

May 8th 2014

Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful year! I know I have, but I am already looking forward to another great year. It is going to be a great and exciting year. You are really going to enjoy the music that I have picked for this year. We are doing a **CHICAGO** show. Some of the selections include "Make Me Smile", "Saturday In the Park", "Wishing You Were Here", and "I'm a Man".

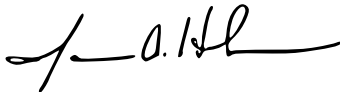
This is just a letter to let you know the dates of Band Camp and any items/fees you may need to bring for camp. These practices are very important to the success of the band program, and it is imperative that you make every effort to attend. As in years past, the percussion section will be practicing a few weekends before the rest of the band gets started. I have hired a camp staff to help us learn all that we have to learn in these few rehearsals.

We will be issuing uniforms during band camp. These uniforms will need to be altered prior to our picture; so, again, your attendance is important. Individual portraits will be scheduled this week, and a group composite will be created and hung in the music room.

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. I will not always have my phone on me, but I will eventually get back to you. I look forward to seeing all of you during camp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Holmes".

James Holmes
Director of Bands
Music Department Head
Houston Academy

Camp Schedule

Percussion Practice

July 19—8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00
July 26—8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00
August 2—8:00-12:00, 1:00-5:00

FULL BAND

August 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,—8:00 -12:00, 1:00-5:00

***Teacher Inservice August 11th-13th**
***School Begins August 14th**

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

***Rule 1: There are no problems**

***Rule 2: If you believe there is a problem, remember Rule 1 and contact Mr. Holmes. ☺**

Fees

*All band fees may be paid at once or can be split between 1st and 2nd Quarters. If you need an additional payment schedule, just let me know. Rule 1 is in effect.

Uniform Cleaning fees—\$80

\$8 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—\$50

\$50 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. ☺