

Klein Cain Band FAQ

Welcome to the Klein Cain FAQ page. Below is a helpful resource to answer many of your questions that come up at the beginning of the year and throughout band.

Band Camp:

Band camp is the 2 weeks before school starts. This is required for all participants.

Absences:

ALL absence requests must be sent in at least 2 weeks prior to be approved including doctor's appointments. Absence requests are submitted via a Google form that can be found in the "Forms" section of the KCBA website or in the BAND app.

Resources:

There are many ways to get questions answered and find out about all the things going on with band.

Website: <https://kleincainbandassociation.org/>

Band App: Please join the band app as this is where the majority of the information is relayed. Each week the directors send out detailed information for the week including rehearsal times and other activities including socials, games, pictures, etc.

Band App Calendar: You are able to download the calendar directly to your phone! This way you get all the updated information on times and places.

Directions to download:

- 1- Click on the Klein Cain Band logo
- 2- At the bottom of the page, there are 5 icons listed- choose the 2nd one which is the calendar.
- 3- To the right of the month and year, click the gear or settings icon
- 4- Export band calendar

Facebook: Klein Cain High School Band

Student Leadership: Each section has at least one student section leader. This is another great resource for your students to use when questions arise. Each section has their own band app chat page where information is also relayed.

Rehearsals:

All times listed on the calendar and weekly email is the time they are actually in rehearsal. If rehearsal is from 3:00-5:30PM then it is usually about 20ish minutes before the students are ready to be picked up. They must move all equipment from the practice field back to the band hall as well as gather all belongings.

Picture Day:

Students will be given a list of items to bring to wear for their uniforms. This is very similar to the list provided depending on season. There will be a form to order pictures that will be sent home as well as available in the Band App in the directors email for that week.

Fall: This is our Marching season picture.

Uniform: Students will wear their full uniform for pictures.

*Note: Some items, such as vipers (shoes), may not be in for pictures. If this is the case, students will just wear their long black socks as feet are not shown in the pictures.

Hair ties/ bobby-pins (anyone who has hair that touches the top of the uniform collar must pull hair up into bun)

No jewelry of any kind can be worn. If earrings are not removable, a bandaid provided by the student, must completely cover the item. The first aid kit bandaids are for medically necessary use.

Game Days:

Students will need to bring the following to school for game day:

- 1- Grey performance shirt
- 2- Black performance shorts
- 3- Long black socks (no short socks allowed)
- 4- Vipers
- 5- Hair ties/ bobby-pins (anyone who has hair that touches the top of the uniform collar must pull hair up into bun)
- 6- No jewelry of any kind can be worn. If earrings are not removable, a bandaid provided by the student must completely cover the item. The first aid kit bandaids are for medical use only.

Have your student mark all their shirts/shorts/vipers/show shirts with their names or initials. It is easy to get items mixed up with over 150 identical sets of everything.

Food: Each week you may order a game day meal from Jason's Deli for your student. This is delivered to the school and will be ready for your student to pick up. You can also pre-order from Jason's Deli for the entire season so you don't have to worry if you remembered to order each week. A weekly email reminder is sent out as well.

If you choose to not order a game day meal, you can bring a healthy and hearty meal to your student. Meals will need to be delivered to the band hall between 3:45-4:30PM. Please place the student's first and last name on all items delivered. There are tables set up outside the band hall to place the food on.

Schedule: Students will rehearse, load the trailers, eat, and get ready for the game. Students will not be allowed to leave after school. Once games are complete, the directors will send a message through Band App with an estimated arrival time back to school. Reminder, students must unload the trailers and put away all equipment as well as hang and store uniforms and have meeting with directors before they are dismissed.

Show Shirts:

Each year there is a shirt designed to reflect the current show and to highlight KCBA Sponsors. Show shirts are a required 'uniform' item for all students. Students will wear these shirts at contests to help identify the group among hundreds of other band kids from other schools. Family and friends can also buy and wear Show shirts at football games and competitions to show our school spirit and help concentrate the cheering section! Show shirts are also worn at Winter and Spring Meet the Hurricanes events at Klein Cain.

Volunteering:

Each parent is required to volunteer 10 hours throughout the year. There are many ways to volunteer and it really makes everyone's job easy. Please reach out to the committee chairs listed on the Klein Cain Band Association website for more information.

All volunteers must complete a background check once a year.
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NDEzMTplbi1VUw==>

Marching Competitions:

These days are very long for the students. Planning ahead with all items needed is key. Please pay attention to details from the director with regards to food and any other items needed during the competition days. Typically students bring a packed lunch and if we progress to Finals, KCBA will provide dinner. Timing of meals can be tricky because of the long hours and uncertainty of the Prelims contest outcome and Finals performance time draw. It is best to feed students a good breakfast and pack snacks, especially in the case of any dietary restrictions.

Most competitions follow a Prelims/Finals performance structure. Spectator tickets are sold for Prelims or Finals, individually, or in a combined package. Directors will know the Prelims performance time in advance and will share with parents. A supportive audience is very helpful to the Band! Please wear your Show Shirt or other Klein Cain attire so we can sit together and cheer more loudly! If we advance to Finals, the performance time will be announced at Prelims Awards. Finals performances usually start after 7pm and retreat and awards is 9pm and later.

Competitions are held mostly in October (Bandtober). Klein Cain usually participates in both one day events such as US Bands/Bands of America sponsored contests and the Lonestar Preview hosted by The Woodlands, and UIL contests. UIL contests build from one competition to the next – you must qualify at Region to progress to Area, and the competition at Area is even stiffer to qualify for State. There are many historically

excellent band programs in our Area. Klein Cain qualified for State in 2021 for the first time.

Concert Season:

Concert season follows after the last marching competition. There is a winter concert in December. Concert season also has many competitions for full band, jazz band, full orchestra, all-state (individual), percussion, and solo & ensemble. The directors will share the concert season calendar after marching season ends.

This is our concert season attire:

Ladies: Dresses will be provided by the school, but you will need to provide long black socks or tights with black closed toe dress shoes.

Gentlemen: Tux's will be provided by the school, but you will need your own white button down tuxedo shirt (the same as from middle school). These can be bought cheaply from Al's formal wear- tell them it is for band, online from Cousins Formal wear or on Amazon. You will also need long black socks and black closed toe dress shoes.