

Park Vista Community HS Band

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Student and Parent

Band Handbook



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Introduction

Welcome to the Park Vista Community High School Band Program! This handbook has been provided to help guide both parents and student band members through the operation of the Park Vista band program. As a member of this organization, all of us will be responsible for maintaining the outstanding reputation that the Park Vista Band Program has established. This will only be accomplished when each member displays a consistent level of **SELF-DISCIPLINE, RESPECT, SPIRIT, and PRIDE** at all times. It is my wish that this handbook will inform both students *and* parents about the procedures and guidelines that will be enforced during the school year.

A Commitment to Excellence

COMMITMENT will be the key word in describing this year's *Park Vista Band Program*. This will require each member to have a positive attitude and implement their highest degree of selflessness, cooperation, and effort. Band members must realize their **COMMITMENT** to the band by being a **TEAM** player and being on time to all rehearsals and performances. All of these times will be posted in advance so that each member can adjust their schedule and make it possible for the **TEAM** to participate and excel at all of its functions. All members must carry out this **COMMITMENT** and display the right **ATTITUDE**. The **ATTITUDE** you portray will directly affect the **QUALITY** you present!

Discipline

The members of this band will work very hard and spend many hours and days building a highly respected ensemble product. Pride is built on superior performance, self-discipline, hard work, genuine respect, care, and concern for other people, and a very high standard of personal conduct and performance. The reputation that we want to build for ourselves will be extremely hard to accomplish and will only be done when each member settles for nothing short of their very best.

Students may have their grade lowered, may become alternates, may be held out of performances, or may be dismissed from the band entirely if their attitude, attendance, or behavior does not comply with the rules of this handbook and/or with the BEST INTEREST of the Park Vista Community High School Band program!

Band Communication

Here at Park Vista we use an online program called Charms Office. Charms Office is a very powerful online program that allows the Directors, Staff and Band Parent Association to communicate to our band students and parents. It is imperative that ALL band students and parents are registered to receive band information via email and texts. Charms also has a free smartphone app that can be used to access your online account. The Charms program has a calendar that will list PV Band dates /events on it. Sometimes information or dates will be put on the calendar that might not be put on our public website (www.parkvistaband.com) or on our Band Parent Facebook page. Some of these dates are not broadcasted to the general public and hence why it is important to be signed up on Charms office.

Charms also will be used to allow you to

- a) Download band documents such as fundraising flyers and forms
- b) Student forms and classwork (i.e. scale tests, recordings and quizzes)
- c) Calendar of events including summer band camps, rehearsals, football games, competitions, etc.
- d) Volunteer Opportunities
- e) Allow mass email and texts to all band members or sections within the band.

Park Vista Band has set up proper channels/forums to allow questions and concerns to be heard and addressed. All questions and/or concerns will be directly sent to either the Band Directors or the Band Parent Association President and Vice President. It is at the band directors' discretion to answer the question or concern directly or defer it to the BPA (Band Parent Association). Your question or concern will be addressed within three (3-5) schools days. The decision of the Band Director or BPA is final. We strongly encourage parents to work through the Directors and/BPA to resolve your concerns and *not* bypass the system. Remember Mr. Duncan and Mr. Ferguson also have channels that they must follow within PVHS administration. Please always communicate with the Directors *first*. Please remember that all Band Parent Association members are volunteers. We do NOT receive special treatment or reduced fair share amounts by volunteering to participate in the BPA.

Description of Personnel

BAND DIRECTORS

In charge of the instrumental music program at Park Vista Community High School.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Qualified instructors that assist the Band Directors during Band rehearsals.

BAND LEADERSHIP TEAM

These student leaders directly report to the Directors. The Band Directors entrust these students with various tasks or duties that assist the Band and the Directors during both rehearsals, while traveling to events, and band performances. These duties include: calling sectionals, checking music, and cleaning drill, checking equipment/lockers, and checking dress code. They are required to always maintain the proper performance attitude and assist the Directors with guidance throughout the band at all times. Leaders will be chosen annually. Students must have at least *one* full season of marching experience to apply for any position. All Drum Majors are required to attend a summer Drum Major camp as assigned by the Directors and will be required to purchase his/her own marching band uniform. Band Leaders also must have meetings with the Band Directors and are expected to be the last to leave and the first to arrive before other band students.

BAND MEMBERS

YOU! The person "in the trenches" that keeps focus on the task at hand and *never* stops working for the Band until the job is done!

BAND PARENTS

The underlying support system of the band. Band parents will be expected to volunteer and support the band program through giving of their time, energy and resources to ensure continued success. Band parents support their children through their unwavering support of the Band Directors and Staff.

Eligibility Policy

State law requires all students participating with the band at a performance, a competition, or at an FBA sanctioned evaluation/festival must maintain a GPA of at least **2.0** from the grading period most recent to the date of the performance. Students failing to meet this requirement **WILL NOT PERFORM** with the band.

Please Read the following Note:

Physical Requirements of Marching Band

Due to the very nature of the marching band, students must be conscious of their personal fitness and general health condition. During a marching band rehearsal or performance the heart rate increases significantly due to marching at various tempos, while playing an instrument or performing on other equipment at the same time.

Your diet should be balanced and your caffeine intake kept to a minimum. Avoid excessive dairy products prior to long periods of sun exposure, and keep yourself well hydrated during these

times.

In order to increase your breathing capacity, band members will run/walk in timed exercises beginning with small time increments and gradually increasing. They will also learn proper stretching techniques to help avoid muscle injury, and will be asked to do various exercises (including pushups or abdominal crunches) to further their conditioning. Upper and lower body strength, breathing capacity, and general coordination, as well as your general overall health should improve as our season develops. Students with limited physical strength or other physical considerations will be asked to improve their sense of physical well-being through alternate means.

Rehearsal/Performance Procedures

Performances are the culmination of many long hours of rehearsal. We all look forward to the performance, but the degree of **QUALITY** can only be achieved **DURING THE BAND PRACTICE SESSIONS!** Any and all rehearsal time is extremely valuable and is necessary in producing any fine organization. With this in mind, all members of the Band Program will be required to follow a few basic rules:

Attendance Policy

Full attendance at **ALL** rehearsals and **ALL** performances is both **100% REQUIRED** and **NECESSARY!** (This includes being on time and not leaving early) All pre-arranged rehearsals/performances that are announced with at least 2 weeks notice are considered requirements for successful completion of the band course. Only through pre-arranged plans with the Directors may a rehearsal or performance be excused (see Rehearsal/Performance Procedures). All rehearsals and performances held after normal school hours are considered to be an extension of the school day and are to be treated as such. In the case of an emergency which would cause you to miss a scheduled band function, you must be sure that your parent(s) call or email the Directors **BEFORE** the function is missed, if at all possible. Each student will be given one “free” unexcused absences for the season. These should be reserved for EMERGENCY use ONLY! The ONLY excuses accepted are listed below. Parents should schedule doctor’s appointments **AROUND** band rehearsals and performance times. After the 2nd unexcused absence, the student will automatically become an alternate. After the 3rd unexcused absence, the student will be removed from the marching band completely and replaced.

Excusable absences would include:

1. Sick and absent from school *with* Doctor's Note
2. Death in the family

3. Religious holidays
4. Immediate family emergency

Unexcused absences would include:

1. Dentist/Orthodontist appointments
2. Driving test
3. Detentions
4. Homework (learn to manage your time wisely)
5. Pop/Rock concerts or sporting events
6. Birthdays/Anniversaries
7. Work
8. Family trips (can be excused if notice is given *well* in advance with Directors approval)
9. Don't have a ride (this can be worked out with your section leader)

Rehearsal

All band events for the year are scheduled and are on Charms for your clarification and use as you schedule other non-band events. Sometimes events will be added and participation is mandatory. Notice for these mandatory events will be given at least two weeks in advance and conflicts will be handled on a per person basis. Any band event not scheduled at least two weeks in advance will be expected but will not be made mandatory.

All performances and extra rehearsals are co-curricular and are required. A request to be excused from a rehearsal must be made **at least one (1) week in advance** from the date of the missed rehearsal. A request to be excused from a performance must be made **at least four (4) weeks in advance** from the date of the performance. This request must be **IN WRITING** and must still be approved by the Directors. Special cases will be considered.

1. Performances missed (excused) will have to be made up through written assignments and/or playing tests issued by the Directors. Students may have to perform their concert in front of their peers in order to fulfill the performance requirement.
2. Tardiness will not be tolerated - ***Early is on time, on time is late!***
3. You are personally responsible for all equipment, including music, which is issued to you. You will be held financially responsible for any equipment that is lost or damaged through negligence, whether caused by you or someone else. Students will be charged \$.25 to the full band account for any replacement copy of music.
4. Bring a pencil to **ALL** rehearsals!!!
5. School books/folders are to be kept in your locker outside the Band Room. They will not be allowed in the rehearsal area or the storage rooms!
6. All band members are required to be in the band room by the final bell and be ready to begin rehearsal within three minutes after the final bell.
7. You must have all equipment (instrument, music, etc.) at every rehearsal and performance unless otherwise noted.

8. Use of vulgarity and/or profane language will not be tolerated in this band **AT ANY TIME!**
9. No food, drinks, or gum will be allowed in the band room.
10. There will be no public displays of affection between members on any band function.
11. There will be no eating while in uniform. The only liquid allowed in uniform is water.
12. There will be no smoking or use of tobacco products while in uniform or as a representative of the Park Vista Community Band.
13. Use of alcohol, drugs, and/or mood altering substances will result in **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM BAND AND SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL!**
14. Alternates and students not allowed to participate because of discipline or grade-related reasons will still be required to attend all rehearsals and performances.
15. All Park Vista Community HS and Palm Beach County student conduct policies will be in full effect during all band functions.
16. **Students missing any rehearsal (for any reason-unexcused or excused) directly before a Friday night football game or Saturday competition will not be allowed to perform at that game/competition!**

***** FAILURE TO FOLLOWING ANY OF THESE PROCEDURES MAY RESULT IN DETENTIONS, REFERRALS, LOWERING OF GRADE, AND/OR DISMISSAL FROM THE BAND *****

Please Note: All marching rehearsals are scheduled outside of class time. This is due to the fact that students in the marching band never meet together during the school day. Marching rehearsals are scheduled for Mondays (Brass/Woodwind Sectionals 4:30-7:00), Tuesdays (4:30-8:00), Wednesdays (Guard/Percussion Sectionals 3:30-5:30) and Thursdays (4:30-8:00) during the marching season. Please always allow at least 30 minutes after the end time before picking up your son/daughter. This will give them time to put away their instrument, meet with their staff member, or assist in after rehearsal clean-up. Sectional rehearsals may be included as part of the rehearsal time and called on non-practice days. It is every student's responsibility to attend sectionals as they are called. Assignments will be given through the marching band season. As a co-curricular activity, the assignments will count as a part of their respective class grade. Students not in marching band will be given a separate assignment to balance out the class grades. In the event of inclement weather (often a problem in South Florida) it may become necessary to call a Monday/Wednesday or "non-school day" rehearsal. Students are required to have rain ponchos at all outdoor rehearsals as well as plenty of water, Gatorade, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses etc. Bare feet, sandals, flip-flops, boots etc. are prohibited at all marching band rehearsals.

Alternates

It should be noted that in any marching band, alternates are a necessary fact of life. Due to the complex nature of the marching band activity, it is necessary for alternates to be available for any marching spot which may come open. 10% of the total number of wind players will begin

the season off as alternates. This is just the nature of the sport. However, alternate positions are not necessarily permanent and can change at any moment. Since all marching is taught and rehearsed after school, an unexcused absence from a marching rehearsal may and probably will result in a change of personnel. Students in the marching band may be designated as alternates based on the following: One of the initial 10%, absences (whether excused or unexcused), unacceptable performance level, inexperience or attitude. Both students and parents must accept that the alternate status does not excuse a student from attending all band activities nor does it negate them from paying the full fair share amount.

Game and Performance Days

Inspection Guidelines

1. Stand at standby. You will be called to attention.
2. Uniforms must be clean and properly pressed.
3. Each student must have their Band Bag with a rain poncho.
4. Uniform accessories will be clean and properly worn.
5. The correct color gloves will be clean and will be properly worn.
6. Black *LONG* socks. Clean shoes.
7. The hat will be worn properly. All hair that reaches below the jacket collar will be worn in the hat in either a bun or ponytail.
8. Instruments are to be clean, polished, and in good working order.
9. Each member will have all of their music.
10. No jewelry is to be visible.
11. No colored nail polish is to be worn.
12. No non-natural hair colors are permitted.

***** FAILURE TO PASS ANY PART OF INSPECTION MAY RESULT IN YOUR NOT PARTICIPATING IN THAT PERFORMANCE *****

Band Uniform

Each qualified band member will be issued a marching band uniform at the start of the school year. Each band member receiving a uniform shall pay a dry cleaning/uniform fee for that uniform for the upcoming school year.

All members of the marching band will be required to purchase a pep rally uniform. This uniform will consist of a band polo shirt or t-shirt, black dress pants or jeans, and black marching shoes or tennis shoes. Students will be able to purchase the band polo shirt/t-shirt and the marching shoes through the Band Parents Association. Each student must supply their

own pair of black dress pants. Community uniform will be given back at the end of the school year or when asked to do so. Each uniform part is numbered and students will be held responsible for the exact uniform part issued to them. Failure to return complete uniforms will result in the financial replacement of all missing parts through the school treasurer in the front office, and may result in the withholding of grades/diplomas. Color Guard members will be required to purchase their uniform for the school year and more information will be sent home during Band Camp.

Distribution and Storage

Uniforms are to be kept in the uniform room at all times. Uniforms will be passed out immediately prior to all away games and contests by the uniform staff. All uniforms must be returned to the uniform room or to the storage racks before students go home. We will take care of all uniform cleaning.

All students in the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will have to purchase concert attire. This attire usually consists of a dress for the ladies and a tux shirt, bow tie and cummerbund for the guys. The concert dress is \$60 and will be assessed at the beginning of the concert season.

Upkeep

Uniforms are to be treated with the utmost care. Students will be given details of how to care for the uniform, what they can and cannot do while in uniform, and the consequences of abuse before the first game. Remember you are responsible for damage so help remind them of what is expected.

Home and Away Games

1. All band members will report to the Band Room at least 2 hours before home games or away games unless otherwise instructed. The band will be given their time frame for arriving at the performance field at the assigned time for final run-throughs.
2. All band members will line up as directed for inspection at the roll call time, in full uniform.
3. Away: Every student will be given a bus assignment. These assignments last for the entire year and cannot be changed. Each student will receive directions for storing their instruments and lining up to board the bus. We will board in orderly fashion and sit in your assigned seats. Each bus will be assigned a student bus captain and at least two adult chaperones.
4. When entering the stadium, the band will remain in line as directed by the Directors, remaining silent and marching in step to a tap/cadence. Move to your seat and remain standing in files at attention until instructed to be seated.
5. Remain in your assigned seat and row unless instructed by the Directors or one of the Drum Majors to move around.
6. This is a **PERFORMANCE** under the watchful eye of the public! Football games will not be the place to practice music or display inappropriate behavior. Instruments will not be

- played unless a Director or one of the Drum Majors has instructed you to do so.
7. Guests and relatives of band members, unless official Band Chaperones, will not be allowed in the band area. This is not the time or place to be visiting with friends in or across from the band section. We have a job to do and a performance to complete that will be carried out uniformly by all.
 8. All band members will remain in **FULL UNIFORM** at all times unless otherwise noted by a Director.
 9. Restroom use will be allowed only with the accompaniment of a chaperone and only during proper times.
 10. Water will be provided throughout the game. Accepting food or soft drinks from outsiders is not permitted.
 11. After the halftime performance, the band will depart the field in line as directed by the Drum Majors and will march to the band area on tap.
 12. After the game is completed, the band will line up by rows and will **MARCH** in line back to the band room or Bus.
 13. Away: All Students will have to unload the buses and Equipment. See Travel for more detail.
 14. The band will be dismissed back at school by the directors. Please remember that the performance is not over until you are dismissed.
 15. All students will leave the band room neat and clean when leaving. All instruments will be put away in their correct places and all uniforms will be hung up correctly. **THERE IS NO BAND ROOM MAID SERVICE!** Leadership are expected to stay to ensure that all areas are properly cleaned.
 16. Chaperones of the band are considered agents of Park Vista Community High School and are therefore due all considerations and respect from the students. Anyone not following instructions, being disrespectful, or talking back to a chaperone for any reason will be dealt with accordingly. This is grounds for dismissal from the total band program!
 17. The bottom line is, if you are not sure whether something you do will be acceptable by the Directors, **DON'T DO IT!**

Football Games and Inclement Weather

Students in the PVCHS Band will perform at all home football games as well as away games selected by the band Directors. All football related performances are required of band students. In the event that a regularly scheduled football game must be postponed and rescheduled due to weather or other unforeseen events, the PVCHS Band is expected to perform on the newly selected date. Rescheduled games may be played within a few days of the originally scheduled date or may be played as a makeup game at the end of the season. In either event, students should be aware of this possibility and plan accordingly.

Travel

In as much as the band will travel a great deal, special regulations are set up for this type of activity. The band will take various trips to concerts, competitions, etc. throughout the year and at least one or two might be an overnight trip. All such trips will be announced several months in advance, so students will have ample time to raise enough money in their student account. The mode of travel will be provided or approved by the school. Students *must* travel to the performance by the means provided. Exceptions, in the case of emergency, must be approved by the Band Directors and Principal. Students may not return by any means of transportation other than that provided with one exception. Students may RETURN from a band trip with their parent or legal guardian only, provided that written request is submitted to the Directors a minimum of 24 hours prior to the departure from school, AND the parent or legal guardian must personally take custody from the Directors. DO NOT ASK THE DIRECTORS TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION WHILE ON A BAND TRIP.

These are the responsibilities required by each student:

1. Each student is responsible for loading his or her own equipment prior to departure and for securing all equipment prior to dismissal. Those returning from a band trip with your parents must take your instrument or other equipment with you!
2. Students may not change busses once assignments are made. Sign-up for the bus you wish to ride and stay there. Do not ask the Directors to make an exception to this rule.
3. Students are advised to leave expensive personal items at home while on band trips. Personal stereos, phones, or ipods are never to be played except through headphones. These items are to be turned off when asked to do so. Failure to abide by these rules will result in the confiscation of that item.
4. Obey staff, chaperones, and drivers.
5. NO chaperone or parent may give you permission to change PVCHS Band rules.
6. Movies (on charter busses so equipped) must be approved by a Director.

Volunteering

“How can we expect our children to know and experience the joy of giving unless we teach them that the greater pleasure in life lies in the art of giving rather than receiving?”

*James Cash Penney (1875-1971);
Founder Of J.C. Penney Corporation*

Parent Involvement = A Successful Band Program

Park Vista Band Program is a 5A Band. What does that mean? It means that we have a lot of things to do during the school year to get our band clothed, fed, transported, equipped, prop building, helping at concerts and football games. We need ALL parents to volunteer during the year.

What can I do? There are many ways to lend your talents!

See your Volunteer Coordinator and discuss options on how you can help. We hold large fundraising events during each school year. Our biggest fundraiser held in the fall is our very own Park Vista Invitational. We invite schools from all over South Florida to our marching band competition. It's a fun filled all-day event! We also have hosted the Color Guard Championships which is held in the spring. The location is chosen by the SFWGA governing body. Our school has been chosen because of our commitment and our volunteers which make it a success. These events are "all hands on deck." What that means is that band parents are encouraged to volunteer for both events. These events are big money makers for our program and it also helps us to lower our fair share.

The easiest way to volunteer is by joining the monthly Band Parent meetings that are held each month. At these meetings, you will learn more about the program and where it needs your help. Don't just sit in the car, get out and ask, "How can I help?" It is fun and you meet other parents with the same interests as yours. **As a guideline, it is recommended that every family contributes at least 25 hours to the Band Program.** A lot of hands make light work.

We need lots of cooks and cashiers at the Concession Stand at Home games. We need Field support at home and away games. Parent assistance with the Invitational and Indoor-Color Guard / Winter Guard indoor competition, and if we host Concert MPA. We also need plenty of Chaperones (and a truck driver) for the season. We need folks to take photos, help with local advertising, constructing props and much more. Any assistance will help.

Fundraising and Student Accounts

Fundraising for the Park Vista Community High School Band is a must if we are to run as a first-class program. A percentage of all of the funds raised by students will be put into a student account which will be used to pay off your fair share. It is important to remember that when you are participating in a fundraising event, you are supporting both yourself and your own band program. These events help you lower your fair share and help you reach your fundraising goals to help with fair share. If your fair share is not paid in full by the desired date, you will be placed on the school's obligation list. **A student is still responsible for the full fair share**

amount, even if they do not complete the full year of band. This also can impact graduation and prom if fair share is not paid in full.

Like all other organizations, survival and success depend to an extent upon financial resources. We ask you, the parents, to help us with this necessity through your raising of fair share and assisting us with various fundraisers. In order to help manage this influx of money we have devised an accounting system known as the student accounts. The student accounts serve very much like a savings account at the bank. Each child has a separate account where you can deposit money for tickets for Banquet, trips, etc. Each account is kept separate from the other band funds and is accounted for individually by student name. Any monies collected in this account can be used for any fees you accumulate. You or your child can also use this money to pay for items such as all-district registration, instrument needs, or any other item directly related to band. Non-seniors ending the year off with an overage in their account will automatically have their overage rolled over into the next year. However, these students risk their eligibility to participate in certain aspects of the band program. Seniors ending the year off with an overage can elect to transfer the money into another non-senior's account OR allow it to go back into the general band account. **However, seniors ending their year off with an overage WILL NOT be allowed to receive a refund check for monies fundraised or paid into the account over the years.**

Deposits

Deposits are made to your account in two ways. The first is any money you directly add to your account, either by online payment or sending a check to be deposited into the safe. For instance, if your fees at registration were \$100 you could pay \$110 and the extra \$10 would be placed in your account to be used for items at a later date. The second way to add money is through the various fundraising opportunities. With the beginning of each fundraiser, you will be informed of the exact profit that you will receive for each item sold. This money goes directly into your student account.

Course Offerings

Wind Ensemble

The top level of Band class offered at Park Vista. Students in this class will work on very high level music for performance throughout the school year. Membership in the Marching Band is required. This group has rehearsals and performances which require co-curricular participation. Students in this class may be required to take private lessons to maintain their status in this prestigious organization. Students in this ensemble will be required to perform either a solo or an ensemble at the FBA District evaluation or some other qualified jury process. There is a small fee associated with S&E. Students will individually be responsible for this fee and will be

responsible for providing their own accompanist. Membership in this Band is based on an audition and Directors' approval. **This class is a year-long commitment and students will be unable to withdraw after marching season. They must complete the concert season and may choose (if they wish) to not continue the next year.**

Symphonic Band

The intermediate level of Band class offered at Park Vista. Students in this class will work on music for performances throughout the school year. Membership in the Marching Band is not required but *highly* encouraged. This group has rehearsals and performances which require co-curricular participation. Students in this class are encouraged to take private lessons to help prepare them to audition/move up into Wind Ensemble. Students in this ensemble will be required to perform either a solo or an ensemble at the FBA District evaluation or some other qualified jury process. There is a small fee associated with S&E. Students will individually be responsible for this fee and will be responsible for providing their own accompanist. Membership in this Band is based on an audition and Directors' approval. **This class is a year-long commitment and students will be unable to withdraw after marching season. They must complete the concert season and may choose (if they wish) to not continue the next year.**

Concert Band

The entry level Band class offered at Park Vista. Students in this class will work on music for performances throughout the school year. Membership in the Marching Band is not required, but is encouraged. This group has rehearsals and performances which require co-curricular participation. Students in this class are also encouraged to take private lessons to help prepare them to audition/move up into Symphonic Band. Students in this ensemble are encouraged to perform either a solo or an ensemble at the FBA District evaluation or some other qualified jury process. There is a small fee associated with S&E. Students will individually be responsible for this fee and will be responsible for providing their own accompanist. Membership in this Band is open to all students at Park Vista even students with *no* previous experience. **This class is a year-long commitment and students will be unable to withdraw after marching season. They must complete the concert season and may choose (if they wish) to not continue the next year.**

Jazz Band I & II

Advanced styles of Jazz, Swing, Rock, Pop, and Latin are learned in this class and are performed throughout the year. Members of the Jazz Band **MUST** also be members of one of the concert bands, with the exception of guitarists, and pianists. Membership in these Bands are based on an audition and Directors' approval. **All jazz band students who are not in marching band are still responsible for paying the same fair-share amount as concert band only students!**

Color Guard

These students are members of the Performers marching band as dancers, flags, rifles, and sabres. During the second semester they are involved in one of the Park Vista Winter Guards. Guard members who participate in marching band in the fall are obligated to also do Winter Guard in the spring. The color guard class is a TWO semester class. **Students who drop out after the first semester will still be responsible for paying the full color guard and winterguard fair share / fees.** This group has performances which require co-curricular participation. Membership in this group is based on an audition and Directors' approval. Attendance to all rehearsals/functions is required.

Instrumental Techniques (Percussion Class)

This class is for our percussionists. Students will learn multiple percussion instruments and will in many cases combine to form percussion ensembles throughout the year. During the second semester, all of our PV Band percussionists combine to form our winter percussion. Percussionists who participate in marching band in the fall are obligated to also do Winter Percussion in the spring. The percussion class is a TWO semester class. **Students who drop out after the first semester will still be responsible for paying the full percussion and winter percussion fair share / fees.** This group has performances which require co-curricular participation. Students in this ensemble will be required to perform either a solo or an ensemble at the FBA District evaluation or some other qualified jury process. There is a small fee associated with S&E. Students will individually be responsible for this fee and will be responsible for providing their own accompanist. Attendance to all rehearsals/functions is required.

Grading Procedures

Grades are based on the following criteria for all band department performance classes. Grades are based on a 100 point scale.

1. Daily participation= 45 %
2. Co-curricular rehearsals and home/classroom assignments/quizzes=25%
3. Public performance, guest artist workshops and tests=30%
4. See and *sign* attached Grading Policy

Individual Practice

It is each band member's duty to practice his or her music outside of band rehearsal time on a daily basis. Practice should be spent on music, scales, etudes, long tones, and/or lip slurs. The best practice is practicing the things that may not be enjoyable but are beneficial! Effective individual practice can reduce the time spent in group practice after or during school. Color guard members are expected to practice their equipment work and/or choreography at home as well as during class and co-curricular rehearsals.

Students are strongly encouraged to take private lessons from a qualified instructor. This is the very best way for a student to improve his or her performance level. It is permissible for students to use class time for individual or group lessons IF approved by the director. Remember, the better a student becomes on his/her instrument, the more fun he/she will have playing it!

Band Parents Association

The Executive Board members are voted on in the last band parent meeting. Their tenure runs until the next year's Executive Board members are selected. The old and new boards meet jointly until the general meeting in June to provide a smooth transition. The purpose of the board is to assist the band directors in running the operations of the band program. The Band Parent Association will have regularly announced meetings each month. All parents are encouraged to attend.

President

Vice President

Head Treasurer

Parent Fair share Treasurer

Adopt-a-Student Treasurer

Secretary

Fundraising

Equipment

Field Operations

Pit and Battery Operations / Percussion Coordinator

Construction

Transportation

Concessions

Color Guard Coordinator

Percussion Coordinator

Volunteer Coordinator

Events Coordinator

The objective of the Band Parents Association is to help Park Vista Band students via their directors in every way possible. Park Vista activities are not completely covered by the PBC School Board's Budget; therefore, the Band Parents assist with raising money to support the band program. We help the PVHS band through a variety of fundraising efforts, including soliciting Business Sponsors, working at the Home games selling food. PVHS also has a group of parents that help with organizing trips and events, the events committee. They orchestrate organizing the annual fall PVHS Band Invitational and other travel events. The money we raise helps supply the PVHS Band with the tools and with the proper staffing, equipment, props, transportation, uniforms, and other support needed to maintain an excellent band program.

Why do we need your help?

It takes a group of dedicated students and parents to keep the PVHS Band program great! The Park Vista High School Band Parents Association is devoted to the support and advancement of the Striking Cobra Band Program. With increasing numbers comes the obligation for new uniforms, music, and more instruments, items which frequently are not funded by the PBC School District. You have the unique opportunity to help promote a band program with a proud legacy in our area. To continue and expand on our rich tradition of excellence, the Band Parent Association needs every parent to become involved! Whether it's fundraising, chaperoning, event organization, volunteering, or just showing up for monthly meetings, all that we ask is that you share with us your ideas and a little of your time and energy. Everyone has something to contribute and we need each and every one of you

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The Creed

United we rise;
Divided we fall.
Unwavered in our resolve,
We are the Band

With respect, integrity, and perseverance,
There are no faults.
Without respect, there is rebellion;
Without integrity, there is no truth;
Without perseverance, there is no success.

Our ambitions know no bounds;
Our strength is limitless.
Pride is the epitome of who we are.

We are Winds;
We are Guard;
We are Pit;
We are Battery.
We are...
The Park Vista High School Performers!

-Year of '09-'10

Celia Agado
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Caitlin Dreher
Brad Ganoe
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Please sign and return this page.

I (*printed parent name*) _____ have reviewed the PV Band Handbook (available at www.parkvistaband.com). I understand that all band members will abide by the rules in this handbook. I will ensure that my child follows the rules in the handbook. I understand that there is a band website (www.parkvistaband.com) and that important information is contained on that site. I understand the Fair Share system, as described in the PV Band Handbook.

Parent Signature

Date

I (*printed student name*) _____ have reviewed the PV Band Handbook with my parent and fully understand the guidelines. I understand that all band members will abide by the rules in this handbook. I will ensure that my I follow the rules in the handbook. I understand that there is a band website (www.parkvistaband.com) and that important information is contained on that site. I understand that a student must be present at Band Camp to participate next year. I understand the Fair Share system, as described in the PV Band Handbook. I understand that Fair Share is my responsibility and I promise to not “hit my parents up” for money at the last minute.

Student Signature

Date

