

March 28, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

This is just a letter to let you know the dates of our **Summer Practices** and **Band Camp Schedule** and any items/fees you may need to bring for camp. These practices are very important to the success of the band program, and it is imperative that you make every effort to attend. I have hired a camp staff to help us learn all that we have to learn in these rehearsals.

New band members, please don't forget that the Upper School does not provide your instrument. I suggest going to Art's Music Shop to see about getting an instrument. They have a reasonable rent-to-own plan, and they offer great service after the sale. If you have any questions about this, please call me.

If you need to reach me, please call me and leave a message at 334-618-5360 or email me [holmesj@houstonacademy.com](mailto:holmesj@houstonacademy.com). I look forward to seeing all of you during camp.

Sincerely,



James Holmes  
Director of Bands  
Performing Arts Department Chair  
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## Camp Schedule

### Full Band Saturday Practices

July 14, 21, 28—8:00-12:00

### Percussion Only Practices

July 14, 21, 28, 30, 31—1:00-4:30

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade and New Students

July 30, 31—8:00-12:00

August 1—8:00-12:00

### FULL BAND

August 1—1:00-4:30

August 3, 4, 5, 7—8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:30

August 8—9:00-11:30

### PREVIEW SHOW/POOL PARTY

We will have a short preview show at 11:30 in Dunning Hall. INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW!!! ☺ Immediately following the Preview Show we will have a pool party. Details will be given as soon as they are worked out.

**\*Teacher Inservice/Workday August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

**\*School Begins August 13<sup>th</sup>**

All band students are expected to attend these dates. If you have any questions, comments, or issues with these dates, please let me know.

## Fees

\*All band fees may be paid at once or can be split between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters. If you need an additional payment schedule, just let me know.

### **Uniform Cleaning fees—\$100**

\$10 a week

Our uniforms will be picked up and dropped off by the dry cleaners weekly to ensure proper cleaning of the uniforms and proper appearance of the uniforms.

### **Instrument Rental Fee—\$70**

\$70 per semester to use a school instrument. (Percussion, Tuba, Bass, etc...)

### **Notebook with Sheet Protectors--\$10**

**If you choose to show up for camp without your own notebook with sheet protectors, one will be provided for you already put together for the price of \$10.00.** This should eliminate any problems of students without music, music being left on stands and floating around the music room. ☺

### **Band Hat—\$10**

**If you still have your black hat from last year, you don't need a new one.**

### **2 Pair of White Gloves—\$5**