

Cosby Titan Band

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April, 2009

To: Incoming Titan Band Members
From: Earl E. Shaffer, Jr., Director

WELCOME TO COSBY!!!!

Enclosed is what you have been waiting for---Titan Marching Band (TMB) registration and information!!!

Registration is easy---fill out the form, include your deposit, and send it in. It is that easy!!!! Also, make sure that you have band on your class schedule for next year---if you don't at this point---see your counselor and have it added---it is that easy!!!

Benefits of being in the Titan Marching Band include the fun of being a part of the largest group in school---having made friends and knowing the school building well before the school year even begins---and being able to go on the spring trip!! This past year, the band performed on board the Carnival Cruise Ship "Sensation" as part of a cruise to the Bahamas. Past trips have included parade performances in Myrtle Beach and Disney World. Remember---that the majority of our band classes carry a TMB prerequisite. You don't want to be left out of all this fun!!

As you can tell by reading the material here TMB does not take as much time as you might think. Our band members are great at budgeting their time and we have amongst us some of the best students at Cosby!! Many of our band members are also students in the Health Sciences Specialty Center as well.

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions---can't wait to see you in the Cosby TMB!!!

The Chesterfield County public school system does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, age, religion, disabilities or national origin in employment or in its educational programs and activities.

THE LEGEND HAS BEGUN!!!

Why Belong??

This is the easy part!!

1. Having a great time!!
2. Performing at Titan football games, the State Festival and the Spring trip!!
3. Being a big part of the BIG RIVALRY GAME----
Cosby/Clover Hill!! **GO TITANS!!!**
4. Making new friends and belonging to something great before school even begins!!
5. The “Band Olympics” on the last day of summer band practice.
6. The ability to travel on the spring trip!! Florida this year!!
7. Get in the upper level band classes---all of our top classes have a “TMB prerequisite”
8. Earning your school letter earlier than those few who don’t participate in the TMB
9. Being a part of something new and something great!!
10. The feeling of a great performance is unbelievable

COSBY TITAN BAND

The Legend Continues!!

2009-10 Performance Schedule

Summer Practice Schedule--- All practices at Cosby HS

Monday August 17-Friday August 21

Monday August 24-Friday August 28

Friday September 11	Hopewell	Home
Saturday September 12	TAG DAY!!!! For all TMB members	Cosby Community
Friday September 18	CLOVER HILL	Home
Saturday October 3	Midlothian Showcase	Midlothian HS
Monday October 5	Chesterfield County Band Night	Thomas Dale
Friday October 9	Lloyd C. Bird	Home
Friday October 16	George Wythe	Homecoming
Saturday October 24	VBODA State Marching Festival	Bealton
Friday November 6	Monacan	Home
Saturday November 7	TMB at the College of William and Mary Game	Williamsburg VA
Friday December 11	Titan Band Holiday Concert	CHS Theater
Thursday March 4	Pre-Festival "Pyramid" Concert	CHS Theater
Saturday March 13	VBODA State Concert Festival	Lloyd C. Bird HS
Friday May 14	3rd Annual Concert of the Titan Band	CHS Theater

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To: Titan Band Members
From: Earl E. Shaffer, Jr., Director

IT IS AWESOME TO BE A TITAN!!!!

Enclosed is a registration form and fall schedule for the 2009-10 Titan Marching Band (T.M.B.) Our registration process has been designed to be effective and easy for everyone involved. Please read this carefully and return the form promptly to ensure that you are included in the band for next fall. (Our Concerts are included on the calendar as well).

Registration Form

Please complete this form accurately and have it signed by a parent/guardian. This form signifies a commitment made to the group and a drill spot created. Please understand the expectations prior to turning in the form. Since our top band classes carry a TMB membership prerequisite, it is even more important to return this information as soon as possible.

Fees

The Titan Marching Band fee for the 2009-10 T.M.B. will remain at \$165.00. This fee covers the members t-shirt, most of the cost of transporting the band to all scheduled performances, the cost of putting the show together, instructional staff, and more. This is an incredible value considering what you receive in return and makes us one of the least expensive active bands in the area. To make the payments easier on all of our families, we will need an \$80.00 deposit for each member prior to May 31, 2009. This makes two smaller payments for you, and allows the needed purchases to be made during the summer months for the band. **This deposit is non-refundable.** The balance of \$85.00 will be due at the start of band camp. Drill spots will not be written for students who have not paid a deposit or who haven't made arrangements with the director. Checks should be made out to the "Cosby Titan Band". See or notify Mr. Shaffer concerning problems here. Please mail the registration form and deposit check to the P.O. Box listed below.

Cosby Titan Band
Box 233
13618 Hull Street Road
Midlothian, VA 23112

Veteran members may opt to use their black band shoes from last year if you can still wear them or know where they are!! Orders for band shoes for new members and for those veterans who need a new pair will be taken during summer practice and will run about \$25.00. All brass and woodwind members will need white gloves as an accessory to their uniform. Gloves cost \$3.00 a pair and it is highly recommended that each player have several pairs!! Please be aware that all music classes carry school fees that are mandated by Chesterfield County. These county-wide mandated fees are paid at “fee night” held in August at Cosby. The county band fees are \$10.00 for instructional fee and \$30.00 for uniform usage—which applies to both marching and concert uniforms—all provided by Cosby High School.

Registration

Return the registration form and check addressed to Cosby Titan Band at the address listed above by May 31, 2009. Remember, *drill spots can not be written for anyone who has not paid a deposit or who hasn't made arrangements with the directors.* Please advise the director if your form will be late. Thank you for being prompt!!!

Summer Practice

Summer practices---“Band Camp”--will be held as mentioned on the performance calendar. All practices are held at Cosby High School and are where music instruction and marching techniques are put together and our field show is created from this. You will be taught everything you will need to do and each of you will be quite successful at it!! *Band camp is also a time where we meet new friends and form the family bond that defines the Cosby Titan Band!!*

School Practice

The TMB practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 2:30-4:30 during the month of September. During the month of October, we practice only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-4:30. TMB practice usually ends after the State Marching Festival (October 24). This is all it takes!!!

Fall Performance Schedule

Please read the fall schedule and notify the director at once for any known conflicts for any date. Summer vacation conflicts should be noted on the registration/commitment form. Advanced notice works better for everyone concerned!!

Awards

We have the most comprehensive awards program of any group around. From your first year award to your “Senior Plaque”, we believe in recognizing our band members with an award program that increases with each year you are in the program.

Leadership Candidates and Band Council

We will again be employing a full compliment of student leaders this year. We utilize the positions of Drum Major, Field Commander, Drum Captain, and Color Guard Captain(s). All of our leadership personnel will be able to assist the instruction of new members in the techniques of marching and to help with the teaching and eventually the cleaning of the bands marching performance. A Brass and woodwind captain as well as section leaders for sections needing such a position will also be utilized. If you are interested in a position of leadership in the TMB, make sure you get an application. Band Council applications are also available now as well.

Jackets and Such

Information for Titan Band wear and other such things will be available later on the spring and into the summer. Stay tuned so you can have all of the latest in Cosby gear!!!

Together we will continue to blaze new trails and are looking forward to our fourth great season in 2009-10. An exciting field show, great performances, a big sound, and lots of spirit will be what sets this band apart from the rest. You will continue to set the standard for all future Titan bands. Best wishes for a memorable 2009-10.

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Cosby Band Boosters
Membership Form 2009-2010

Name[s]: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: [Home] _____ [Cell] _____

E-Mail: _____

Children: _____

Membership Fee:

(Please Circle appropriate membership desired)

Quarter Note: \$25.00 (Regular Membership)

Half Note: \$50.00 (Regular Membership + 2 tickets to 1 concert event)

Whole Note: \$100.00 (Regular Membership + 2 tickets to 3 concert event)

Make Checks Payable To: Cosby Band Boosters

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Cosby Band Boosters
Membership Receipt

Membership Fee:

\$ 25.00 (Quarter Note)

\$50.00 (Half Note)

\$100.00(Whole Note)

Date Received

Treasurer Signature

