



2020-2021 INFORMATION

Greetings Students, Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year for the Roswell High School Band! Even though this year is going to look and feel differently, our staff is dedicated to delivering the best instruction to continue our *Passion for Excellence*.

Below you will find information relating to marching band, classroom band, fees/refunds and spirit wear. Please read through this entire letter as there is pertinent information for all.

These plans are contingent upon the status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please remain flexible and patient as we navigate through these obstacles.

REGISTRATION

It is very important that we have your contact information in our band's database (Charms). If you haven't registered your student in our program, please do that today by clicking the link below. This is required for ALL band students. <https://roswellband.formstack.com/forms/roswellbandregistrationform>

(You are not required to submit measurements, medical forms or even fees at this time. We just need student and parent contact information so that we can reach you with updates.)

Once school begins, we will be sending regular communications via the **Stinger**, our band's electronic newsletter. Make sure we have your correct email addresses in Charms!

INSTRUMENT RENTALS

If you need an instrument for the school year, you can rent one from RHS. Fill out the FCS rental form using the link below. There is a **\$50 Instrument Rental Fee** that goes to Fulton County. Bring a check (or your online payment receipt) on one the following dates to pick up your instrument.

Go to the Band Lobby entrance at Door 8 by the bus lanes.

Thursday, August 13 (10 AM-12 PM or 6PM-8PM)

Friday, August 14 (10 AM-12 PM or 6PM-8PM)

FCS Instrument Rental Form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwlgzXKo_TTtBn0FYeMGtRtRUQIFVWk5XQTB0UzhQRVJHSTNRSFdWNjIFNC4u



MARCHING BAND INFORMATION

The Roswell Marching Band will be performing as a Pep Band this year! *Anyone* in the entire band program can now participate. Here is how it will work:

- Students will receive music on the first day of school.
- Rehearsals will begin August 18 between 6 PM-9PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rehearsal schedules will be based upon the number of students who sign up for Pep Band.
- Click below to sign up for Pep Band
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwlgzXKo_TTtBn0FYeMGtitRUMzQ3UkNGU1BJWFFIWENPMjzCNURWUDNISC4u
- We will be following the CDC guidelines in relation to the size of groups for rehearsals. Please be flexible with us as your child's group time may change. Students ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear a mask when not playing instruments. Prior to each rehearsal, we will screen every student by checking their temperature and reviewing a list of questions relating to COVID-19 symptoms. If we find that a student is unable to participate, they will be separated from the group and asked to go home in order to keep everyone safe and reduce potential exposure.
- At this time, we will divide our Pep Band evenly (based on instrumentation) into groups of 50. If we find that conditions are safe, we will merge the groups together.
- Each Pep Band member will need to buy a commemorative 2020 Roswell Peppers Band t-shirt for this "once in a lifetime performance opportunity." More information will follow.
- The Pep Band performance schedule is as follows:
 - 9/11 - Roswell vs. Centennial
 - 10/9 - Roswell vs. Walton
 - 10/23 - Roswell vs. Cherokee
 - 11/13 - Roswell vs. Alpharetta
 - 11/20 - Roswell vs. Woodstock

***THIS ACTIVITY IS 100% VOLUNTARY.
IT DOES NOT AFFECT GRADES OR
FUTURE OUTCOMES OF LEADERSHIP AND CLASS PLACEMENT.***



UNIVERSAL REMOTE LEARNING PLANS FOR CLASSROOM BANDS

We are experiencing a unique time in our history, and we're going to take advantage of it. This is the time where we, as a group of performers, can IMMENSELY grow in our individual musicianship. This is going to take some commitment not only from you, the student, but also from parents. Here's how the "Ultimate Plan" is going to work:

Directors will assign to each band student:

- A group of scales
- Technique exercises
- A solo (based on ability level)
- A Chamber Group (a small group based on the student's band class)
- One traditional band piece (which will be recorded individually and spliced together)

Students in chamber groups will record their music on an app called "Acapella" OR student groups may choose to meet face to face with a band director on Mondays/Wednesdays after school. We encourage you to download the app now to become familiar with it.

- [Download for Apple](#)
- [Download for Android](#)

During class time:

This year we will be discussing a wealth of topics in Classroom Band, including:

- Instrumental Music History
- Basic Music Theory
- Wind Band History
- Composition
- Music Technology
- Careers in Music
- Conducting
- Pop Music History
- Masterclasses with guest artists

Daily practice regimen:

- 30 minutes of long tones, scales and techniques before 12:00 noon
- 30 minutes of solo, chamber music and band piece after 6:00 PM

Parents and Guardians: this is where we need your help! Remind your student that he/she is required to practice their instrument every school day – Monday through Friday! It is part of their school work and essential to their growth as a musician.)



FEES AND REFUNDS

With the reduction of programming that we are offering, our budget had to be reduced significantly. However, we still have operating costs that we need to cover during the school year.

All students will be charged a program fee of approximately \$150-250 depending upon number of participants. *This fee does not include any future fees associated with programs in the Spring (i.e., potential Spring Marching Band, Indoor Drumline, Winter Guard, or Spring Trip)*

If you have already made payments to the Roswell Band Program for the upcoming year, you can find those payments recorded in your child's Charms account.

You have three options in relation to refunds:

1. You can request a refund minus the program fee.
2. You can transfer your balance and make it a tax-deductible donation to the Roswell High School Band Boosters Association (RHSBBA).
3. You can leave the balance in your child's Charms account (no further action required). It will be applied to any future expenses.

Please fill out the following form for options 1 & 2:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwlgzXKo_TTtBn0FYeMGtRURDc5RzFFMEQxTVdRQ0hYNVA3S1Q2OTRPUi4u

If you have questions, contact our Treasurer at treasurer@roswellband.com.



VIDEO DIRECTORY

Even though we can't meet in person when school begins, we can still meet each other virtually! Our band program is a HUGE family that includes so many amazing people. The directors challenge you to think of a fun way to introduce your family to the rest of us by submitting a short video.

We'll put all of the videos together and upload them to our Roswell High School Band YouTube page!

Your video should contain:

- All your family members and their names
- Your instrument (if possible)
- Other instruments you play for fun
- Your grade level
- The middle school you attended
- Your favorite musical artist
- Your favorite musical piece you've played in band

Once you've got your video recorded, head over to the "RHS Band Family Video" Google Classroom by going to classroom.google.com and entering this code **2zo3ykw**.

*Make sure that you sign in using a **non-school email**. Fulton county emails **will not** be able to access this classroom. Personal accounts like gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc, **will** be able to access the classroom*

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Take a look at our new spirit wear!
Let us know what you think.
<https://forms.gle/wmGnAGF2EWGGSXk2A>

Thank you again for your patience and support. We look forward to seeing all of our talented students on August 17th!

If you have specific questions about adding a band class, changing a band class, or school credits as they pertain to band, you can email Mr. Moon and Mr. Long at: Director@RoswellBand.com.

This is our time, Hornets! This is where we will rise and fly to the next level. Let's do this!