



Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.
310 Old Clairton Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

June 6, 2016

NEW BAND PARENT INFORMATION 2016-2017

Dear New Band Parents:

We would like to welcome you to the TJ Band Patrons, Inc. The next few months will bring a whole new experience to you. While you may feel overwhelmed at the outset, we are here to make your transition into the TJ Band family as smooth as possible. Our goal is to enable you and your child to have a positive, rewarding and fulfilling band experience.

One of the ways to meet this goal is to provide you with as much information as you are likely to need to get started. The following pages contain a lot of important information. Please review them carefully. Feel free to contact us via the band web site: www.tjband.com with any questions or concerns. We make every effort to respond in a timely manner.

Attendance of monthly band patron meetings will be most beneficial to you as a band parent; all important information pertaining to the band is announced at each band patron meeting. Announcements are always made in band class, but often don't make it home; please ask your child about any band news on a regular basis.

The website is the best resource for band announcements and information; we suggest you refer to it often. We also utilize an email/phone notification system to get information out quickly to our band members. We strongly encourage all members to sign up for this system using the Communication and Information Form in this packet. Your information is kept confidential and is used for TJ Band purposes only.

Again, welcome to TJ Band! If there is anything else we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to ask. We have all been new band parents at one time and are always happy to help.

Kris Herazo
President

Mary Grassi
Vice President

Heather Maurer
Treasurer

Becky Evanchak
Secretary

IMPORTANT UPCOMING BAND/BAND PATRON DATES:

- **NEW BAND PARENT MEETING - MANDATORY**

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

Where: TJ High School Auditorium

When: 7 p.m. meeting,

What to Bring: Checkbook for purchase of:

**Shoes-\$29.00. Gloves: (Brass & Woodwinds) \$3.00, Gloves (Percussion) \$5.00.
Please bring order form (from mailer) along with Payment to the June 6th Meeting**

Shoes, Accessories - The Auxiliary ~ **Colorguard and Majorettes**

(CHECKS ARE ALWAYS MADE PAYABLE TO TJ BAND PATRONS, INC.)

NO CASH PLEASE!

***Letterman jackets are optional and available at LeWay Enterprises – 412-942-0740. We will have Leway come to the school for sizing and ordering. Date TBD*

- **MARCHING BAND CAMP – ATTENDANCE MANDATORY**

AUGUST 1st thru 5th, 2016 (Monday - Friday)

AUGUST 8th thru 12th, 2016 (Monday - Friday)

Where: TJ High School Band Room

When: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

What to Bring/Wear: Bring plenty of liquids, the days are usually hot and the students will be doing class and field work. Lunch will be provided. Lightweight clothing, comfortable shoes (no flip-flops), sunglasses and SUNSCREEN are recommended.

- **BAND PATRONS MEETING** – 1st Official Meeting of 2016-17 School Year

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd, 2016

Where: TJHS Auditorium

When: 7:00 p.m.

A schedule of monthly meetings will be available at the Band Patron meeting AND will also be posted on the TJ Band website. Meetings are generally held to an hour in respect of everyone's time. A lot of information is shared during these meetings; especially with it being a trip year.

- **BAND PICTURE DAY – MANDATORY**

WEDNESDAY , AUGUST 10th, 2016

Where: TJ Football Field – weather permitting / **Rain Date August 11th**

When: **5:30 pm**

What to Bring/Wear: After arriving at the school, students are to change into their uniforms, gather all equipment (instruments, flags, batons, etc.) and go to the football field. All students, even those not intending to purchase any photos, must be in uniform to be included in the group and section pictures. Each student will also receive an individual photo button, compliments of the band patrons.

- **PLEASANT HILLS COMMUNITY DAY PARADE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13th, 2016 – Details to be announced closer to the date.

- **KENNYWOOD FALL FANTASY PARADE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2016 – Details to be announced closer to the date.

- **FIRST FOOTBALL GAME WITH HALF-TIME BAND PERFORMANCE**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2016 – Away at Uniontown

- **FALL FESTIVAL hosted by TJ BAND**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2016

Where: TJHS Football Stadium

When: Late afternoon/early evening – time will be determined and announced in band class and posted on band website in the fall.

What: A “must see” event for all parents, family, friends and members of the community; this is an outstanding evening of entertainment and our biggest fundraiser! Volunteers will be needed.

- **BAND FESTIVALS**

The band usually attends at least two or more band festivals, dates to be determined. These are mandatory performances

- **PLEASANT HILLS ROTARY HALLOWEEN PARADE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 2016

Additional activities with details will be announced at a later date.

BAND MEMBER COSTS AND PAYMENTS

Yearly Band Patron Membership - \$5.00 per member due by November 1, 2016 (Membership form attached) All parents are encouraged to join. You must be a band patron member to chaperone and to vote on matters. Membership fee is due before you can be cleared to chaperone.

Yearly Student Assessment Fee - \$75.00 due by August 12th, 2016 ~ The assessment fee supplies band camp lunches, a band t-shirt, snacks and beverages during marching band season, student admission to the band banquet, student gifts and involvement in the band trips, among other things. Assessment payment can be given to the treasurer or dropped in the "Assessments" box in the band room any time before August 12th, 2016. Student goal setting funds may be used to pay the yearly assessment. If you have funds in your goal setting account (GSA) and your assessment is not paid by September 1st, the assessment fee will automatically be deducted from your GSA. Any assessment fees not paid as of September 30th will have a \$10 per month late fee added until fully paid.

Those who do not remit the assessment fee are **NOT** eligible to attend the annual banquet or any non-mandatory trips.

Student Goal Setting Account – This is an account that the band patrons hold and manage for you. It is money that the students have earned through **fundraising activities** to be used for paying for band trips and the yearly assessment fee (currently \$75). **Funds raised in this account may not be used for anything other than trip payments or assessment fees and are not refundable.** Individual payments may also be made directly into the student's account in lieu of/or in addition to fundraising to cover the cost of trips or the assessment fee.

Trip Costs – The marching band will be going on a trip to Disney World to will perform in a parade at Magic Kingdom. Details and costs will be provided at a later date. Each student will need to have the money in their GSA to cover their costs for the trip. Band trip attendance is **not mandatory**.

**If you prefer to avoid the fundraising route, personal checks should always be made payable to:
TJ Band Patrons, Inc.
(Send to: Heather Maurer – 156 Crestview Drive – Pittsburgh, PA 15236)

Any questions or concerns may be directed to a Band Officer via the band web site:
www.tjband.com

Thank you and welcome to the Thomas Jefferson Jaguar Marching Band!

TJ BAND PATRON OFFICERS 2016-2017

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Please check our website ~ www.tjband.com ~ frequently for current information.