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2024-2025 COUGAR BAND SPONSORS



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DECEMBER HEADS UP

- 12/2 Symphony Orchestra 3:00-5:00 only students selected
- 12/3 Encore end of year awards 6:00
- 12/5 Band placement video due by 11:59PM (MAJOR GRADE)
- **12/6** Region Band auditions, phase 1 instruments Flute, Bb Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Horn, Tenor Trombone, and Percussion. (Freeman HS)
- **12/7** AM Region Band phase 2/non phased instrument auditions. PM Freshman Band Auditions (Freeman HS)
- 12/9 Symphony Orchestra 3:00-5:00 only students selected
- **12/10 -** Concert 2 Holiday Concert rehearsal 3-4 Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert rehearsal 4-5:30
- 12/11 Concert 1 Concert rehearsal 3-4
 Symphonic Concert rehearsal 4-5:30
 Beck JH Concert student help needed
 Encore Basketball performance 7:00
- 12/12 Holiday Concert 6:00 (Main Commons)
- 12/13 Region Orchestra Clinic only those students who made the group
- 12/14 Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert only those students who made group
- 12/16 Symphony Orchestra 3:00-5:00 only students selected
- 12/20 Symphony Orchestra 7:15AM-9:25AM only students selected

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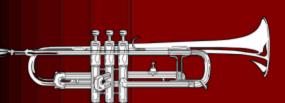
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Fall 2024 Band Placement Evaluation

- All band students will perform a Fall Band Placement Evaluation, including seniors.
- > The evaluation will consist of:
 - Two prepared region band etudes
 - Etudes are available from the Band website.
 - Check the Band bulletin board for exact cuts.
- Fall 2024 performance evaluation are due Thursday, December 5th, 2024, by 11:59PM
- > THIS EVALUATION WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE BAND PLACEMENT FOR THE SPRING 2025!!!!
 - If you perform this evaluation unprepared you could move down bands!!!!
 - This evaluation is a major grade for the 3rd six weeks
- Helpful hints:
 - Use a metronome
 - You can record multiple takes and submit the best one!
 - Listen to your recording before submitting
- Submit videos here: https://forms.gle/JZaH7zzWnE4T2wxt8





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Region Band Audition Information

This information is only for those auditioning for the Region Bands

Auditions will be held at Freeman HS.

Friday, December	<u>6 – Phase 1</u>		Saturday, December 7		
Flute	Clarinet	Alto Sax	ALL advancing from		
			Phase 1		
Trumpet	F Horn	Tenor	Piccolo	ALL Double Reeds	
		Trombone			
Percussion			Eb Clarinet	Bass Clarinet	
			Contra Clarinet	Tenor Sax	
			Bari Sax	Bass Trombone	
			Euphonium	Tuba	
			ALL Freshman		
			Instruments – PM		
			Only		

Phase 1 - Friday

Time: Check-in begins at 5:15PM in Large Cafe

Phase 2 and non-phased instrument - Saturday

Time: Check-in begins at 7:45AM in Large Cafe

Those that advanced to phase 2 AND all other instruments.

Bring \$7.00 cash for when you make it to the Area round.

Freshman Band - Saturday

Time: Check-in begins at 11:30AM in the Large Cafe

Instruments: Any freshman signed up to audition. If you made a 6A Region group you do not attend this audition.

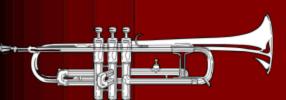
<u>Directions to Freeman High School, Katy ISD</u>

Freeman High School is located at 7800 Katy Hockley Rd in Katy, TX. (NOT KATY HOCKLEY CUT OFF ROAD.)

Traveling from Westpark Toll Road/1093: Westpark Toll Road west toward Katy. Take the Hwy 99/Grand Parkway North (right) exit. Continue north, cross I-10, and take exit for FM 529 then turn left. Continue west on FM 529. Turn right on Katy Hockley Rd. (NOT Katy Hockley Cut-Off Rd. FHS is about ½ mile on the right). All parking vehicles and buses should park in the South lot in front of the Performing Arts Center, next to the football stadium.

Parking

All parking vehicles and buses should park in the South side parking lot, in front of the Performing Arts Center, next to the football stadium. Enter through the main entrance on Katy Hockley, or the South parking lot. Car riders can be dropped off at the main entrance on Katy Hockley, or the South parking lot.



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Continued - Region Band Audition Information

Students will report to the Large Cafe upon arrival While the judges are meeting, the students in the cafeteria will be given instructions on where to go and what to do. We will have signs posted in several places in the cafeteria indicating room assignments.

All students should remain in the cafeteria until they are escorted to their rooms by the audition monitors.

When students arrive at their audition room, they will check in with a monitor who will inform them of their audition letter. *They will be given a name tag which must be worn at all times.* Students will be seated according to their audition letter and are to remain in their assigned seats.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to model the behavior and judgment that is expected of a mature person.

Please review the appropriate expectations with your students in advance, specifically emphasizing the following:

- Students should remain in the cafeteria when not in the audition room.
- 2. Students should not touch or play any equipment that is not specifically their own.
- 3. Only play your instrument in the audition room.
- 4. Food and drink stays in the cafeteria. Only bottled water may be taken into the audition rooms.
- 5. Students should clean up after themselves.
- 6. Students should not touch or move anything in the audition rooms.
- 7. Students should be respectful of other players while they are performing. No electronic entertainment devices are allowed in the audition room. <u>Distracting behavior, including mobile device use, may be cause for disqualification</u>.
- Students are not to have any interaction with the judges and must do nothing to communicate their affiliation with a particular school at any time during the audition.
- 9. Students must wear their name tags (given at the audition room) at all times.
- 10. All cell phones and electronic equipment must be turned off and not visible in the audition room. Silent mode is not acceptable.



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Holiday Dinner Concert Information

Purchase Dinner and Raffle Tickets:

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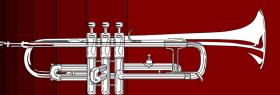
Meals will not be provided for students and must be pre-ordered

Dinner service 5:30-7:30

Poinsettia Pick-up 4:00-6:00

Uniform: Maroon Band Polo or Holiday sweater, Blue Jeans, Tennis Shoes

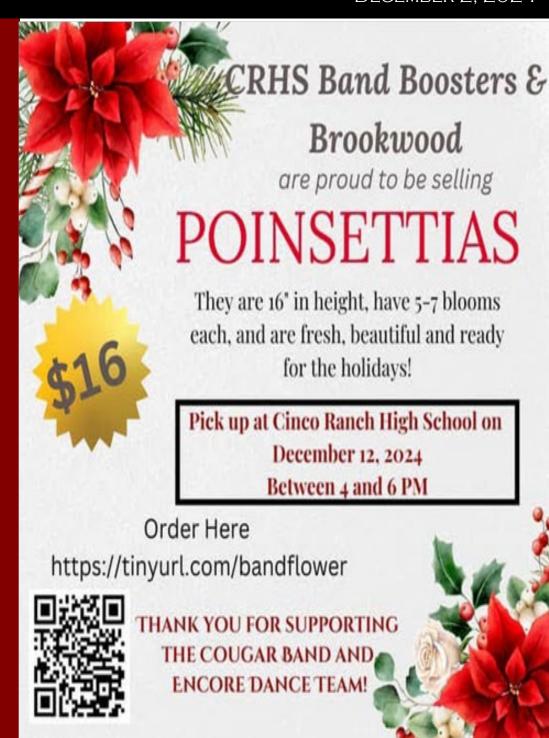
TIME	Jazz Band	Concert 2	Concert 1	Symphonic	Wind Ensemble
	Warm-up in				
5:00	Commons	band hall opens			
		Warm-up in Band			
5:20	perform	Hall	Arrive	Arrive/Dinner	Arrive/Dinner
5:50		Move to stage	Seated for warm-up	seated in commons	seated in commons
			Warm-up in Band		
6:00		perform	Hall	audience member	audience member
		audience		Warm-up in Band	
6:30		member/Dinner	perform	Hall	audience member
			audience		Warm-up in Band
7:00		audience member	member/Dinner	perform	Hall
7:30		audience member	audience member	audience member	perform
8:00		, ,	Help bring back	Help bring back	Help bring back



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