and by their very nature cannot be reproduced or made-up. Rehearsals are not optional, and are reflected in the student's daily grade. No unexcused absences will be tolerated.

2. There are occasions when absences cannot be avoided. These must be cleared with the Director at least 24 hours in advance. **Please Note that only excuses for emergency situations will be accepted after an event.* To facilitate being excused for a rehearsal you must submit a written excuse signed by a parent/guardian. There will be an excuse drop off slot outside of the Director's door. An absence will be considered excused if:

- a) you have a medical emergency, accompanied by a physician's note
- b) there is a death in your family
- c) you have a personal illness (Hospitalized)
- d) you have a significant family responsibility (wedding participant)
- e) an unavoidable academic or school related conflict at TJHS that has been previously cleared with the Director of Bands and School Administration

**If an emergency occurs the night or day of an event, call the band office, and leave a message if possible, or send an email to the director, or bring an excuse to the next band event or rehearsal.*

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3. Unexcused absences from **REHEARSALS** will result in the following action:

- a) first unexcused absence the day of or before a performance – the student(s) will not perform at the performance but is still required to be at the performance in full uniform.
- b) second unexcused absence- participation grade will be a "0" zero and the student(s) will not perform at the performance but is still required to be at the performance in full uniform
- c) five unexcused absences- failing grade and removal from the Marching Band for the remainder of the year.

4. Unexcused absence from a **PERFORMANCE** will result in the following:

- a) first unexcused absence - performance and participation grades will be a "0" zero
 - Make-up performance grade immediately (1 to 2 days following missed activity) with individually playing test of performed musical selections
- b) second unexcused absence - performance and participation grades will be a "0" zero NO make-up playing test and possible dismissal/removal from the Instrumental Music Program for the remainder of the school year.

c) third unexcused absence - failing grade (the nine weeks grade will be a 0% (zero percent) and removal from the Instrumental Music Program for the remainder of the school year.

5. All Auxiliary members are required to perform at the Memorial Day services. Those members returning the next school who do not perform at this service will forfeit their position in the line for the next school year. Seniors will not fulfill the Marching Band Participation Requirement and will forfeit their Senior Plaque Band Award and any other awards given out through the TJHS Music Department.

6. In the event that a student belongs to a non-TJHS organization, which may be appearing, rehearsing, or meeting during the same time, the TJHS group (Marching, Concert Symphonic and Jazz Bands) will take preference.

7. The TJHS Marching Band will adhere to the following philosophy: A TJHS game or other TJHS event will take preference over a Marching Band rehearsal; a Marching Band performance will take preference over any other TJHS practice or meeting. In the event that a TJHS game or event is scheduled opposite a Marching Band performance, the student must inform the Director at least two weeks in advance of the conflict, so that a solution may be reached. The band Director's decision will be final, and subjected to the above attendance policies.

8. Employment is not an excuse for missing a rehearsal or a performance. Any student who misses a rehearsal or performance due to work will be charged with an unexcused absence and subject to the above attendance policies.

9. Consistent tardiness to rehearsals and performances impedes the flow of the band's progress and negatively affects the morale of the organization. Beginning with the second unexcused tardy, your grade will be lowered two percentage points.

10. The Marching Band will perform as long as the Football Team remains in the playoffs. The WPIAL and PIAA do not post schedules for playoff games until the Monday before the game. We will be expected to participate in all playoff games. These games are required and are subject to the attendance policies. Playoff games are usually on Friday evenings, but may also occur on Saturday afternoons. Be prepared, plan ahead for the playoffs!

11. The attendance policies listed above apply to all Marching Band rehearsals and performances, football games, parades, and special events.

12. Each student is expected to come to a rehearsal and a performance prepared and ready to participate to the fullest of their ability. Any student that comes to a rehearsal or performance and does not actively participate will lose two percentage points off their band grade. This includes, but is not limited to: forgetting an instrument, not having a reed, mouthpiece, sticks, mallets, batons, or flags, not having music, not having the correct shoes for marching, etc. (Students that have medical excuses or verified instrument repair issues will be exempt from penalty).

13. Each day of band camp missed will result in a student suspended from performing in an up-coming event. The student **MUST** attend the performance/activity to receive a participation grade. If a student does not attend the docked performance /activity then both the performance and participation grade will be a "0" zero.

Grading Policies

The Marching Band Grade is made up of the Performance Grade, Participation Grade, Playing Test, Routine Test (Auxiliaries) Equipment/Dress, Uniform, and Instrument.

Each category will contain a certain number of points to earn.

Equipment/Dress – Auxiliaries will lose points for improper dress and no/wrong equipment during practices and performances.

Instruments- Students will lose points for improper care – improper storage – poor workability (not playing properly due to sticking valves/keys – split reed – damaged mouthpiece – damaged stick(s) - etc...)

Performance Grade

1. The performance of the entire band and auxiliaries as one unit.

- Music execution
- Drill execution
- Basic Fundamental Marching execution

2. The individual performance of the students during a performance.

- Music execution
- Drill execution
- Basic Fundamental Marching execution
- Dot Book (auxiliary)

Music Fundamentals

- Memorization
- Dynamics
- Phrasing
- Rhythm
- Articulation
- Tone Quality
- Intonation

Basic Fundamental Marching Terms

- Step-offs
- Halts
- Mark-time
- Left and Right Slides (Traverse) (8 to 5)
- Horn Position playing (10 degree above level or to press box – parallel to yard-lines)
- Horn Position not playing (horns down and parade rest)
- Forward Marching (8 to 5)
- Backward Marching (8 to 5)
- Adjusted Marching
- To the Rear (auxiliaries)
- Body Posture and Carriage

- Head and Body Posture - Carriage (auxiliaries)
- Hand and Arm position with equipment (auxiliaries)
- Equipment position

Drill Fundamentals

- Field Position
- Alignment/spacing between individuals
- Proper execution of each form
- Clean execution from one position to the next position

Routine Fundamentals Auxiliaries

- Execution of designed routine per-song (standing still an/or moving to drill)
- Head and Body Posture - Carriage
- Hand and Arm position with equipment
- Equipment position (Baton/Pole/Rifle etc... angle)

Uniforms and Equipment

While in uniform you not only represent yourself, but the entire Thomas Jefferson Marching Band. Therefore, while in uniform your conduct should be exemplary. Also, you should always wear your uniform proudly and in the proper manner.

1. You will be issued a uniform, which you will find in excellent condition. **YOU** are responsible for keeping it that way. They have been designed exclusively for the TJHS Marching Band and are not to be used in any way that is inconsistent with this policy. The *basic* uniform, provided by the school, consists of three pieces: 1) a Shako, 2) a Jacket, and 3) a pair of Pants.

Since this uniform can easily identify you as a member of the Marching Band, it must be worn only at authorized appearances and IT MUST WORN PROPERLY, which includes:

- A. jacket fully zipped - collar hook fastened
- B. black socks (crew sock or knee height)
- C. black marching band shoes (must be purchased and fitted in June)
- D. black marching band gloves (must be purchased and fitted in June)

2. A raincoat will be issued to each band member for use in case of inclement weather. We will decide before parade block if raincoats will be necessary for that day's performance.

3. The uniform also consists of your official TJHS Marching Band t-shirt. All incoming freshmen and new members will be issued one t-shirt at no cost. Replacement t-shirts are available at a minimal cost from the boosters. The t-shirt must be worn under the band jacket at all performances. This will prevent perspiration from staining your jacket and also provides a uniform look for the band. You may not wear any color other than **BLACK** (a plain T-shirt if not the Band Shirt) under your uniform jacket. In the event of cool weather, prepare yourself. Wear a heavier shirt or sweatshirt under your jacket as well as long jogging pants or thermals under your uniform pants. You may only wear an official Thomas Jefferson Marching Band Jacket or a plain black winter jacket over your uniform while in the stands. In case of extremely cold temperatures, around or below freezing, the Director will inform you as to proper attire for performances. There will be absolutely no wearing of colors other than black, gold, or white over your uniform.


4. Proper care and cleaning of the uniform is essential not only from the standpoint of taking care of school owned property, but also from the standpoint of pride. When the band performs on a fall afternoon or evening, the visual impact must be as great as the musical impact.

This means that each and every member must do his or her utmost to ensure that their uniform is in good condition and that their shoes are clean and polished. Thomas Jefferson High School will pay for three uniform cleanings throughout the year. You are responsible for taking the uniforms to the dry cleaners within a time frame that will be designated by the uniform committee. It is your responsibility to inform the uniform committee immediately if your uniform becomes soiled or damaged in any way.

If caught in the rain, allow the uniform to dry at a normal room temperature, away from the radiator. The wool will recover its original texture.

All uniforms must be hung on a wooden or heavy molded plastic hanger. Wire (metal) hangers bend and allow the uniform to fall into the bottom of the garment bag. Only wooden or heavy molded plastic hangers will be accepted for transporting uniforms to performances. When hanging the coat in the closet, be sure there is a sufficient space to allow it to hang freely without crowding. This will keep its lines present, indefinitely.

5. Proper fit of the uniform is important for good looks, student comfort, durability, and fiscal reasons. The coat should have enough room in the shoulders to enable you to move easily. A good test is to touch your hands with your arms extended. If the back of the coat around the shoulder blades feels excessively tight, it is too small. A good rule in determining sleeve length is to remember what position you must play your instrument. When you are in this position, the sleeve should come down to the bottom of the hand. The coat should be long enough to come to about the waist in the front.

6. The pants should touch between the top and center of the shoe (heel  while standing at attention. Suspenders are used to adjust the length to some extent. (especially when the pants are too long). **DO NOT CUT** any part of the uniform when fitting your child. Parents will replace at their own expense any pants that the cuffs are damaged due to pants worn improperly or not fitted correctly,

7. The shako is worn straight on the head, not off to one side, tipped back, or on the bridge of the nose. The chinstrap should be all the way under the chin. The brim of the hat should be pulled down so that it is even with the eyes when looking forward. Male and female students who wear their hair long are requested to tuck their hair under the hat so that it remains off the collar and inside the shako. Long hair should never hang down from the headpiece. The plume will be issued at each performance and collected at the end of the performance. Under no circumstances are you to take the plume home with you.

8. The uniform checked out to you should fit you properly. However, you may need to make some minor alterations. Please feel free to alter the uniform as explained by the uniform committee. You may not under any circumstances cut any uniform material.

9. All shoes must be kept cleaned and polished before arriving for a performance. Do this at home, not on the bus; you may get polish on your uniform.

10. No jewelry is to be worn while you are in uniform (watches, neckpieces, bracelets, rings, earrings, etc.). Leave your jewelry at home!! This rule is in place from the standpoint of a uniform look as well as to protect you from losing your valuables. Do not expect any staff member or chaperone to hold on to your personal jewelry while you are in uniform. Any piercing that cannot be removed for a performance must be covered with a flesh tone band-aid.

11. The only items to be placed in your garment bag should be your band jacket and pants,. Do not stuff your garment bag with your hat or hatbox, personal belongings, or your shoes. These items may stretch and/or rip your garment bag.

12. Replacement costs for school owned uniform pieces are as follows:

(Does not include shipping and handling)

Coat: (band)	\$216.96
Coat: (Drum Major)	\$227.81
Pants:	\$108.48
Pants: (Drum Major)	\$113.90
Hat Box	\$10.75
Shako (hat):	\$49.72
Shako (hat): Drum Major	\$52.21
Plume:	\$15.85
Garment Bag:	\$30.00
Raincoat:	\$120.00(sizes 2x and up additional cost)

13. All uniforms will be collected and inventoried at the conclusion of the Marching Band season. At that time all uniforms will be picked up by the dry cleaners. This will ensure that every student receives a clean uniform for the new band season. Refitting will be done after all the uniforms have been inventoried and cleaned. All returning students will be refitted with their original uniform. If any part of the old uniform does not fit, a different uniform part(s) will be issued.

14. Students must retain their original issued band uniform items. No exchanges with other students will be accepted. Chaperones and staff are not responsible for items that fall, are dropped, or are lost. Any problems with the uniform should be addressed with the uniform committee immediately. If you should have a question about your uniform assignment, please check the assignment sheet issued with the uniforms.

Instrument Care

1. The Thomas Jefferson Band Program will provide the following instruments, free of charge, to its members: mellophones, baritone horns/euphoniums, sousaphones/basses, tenor/baritone saxophones, piccolos, all marching percussion and pit equipment, as well as, all Color Guard accessories for the field show such as flags, poles, etc. The band may also have a limited supply of other band instruments for its members to use. Check with the Director about the availability of an instrument. These instruments must be checked out to you prior to band camp and you will be held responsible for their playing condition during the season.

2. Check-in of all TJHS owned instruments will occur during the final week of the marching band season. Instruments must be returned in good working order (as issued). If an instrument is damaged at a rehearsal or performance through no fault of yours, the section leader and Director must be notified immediately so that the appropriate repairs can be done expeditiously. If an instrument is maliciously or carelessly lost or damaged, you will be charged for either the repair to the instrument or the purchase of a replacement if necessary.

3. Proper care of all instruments (personal and school owned) during the marching season is essential. It is impossible to present a musical performance on an instrument with stuck slides, bad pads, split reeds, or chipped mouthpieces. Also, be aware that many students bring their own instruments to play in the band. When in the stands, treat all instruments with the same respect as if the instrument were your own. We

highly recommend that brass instruments and mouthpieces be flushed periodically in order to remove accumulated dirt and grime. There is no excuse for not keeping your instrument in good playing condition.

Music, Flip Folder, Drill Books, etc.

1. Every TJHS Band member will be issued one set of music and drill sheets. It is your responsibility as young adults to organize these materials as each member sees fit. In the event that edits need to be made, you are required to have access to these materials at every rehearsal, even after the music and drill are memorized

2. If you lose music or drill, report it immediately to either your section leader or the band librarian, who will replace it as soon as possible. Do not wait a couple of days and then expect the music or drill to be replaced immediately.

3. It is advisable for each member to obtain a three ring binder with clear plastic sheets for drill and music. Each student may also wish to purchase an instrument lyre and flip folder for stand music. These items must be purchased on your own. Lyres and marching band flip folders are available through your local music store.

Awards

- **Varsity Band Letter** – Freshmen year – One year of service: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - “B” average or greater. Has not been in ISS, in after school detention, or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.
- **Instrument/Equipment Service Bar** – Sophomore year – Two years of service: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - “B” average or greater. Has not been in ISS for more than 1 time, in after school detention for more than 2 times or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.
- **Service Bar** – Junior year – Three years of service: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - “B” average or greater. Has not been in ISS for more than 1 time, in after school detention for more than 2 times or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.
- **Senior Plaque** – Senior year: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - “B” average or greater. Has not been in ISS for more than 1 time, in after school detention for more than 2 times or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.
- **Manager Band Letter** – Junior year - Three years of service: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - “B” average or greater. Has not been in ISS for more than 1 time, in after school detention for more than 2 times or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.

- **Drum Major** Senior year: Fulfilling all performance and rehearsal requirements. No unexcused absences from a performance or no more than two (2) unexcused absences from a rehearsal. Holding an 80% - "B" average or greater. Has not been in ISS, in after school detention, or Suspended from school throughout the academic school year.

General Rules of Conduct

All rules will remain consistent with the Official High School Student Handbook.

Rehearsals

A well-defined and executed rehearsal technique has a direct impact on the success of the group. It is expected that all members adhere to the following rehearsal etiquette:

1. Be in the right place in the right time with the right equipment. You should have the following items with you at all rehearsals:

a) Pencil; you will need to write several things down on your music and drill at every rehearsal. It is very difficult to remember everything from rehearsal to rehearsal.

b) Drill sheets.

c) Water jugs; every member should have a jug of water especially during the summer months. There will also be water provided throughout band camp; however, it is strongly advised that each member bring his/her own water bottle or jug.

d) It is also advisable that every brass and woodwind member has a towel to set his/her instrument on at outdoor rehearsals. Remember you are responsible for all damage done to a school owned instrument; this includes scratches due to the pavement and cement.

All band members should dress comfortably and appropriately for all rehearsals. It is important for you to realize that we will be outside and moving at nearly every rehearsal. It is also up to you to watch the weather forecast and to dress for it. Appropriate clothing for rehearsals include: t-shirts, shorts, sweats, and tennis shoes (no sandals or dress shoes).

2. Talking during a rehearsal must be kept to a minimum. There is a large amount of band members and a limited number of staff members. We cannot talk over you. Remember, "When the talking starts, learning stops." Do not waste rehearsal time by talking. If you have a comment or question during a rehearsal, wait until the appropriate time. You will have the opportunity to give your input on a regular basis. We will also give you plenty of breaks at which time you may socialize.

3. Always rehearse in the same manner you would perform. Never expect it all to come together the night or day of the performance. All members need to look at section leaders for instrument carriage, horn angles, etc.

4. Rehearsal etiquette is the same no matter who is conducting.

5. It is expected that all members come to rehearsal prepared to enjoy the music and movement of the TJHS marching band. Practice and memorize at home before rehearsal.

6. It is a proven fact that both positive and negative attitudes are contagious. You are expected to exhibit a positive and cooperative attitude at all times. Any student exhibiting a consistent negative, demeaning, or undermining attitude towards staff, parents, students, or the TJHS Band program will be subject to a lowered or failing band grade and permanent removal from the TJHS Band program. Such violations may result in a conference involving the Directors of the Band, the Parents/Guardian of the student, the student, and an appropriate school administrator.

Rehearsal Process

In order to continue to surpass the standards set by previous editions of the TJHS Marching Band, rehearsals must be as productive as possible. Understand that personal time and schedules are valuable to all staff and band members. We do not intend to waste any band member's time with an ineffective rehearsal, as a staff we expect the same from you, the band members. Role definition goes a long way to insure that time is not wasted, and the following list is intended to help clarify each person's role and how they might integrate with other members of the TJHS Marching Band staff:

Drum Majors

Drum Majors will, in most cases, be a part of all drill and music teaching. They will teach fundamentals, aid in the teaching of drill, and conduct the charts when the band rehearses indoors and outdoors.

Section Leaders – Auxiliary Captains

Section Leaders and Auxiliary Captains will be responsible for every member of their section. They should reinforce proper fundamentals and aid in the musical process/routines taught by the directors. They should motivate their respective sections to high levels of discipline.

Majorettes

The Majorette Squad is an elective for students in grades 9 through 12. Students are chosen by audition. Marching routines and feature routines are taught so that the Majorettes can perform with Marching Band at all performances. All performances shall be considered authorized school activities and attendance is required for course completion and credit. Majorettes that play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument must sign up for the Concert Band. Those members will receive a full credit for Majorettes and Band. Majorettes, who do not participate in band, will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for completion of the fall football season. Students must be in the course to participate.

Color Guard

The Color Guard Squad is an elective for students in grades 9 through 12. Students are chosen by audition. Marching routines and feature routines are taught so that the Color Guard can perform with Marching Band at all performances. All performances shall be considered authorized school activities and attendance is required for course completion and credit. Color Guard members that play a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument must sign up for the Concert Band. Those members will receive a full credit for Color Guard and Band. Color Guard members, who do not participate in band, will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ credit for completion of the fall football season. Students must be in the course to participate.

TJHS Instructors

These members of the staff will often be assigned to specific sections or areas of the field and are in charge of those areas regardless of section leader. The Instructors will make final decisions. In general, the role of these members of the TJHS staff is to make certain that the final product is in accordance and agreement with the entire show. Absolutely nobody should be talking during rehearsals except the directors, Instructors Drum Majors, Section Leaders, and Auxiliary Captains. Section Leaders and Auxiliary Captains, however, must keep in mind that they must set the example for proper rehearsal technique since they are in the band doing what all band members need to be doing. They must try to refrain from needless talking. The great leaders of the world never have had to tell anyone about their greatness, we see it in their style, work ethic, and overall approach to life itself. The members of your section will take notice of the same things. Lead by example.

Rehearsal Procedure

1. Directors will initiate one or more tasks. (drill set, rehearsal arc, etc...)
2. Drum Majors and Instructors will make certain each task is performed by the band (cleaning drill, helping those who need it to find spots, etc...)
3. When each task is completed, the Drum Majors, Instructors, Section Leaders, and Auxiliary Captains will be given an opportunity to speak and fix any errors. It is imperative at this critical point that there be no other activity going on in the ensemble!
4. The director(s) will initiate another task, and the process repeats itself.

This is actually a quite simple and common sense system that, if executed properly, will yield tremendous results in our preparation for performance.

Let's have fun and be happy, but NEVER, EVER SATISFIED!

1. Perfection of your section--total presentation and contribution to the whole in performance and rehearsal, including:
 - a) careful attention to individual marching style and music performance
 - b) respect for all verbal or whistled commands
2. Section leaders and Auxiliary Captains will be responsible for the preparation and performance of the music and/or routines. In addition, section leaders and captain will check music markings (dots auxiliary) and memorization of designated pieces, to include "passing off" on memory work (TJHS Fight Songs, Alma Mater, routine of auxiliary members etc.) for each member of the section. Section leaders will pass off, when necessary, their music to the band directors and/or graduate assistants. Auxiliary Captains will perform various routines when instructed by director and/or auxiliary instructor.
3. Section leaders and Auxiliary Captains will assist the drum majors and staff in interpreting and teaching marching maneuvers from drill sheets.
4. Section leaders and Auxiliary Captains will attend regular meetings to discuss the drill or any other topic called by the directors.

5. All members of the TJHS Leadership Council are to set the example for cooperation, attitude, preparation, performance, and "esprit-de-corps" for the entire ensemble. It is through these individuals that the tradition of the TJHS is passed down from class-to-class.

Performance Etiquette

1. Do not be late. Report time for most home games is one (1) hour prior to kick-off. Be in your assigned seat at that time ready to prepare for the evening's performance. Report time for away games and other events will be posted on the TJHS band schedule and on the board in the band room.

2. March to and from the stadium with pride. The uniform is to be worn PROPERLY at all times. Your performance begins with Parade Block and does not end until you are dismissed in front of TJHS or our band buses. Do not break rank until instructed to do so by a Director or Drum Major. There is to be no talking when marching to and from the stadium.

3. You may not eat or drink in your uniform, except for water. Accidents will occur unexpectedly that may soil, stain, or permanently damage your uniform. You will be instructed at performances as to when it is appropriate to remove your band jacket and get something to eat and drink.

4. Running in uniform is strictly prohibited; it is out of character and shows a lack of respect for the uniform and the organization.

5. Do not lean or sit on anything that will soil, tear, or snag your uniform.

6. While at a performance it is imperative that you sit with your designated section. This not only gives the band a uniform look, but also is crucial in maintaining a well-balanced and consistent sound.

7. There are to be no visitors in the stands during a football game. Only TJHS band members, chaperones, band managers, and West Jefferson Hills School District Staff and Administration are allowed in the band's stands. This is important from the standpoint of your safety. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

8. Never polish your instrument or shoes while in uniform.

9. The general rule is that if you have any question as to if you should or should not be doing something in uniform, DO NOT DO IT!! When you are wearing the uniform, you are not looked upon by others as an individual, but rather as a part of the TJHS Marching Band. Most of the spectators and band members from other districts who see you behind the scenes will form their opinion of the ENTIRE BAND from their opinion of how you behave in uniform. This also carries over when you are wearing any TJHS Marching Band Attire, or anytime that you are outwardly representing the TJHS Marching Band.

Leadership Guidelines and Expectations

Introduction

This section of the TJHS handbook is intended to help the leadership of the TJHS Marching Band in the teaching of marching fundamentals, rehearsal procedure, and overall role in producing an outstanding product. It is our hope that by more clearly defining just what it is that you are expected to do as a leader in this organization you will be more confident and effective in your roles. Drum Majors, Section Leaders, Staff, and Directors should read this area of the handbook carefully. Other members of the TJHS band will benefit from familiarizing themselves as well with the concepts and expectations in this section. It is imperative that the leaders in our organization become as familiar as possible with the information in this

handbook and aid in the process of teaching. A unified effort from all will be required in order for everything to be taught effectively and efficiently.

Quality Marching Band

Marching band is a unique form of art, blending sight and sound to present a total product. Of extreme importance, obviously, is how well a band can perform their music while moving. A band that marches with poor technique will also play poorly. The development of marching band from a musical as well as a physical aspect is the challenge that we face. It is important that the proper rehearsal procedures are implemented and that the Staff, Drum Majors and Section Leaders all have a unified approach to teaching. This is the area where I believe our leadership can make a tremendous impact on the success of our preparation.

Production vs. Discipline

The following are rough guidelines for our leadership related to their roles in motivating members of the TJHS Marching Band to remain focused during our preparation:

- 1.) Never interrupt rehearsal in order to yell at a member of your section. If you have a problem with one or more members of your section not working according to TJHS Marching Band standards, then speak to them after rehearsal or in a small group setting. Yelling during rehearsals does nothing to build respect and actually detracts from the rehearsal. You must always keep in mind that the needs of the many far outweigh the needs of the few. Sometimes you may find it effective to ignore troublemakers. Often, they will weed themselves out or make adjustments when they see the rest of the band focused.
- 2.) If you should have to speak to a member or members of your section regarding disciplinary issues, try to make it positive and respectful. Let them know you care and want to help them. Offer your time if they are struggling.
- 3.) Should #2 prove ineffective, your next option is to have a Drum Major speak to the student(s).
- 4.) Should all of the above prove ineffective, have the Director of your choice speak with the student(s).
- 5.) Any member of leadership that has a concern with rehearsal process, drill ideas, etc. should not discuss it during rehearsal with anyone. We absolutely welcome your suggestions and want to hear them, but wait until after rehearsal. Always keep in mind, however, that there must be a unified approach to the running of our organization. That is the reason we've gotten to this point, and we intend on continuing to improve the process...

Director's Prerogatives

The Director of the Marching Band has certain prerogatives. These are:

1. Selection, placement and performance of the personnel. Should a student not be diligent in music preparation or drill/routine preparation, the Director is at liberty to remove the privilege of performance for any given event.
2. Rehearsal time, dates and procedures with consideration for school regulations and policies. It is the responsibility of the Director to notify the organization of any and all special rehearsals and/or performances at least two weeks in advance, if possible. Students will be expected to notify their parents/guardian of the Director's announcement.

3. Any student who quits or is dismissed from Marching Band will not be eligible to participate in any other extra curricular band activity for the remainder of the school year and will lose all status for that year. The student must wait until the following school year to be eligible again.
4. If a situation develops resulting in a parent wishing to have a conference with a Director, it will be held at a time that is mutually agreeable to both parties. All situations necessitating a discussion can be resolved much more amicably with such a conference.
5. Establishing and enforcing all guidelines and rules related to the Marching Band.

Discipline

It is a fact that there should be few discipline problems in this organization. The members of this band have worked too hard and too long in building the quality and reputation of the "TJHS Marching Band" to have it ruined by an undisciplined individual. The pride of this band is built on superior performance, self-discipline, genuine respect for other people, hard work, and high standards of personal conduct and performance. We have worked hard to earn our excellent reputation as a prominent musical organization. Any students exhibiting misbehavior in any form will deal directly with the TJHS Director of bands, and will be subject to the rules and regulations of the TJHS student handbook.

CONCERT PROGRAM

CONCERT BAND 9-10

The Concert Band 9-10 is for students that have completed instrumental band through the eighth grade or its equivalent. The purpose of concert band is to provide experience and training in ensemble playing for students on the intermediate to advanced level. The Band performs a wide range of styles and composers. The Concert Band typically performs two concerts a year as well as at Graduation and Commencement Ceremonies. Other festivals and community performances may be added from year to year at the discretion of the director.

CONCERT BAND 11-12

The Concert Band 11-12 is for students that have completed instrumental band through the eighth grade or its equivalent. The purpose of concert band is to provide experience and training in ensemble playing for students on the intermediate to advanced level. The Band performs a wide range of styles and composers. The Concert Band typically performs two concerts a year as well as at Graduation and Commencement Ceremonies. Other festivals and community performances may be added from year to year at the discretion of the director.

JAZZ ENSEMBLES (Extra-curricular)

The Jazz Ensembles are groups of approximately 25 instrumentalists who are selected in the spring of each school year. Students are placed in either Jazz Ensemble II or I based on their performance and knowledge in the jazz idiom. There are two bands (to the extent of student interest) that meet during 5th and 6th period lunch for 25 minutes and after school at the conclusion of the Marching Band Season. Advanced arrangements in the various jazz styles are studied and played. An introduction to improvisation and solo playing is also provided. The bands perform at several festivals, concerts, and community events throughout the area. Students are made aware of the attendance requirements upon auditioning for the ensembles. Students wishing to participate in the Jazz Ensembles must also be enrolled in the Marching Band and Concert Band. The only exception that will be made to this rule applies non-band instruments, which include guitar, bass, and piano students. Please consult the Jazz Handbook for further details about the Jazz Program.

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Eight Golden Rules For A Successful Marching Band Career

1. Always conduct your self in a manner that brings credit to you, your family, your community, and your school, and such that you are a positive reflection of the proud traditions of the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band and the West Jefferson Hills School District.
2. Refrain from the use of tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages, or the use of drugs. Any violation of this rule will be directly handled in accordance with the West Jefferson Hills School District's drug and alcohol policy.
3. Be loyal, honest, courteous, and sportsman like in all dealings with your Directors, staff, fellow band members, chaperones, as well as band members and staff from other schools. Never speak about another band in a demeaning manner. All of the bands that you will come in contact with have worked extremely hard to prepare a show. Please give them the same respect, as you would like to receive. Support the TJHS Marching Band as well as all high school marching bands.
4. Watch your language at all times (on the bus), not just while in uniform!!! This is a reflection on you, your family, and the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band. Fowl and/or profane language will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with in accordance with the Thomas Jefferson Student Handbook.
5. Adult chaperones are available to assist you. They should receive your complete cooperation and respect. Disrespecting any staff member or chaperone will not be tolerated.
6. WATCH, LISTEN, AND COOPERATE with adults and student leaders during all band functions.
7. Special Care should be taken so that all personal and school property is properly cared for. Pack instruments carefully for travel. Place identification tags on all school and personal items. Take care that nothing is damaged, lost, misplaced, or missing when needed.
8. Be at the right place at the right time for all band activities with the proper equipment, attire and attitude.

System + Spirit = Success

The most common problem especially for young band members working with their peers, is gaining the respect and rapport needed to establish a healthy working relationship with each other. **Respect cannot be demanded or forced, it must be earned.** An outstanding band member must possess skill and knowledge related to his/her contribution as a performer. In addition, an effective band member must be able to apply and communicate this information to others in a productive fashion. All band members should view themselves as EQUALS regardless of their age or positions in the band.

People who are admired by others have many traits considered to be desirable. There is no question that we all value people who are responsible, friendly, patient, positive, organized, perceptive, sincere, talented, enthusiastic, mature, stable, consistent, and competent. Yet, it is difficult to respect anyone who is temperamental, officious, obnoxious, impatient, irresponsible, disorganized, sarcastic, snobbish, arrogant, or dishonest. We must become the kind of person that others admire, and in most cases, this means self-improvement will be necessary. **Objectively analyzing one's strong and weak points and then working hard to strengthen the weakness can achieve self-improvement.** People can change the way they are by improving personal qualities and traits, thus improving their image and how others perceive them.

As problems arise we are faced with the challenge of finding appropriate solutions. Before selecting the most effective solution, examine every possible cause of the problem to determine the most relevant conclusion. Conflicts usually arise as a result of quick and careless decisions. Good band members are sensitive to people's feelings and are cautious about passing judgement regarding the cause of the problems. Work hard to solve the causes of problems, rather than concentrating on the problem itself.

We cannot motivate people; they motivate themselves as the result of a positive or negative experience. Good discipline and motivation are the "by products" of success. Therefore, as a band our goal should be to discover ways to experience success by working hard with positive attitudes.

The two most important attributes of a successful marching band are SPIRIT and SYSTEM. SUCCESS is the by-product of spirit and system. A system represents everything provided to the band by the administration, including philosophy, methods, marching and playing style, policies, activities, et. Cetera. Spirit represents how the band members react to the system with practice, attitude, commitment, responsibility, dependability, and hard work. When both of these virtues are outstanding, success will surely follow. Success, then, has its own by products including pride, good discipline, enthusiasm, and dedication.

Attendance

Attendance at all Concert Band rehearsals and performances are required. Both Concert Bands rehearse eighth period during the regular school day. Anyone skipping an eighth period rehearsal will be subject to the Thomas Jefferson High School Handbook policies for skipping class. After school rehearsals may be called as a performance approaches. Any after-school rehearsals will be scheduled at least two weeks in advance and are required. Any unexcused absence from a performance with the Concert Bands will result in a failing band grade for the current nine-week period. The following is a list of “excused” absences and the procedures that you must follow to facilitate your absence:

If you have a medical emergency, it must be accompanied by a physician’s note and you must notify the director as soon as possible either in person or through an e-mail or phone message.

If there is a death in your family, you must notify the director of the funeral plans as soon as possible. In the case of an emergency the night of a performance, it is acceptable to notify the director upon your return to school.

If you have a personal illness, you must notify the director as soon as possible either in person or through an e-mail or phone message.

If you have a significant family responsibility (wedding, 50th reunion, etc.), you must notify the director of this as soon as possible. Concert schedules are given out at the beginning of the year; this is a good time to notify the director of any significant family responsibilities.

If you have an unavoidable academic or school related conflict at TJHS, you must notify the director as soon as possible. An agreeable solution to these types of conflicts can almost always be resolved when the director is notified in an appropriate time frame.

There is absolutely no other excused reason to miss a performance, including work.

Concert Dress

Dress for the Concert Bands will be as follows:

Males:

1. Long black pants
2. White Tuxedo Shirt
3. Black socks
4. Black dress shoes
 - A bow tie and cummerbund will be provided to you.

Females:

1. Long black dress, slacks or long skirt (equal to or NO higher than 2 inches from knees)
2. White blouse long sleeves
3. Black dress shoes

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2011-2012 Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band Summer Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Tuesday	May 31	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Wednesday	June 1	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Thursday	June 2	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Friday	June 3	Freshman Camp	2:40-4:00	TJHS BR
Monday	June 6	Freshman Meeting	7:00 pm	AUDITORIUM

(Shoes and gloves fitting-purchase)

Band Camp Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Monday	August 08	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	August 09	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Wednesday	August 10	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 11	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Friday	August 12	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Monday	August 15	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	August 16	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Wednesday	August 17	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 18	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR
Friday	August 19	Band Camp	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	BR

After School Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Tuesday	August 23	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR
Thursday	August 25	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR
<u>EVERY</u>	Tuesday & Thursday	Full Band Rehearsal	2:40 pm – 4:00 pm	BR

This will run through the **FIRST NINE (9) WEEKS** of school.

The Director of Bands will post a new After School Schedule for the **SECOND NINE (9) WEEKS** of school.

All after school rehearsals are mandatory and will go towards your weekly Participation grade,
Rehearsal grade and Equipment/Attire grade.

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2011-2012 Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band Game/Festival/Parade Schedule

During the football season the band will rehearse on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm – 4:00pm.**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>REPORT TIME</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Saturday	August 13	PH Community Day Parade	9:00 am	PH Presby. Church Parking lot
Friday	August 19	Kennywood Parade	9:00 am – Closing	BR
Saturday	September 2	Away Football TBA @ Woodland Hills Stadium	TBA pm	BR
Friday	September 09	Home Football South Park	6:15 pm	BR
Friday	September 16	Away Football McGuffy	5:30 pm	BR
Saturday	September 17	TBA HS Band Festival	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	September 23	Away Football Baldwin	6:00 pm	BR
Saturday	September 24	West Mifflin HS Band Festivals	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	September 30	Home Football Elizabeth Forward	6:15 pm	BR
Saturday	October 1	<i>TJ Band</i> <i>Band Festival</i>	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	October 7	Home Football Chartiers Valley	6:15 pm	BR
Friday	October 14	Away Football Trinity	5:00 pm	BR
Friday	October 21	Home Football Belle Vernon – Senior Rec.	6:00 pm	BR
Tuesday	October 25	Halloween Parade Pleasant Hills Presby. Church	6:00 pm	Church Parking Lot
Friday	October 28	Away Football West Mifflin	5:40 pm	BR
Friday	November	WPIAL Play-Offs Begin	TBA	
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day Parade	9:15 am	Lobbs Cemetery (Floeffe Fire Dept. Hall)
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day Service	10:15 am	Jefferson Memorial

The Band will continue to perform as long as the TJ football team remains in the playoffs!!!

BR= Band Room

AUD=Auditorium

TBA= To Be Announced

Please realize that this schedule is subject to minor changes. An event may be added or deleted or times may change. The Director will indicate such changes at least two weeks prior to the change of event.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE REASON THE TJ “JAGUAR” BAND IS SUCCESSFUL.
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE ALL MANDATORY REHEARSALS AND
PERFORMANCES.

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I have read the Thomas Jefferson High School Handbook and understand the rules, regulations, and attendance policy. I have noted the performance and rehearsal schedule and have included them in my personal work schedule.

Student Name: _____
(print)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name: _____
(print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Due signed by Monday, August 08, 2011