



# SUMMER BAND ITEMS

July and August

*We are the Pride of the Tribe, the award-winning, awesome, Jim Ned Band!*

## Address from Mr. Howeth

Happy Friday! We are officially at the very end of our summer break and I could not be more excited to see everyone back on campus! I've got a GREAT feeling about our 2024 band.

Given the amount of events and information that needs to be in a convenient place for everyone, I thought getting our first Smore out early would be good. Everything through the first couple of weeks of school is in here. Use the Table of Contents on the left or scroll to what you need. As always, please reach out if you have any questions!

*You don't show up on game day and expect to be great. Greatness happens in practice. You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them. - Michael Jordan*

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## Facilities

### Band Halls

Our band halls have seen some serious deep cleaning this summer. They are almost unrecognizable. We are planning to be very on top of facility maintenance, so help us keep these spaces clean when you come back.

The only part keeping these rooms from being their absolute best is YOU - good thing our Awesome Jim Ned Band will be here soon!

## Marching Lot Update

As you know, we will get a new practice lot for band this year. They are well on their way in the construction process and are planning to finish it up near the beginning of August. We will use our old practice lot for rehearsals until the new one is done. Once the new lot is completed, they are going to clear our current lot and get it ready for the new CTE facility that was approved in the last bond election.

In case you haven't been around much, here are some photos of what it has looked like out here this summer and what the new lot should look similar to. I hope you all are as excited for the new lot as I am!



### Lot in June

Ground has broken!



### Lot as of July 19

Making great progress! It is a large lot.



### Lot as of July 19

Photo taken from the sidewalk outside of the band hall.

Lastly, this is something similar to what we will be looking at for our new practice lot!





## Summer Band Camps

Some important items for all camp portions:

1. If you have not yet completed the Returning Student Registration for JNCISD, you must have this done prior to your first day of camp.
2. All students must have a physical on file to participate in band, and this is needed prior to your first day of camp. A few are still missing this. Once you have your physical, please send me a photo of it on the Band App or schedule a time to meet me in person to get that submitted.
3. All students need to be in the JNCISD athletic-wear dress code for all portions of the summer camps. This also means all hair and piercings should be in accordance with the normal dress code. Please note that we require close-toed shoes and we do not allow long-sleeve shirts or jeans during our outdoor band rehearsals until weather permits.
4. **All** students need the following for **all** portions of the band camps: water container, close-toed shoes, short-sleeve shirts and shorts (absolutely no jeans), and sunglasses/hats. Band is an outdoor sport in the fall and we need everyone to be prepared each day.

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### Leadership Camp

July 22 - 24, 8:00am - 4:00pm

This camp will be at the high school band hall and is required for all students on our Leadership Team. Lunch will be on your own from 11:00am to 12:30pm each day. Please eat breakfast before you come, and feel free to bring coffee to this portion of the camps!

### **2024-2025 Band Leadership Team**

Creed Glasgow - Lead Drum Major  
Ruben Rodriguez - Assistant Drum Major  
Axel Collins - Woodwind Section Leader  
Cesar Vidal - Brass Section Leader  
Gabriel Gonzales - Percussion Section Leader (B)  
Maggie Henry - Percussion Section Leader (FE)  
Mary Rutland - Color Guard Section Leader  
Tessa Sypert - Color Guard Section Leader  
Davin Sessums - Loading Crew Captain  
Mae Terral - Band Quartermaster  
Caleb Gililand - Band Quartermaster  
Ian Meyer - Percussion Quartermaster

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## **Jazz Band Parent and Student Meeting**

**July 23, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

This meeting is required for all 2024-2025 Jazz Band students and at least one parent. We will unveil our 2025 jazz band trip, talk through costs and fundraising opportunities, and have signups. It is SUPER important that you are at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please email me so you can get the necessary information.

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## **Freshman Marching Camp**

**July 25 - 26, 8:00am - 11:00am**

This camp will be at the high school and is required for all members of the Leadership Team and all incoming first-year marchers. From ice-breakers and team-building to marching fundamentals, this camp helps get freshmen ready for the full band camp. Students need to arrive in a short sleeve t-shirt, shorts, and close-toed shoes each day. Please make sure students have a water container with their name on it.

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## **Percussion and Color Guard Camp**

**July 25 - 26, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**

This camp will be at the high school and is required for all members of the percussion and color guard sections. We will do a fundamental analysis, have auditions, and begin learning our fall performance items. Students need to arrive in a short sleeve t-shirt, shorts, and close-toed shoes each day. Please make sure students have a water container with their name on it.

## Clay Competition

July 27, 8:00am - 1:00pm


This is a fundraiser for our Band Parent Organization at Abilene Clay Sports. If you are free and enjoy clay sports, come out and have a great time!

## Traveling Band Camp

July 29 - August 2

***This camp is required for all students planning to participate in the 2024 marching band.***

One of the coolest things we get to do each year, we will travel and stay at the Butman Methodist Camp just outside of Merkel for the week. Veteran or rookie high school band parent, senior or freshman, please review the following informational items to ensure you/your student has everything that is needed for the band camp.



Jim Ned HS Band  
Recommended Packing List

**JN MARCHING BAND ATTIRE POLICY:**

For ALL portions of camp, students must be within the JNCISD athletic dress code (hair, clothes, piercings, etc.). Students may wear the district-approved athletic attire to camp (if you can wear it to athletics, you can wear it to band). Close-toed shoes are required for all band members for all portions of our summer camp, regardless of what you play. No boots, no flip-flops, and no socks.

There is a zero tolerance policy in place for long-sleeved shirts, jeans, and open-toe shoes for all summer band and Tuesday night marching band practices until the weather is cool enough for it to be appropriate. Students should not even arrive in these types of clothing. We will make a Band App post later in the semester announcing when long-sleeved shirts and jeans will be allowed at rehearsals.

### Butman Camp Information

GENERAL INFORMATION Please ensure that all students are following our Marching Band Attire Policy throughout all summer band camp portions and Tuesday night rehearsals. Students should wear short-sleeved shirts, shorts, and close-toed shoes. Long-sleeved shirts and jeans are strictly prohibited....

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# Home Band Camp

## August 3 - Marching Uniform Fittings

Required for all woodwind, brass, and percussion students. Students should arrive at their designated times.

Seniors - 1:00pm

Juniors - 1:45pm

Sophomores - 2:30pm

Freshmen - 3:15pm

## Rehearsal Dates/Times

We are working with the JNCISD administration to set these rehearsal times. Times should be finalized on Monday, July 22. Edits will be made here and a Band App post will be made to announce this update.

Rehearsal dates:

August 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13

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## Meet the Indians

### August 10, 11:00am

All students are expected at this event.

Attire will be the 2024 Band Travel uniform and close-toed shoes.

10:00am doors open at JNHS for instrument collection, get yourself to the stadium

10:30am call time at the stadium with music and instruments

11:00am Meet the Indians start time

12:30pm estimated end time, band hall will be open for instrument drop off

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## School Schedule Items

### First Day of School

#### August 14

We will not play in band classes this day.

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## Morning Rehearsals

### Every Thursday through October 31

Rehearsals will begin at 7:00am.

All students are expected to arrive on time (early) for morning rehearsal. Please plan rides accordingly, especially if you are a bus rider. If you need ride assistance, reach out. Band hall will be open 30 minutes in advance of rehearsal.

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## Night Rehearsals

### Every Tuesday through October 29

Rehearsals are from 4:00pm - 9:00pm.

All students are expected at these rehearsals. Dinner is provided from 5:00-5:30 by our Band Parent Organization each Tuesday night. If you are interested in assisting us with dinner one night, PLEASE reach out.

Although rehearsals end at 9:00pm, parents should expect their student to be available for pickup at 9:30pm. If we need to cancel or modify our rehearsal schedule for any reason we will provide as much notice as possible.

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## Events

All events and performances are listed on the Band App Calendar. Rehearsals, football games, marching contests, important meetings - anything that is of note - will be on the calendar. Please check this and ensure our dates are secured. Communicate conflicts as early as possible.

Conflicts are inevitable. Band policy dictates that two week's notice is required from all parties for required events. It is the responsibility of the student to communicate a necessary absence two weeks in advance, and it is the responsibility of the director(s) to ensure notice of a required event is given with more than two week's notice. All parties meet the same standard.

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## Closing Thoughts

This is a lot of information all at once. For our younger parents and students, please do not let the abundance of information currently available overwhelm you. High school band is a lot of fun and

it provides so many necessary skills and experiences to students. For our more seasoned parents and students, let's get ready to have our best year yet.



**Jim Ned Band**

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