



## Paschal Band Weekly Update 9/25/23

**Introduction:** Wow what a fabulous homecoming week!!!! All the community pep rallies really came together well and we are so proud of both of our Homecoming nominees Michaela Boyd and Cal Rustad. In case you haven't heard, Michaela Boyd won the nomination for Homecoming queen!!! Thank you all for your participation in these ballots. We also had a great week preparing our students for Area Jazz Tryouts this week!!! All Students that made the cut will be recording at Southwest HS Tuesday and Thursday! Congratulations to Ty Wilborn (11th grade) 2nd Alto Saxophone, AREA Kade Ewing (9th grade) 1st chair Tenor Saxophone, AREA Thomas Melton (9th grade) 3rd Tenor Saxophone Tristian Reyna (11th grade) 1st Baritone Saxophone, AREA Cal Rustad (12th grade) 1st Trumpet, AREA Gabe Hargis (11th grade) 3rd Trombone, AREA Shawn Villatoro (12th grade) 1st Bass Trombone, AREA Jesse Marmolejo (11th grade) 1st Bass, AREA.

**Rehearsal Schedule:** Monday 4:15p-6:15p Grid, Tuesday 4:15p-7:15p Grid, Thursday 4:15p-7:15p

**Leadership Meeting:** Wednesday 4:15p-4:45p Band Hall

**Friday Night Lights:** No game this week.

**Mesquite Marching Festival:** We will be hauling the band out to Mesquite Memorial Stadium this week for one of our biggest audiences of the year. Last year we placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 35 bands last year. We hope to improve on this placement over the coming days. Students will be given 90 minutes for lunch on their own after rehearsal. However, dinner will be provided to the entire band by one of our loving band families. Pizza will be the dinner of champions that evening. Please see the attached itinerary for details.

**Fort Worth ISD Pre UIL Benchmark Contest:** Though this isn't until Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> I wanted to let you all know that this is yet another contest and performance opportunity that we get to participate in next week. The benchmark will be at Clark Stadium here in Fort Worth. We will bus over, and it will feel very similar to any other contest that we do. Fortunately, we are the last to go so we will have the biggest audience of the night and the shortest time to wait for results. I have attached the itinerary for this event as well so you can plan around our time frame.

**FWISD Fall Break Weekend:** Each year FWISD puts a “fall break” during the first week of October. Paschal football games always create a shortness to these days off.... Additionally, we typically have a contest scheduled on the Saturday of this break as well... Then our UIL Marching Band Contest ALWAYS happens on the Tuesday after this break. This in turn always puts the band and family schedules in a difficult position. We can't realistically take 4 days off before the biggest contest of the year and be successful unfortunately. With the Paschal game this year we couldn't do 4 days off even if we wanted to. So, the breakdown of this Fall break will be.... **Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>** Special Stadium rehearsal 8am-11am (Mark Whittier has graciously agreed to get footage of the band with his drone which will be incredible for our next hype video.) Students released for lunch at 11a Trucks can stay loaded for game call time at 5:30p... inspection will happen at that time. Band should be back at school by 11:15p. Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> US Bands Contest. Our Call time will be early that morning at 6:45am with a 7am rehearsal. Our performance time will be at 11:15a at Elk Stadium in Burleson, TX. This contest has a finals format which we hope to participate in. Finals run from 7:00p-10:15p. Regardless of making finals or not this will be a long day for sure. Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> we are off. Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> we are off. (Many bands across Tarrant County choose to rehearse some on this day... I think it is important that the students have this time to recuperate.) So at least students will get a normal length weekend. Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> UIL Marching Contest at Vernon Newsom Stadium in Mansfield at 5:30pm. I'll send out this and the US Bands itinerary later this week.

**TCU Concessions:** We have had some great volunteers come and help us with the TCU concessions over the last few weeks! This week with Mesquite Marching festival... we will not need any band student or band parent help because we will all be at Mesquite Memorial Stadium cheering on the band. However, we have several weekends left that we will need help for. These routinely bring in several thousand dollars for our program and really help us fund our activities throughout the year. Students can also apply \$50 to their band fees if they choose to volunteer. So please sign up for future games at the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faaf29a1fb6-tcufootball2#/>

**Band Fees:** We had a great start to this year getting ALL last year's dues paid in full. Every student also did a great job getting their \$25 deposit turned in to get on the bus in August. It is time get those September payments in THIS WEEK. Students must make consistent progress on their fees to continue to participate in our activities. All fees must be paid off by December 15. So please make consistent payments so you don't get caught off guard during one of the most expensive times of the year.

**Coda:** Thank you all for all that you do helping your kids come to rehearsal, buying them reeds, paying for private lessons. We couldn't put this awesome product together without all that you do as parents to support your kids. We look forward to continued progress and hope to have a fabulous competitive season next month!!!

Sincerely,



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