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Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to the Teague Band program! This handbook was written to familiarize you with the many aspects of the program, and to ensure an enjoyable and educationally rewarding musical experience. I realize you are deluged with reading material from the school at the beginning of the year, but PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ ALL OF THE HANDBOOK! After you have read this handbook, sign the last page, detach the form, and return it to me. Band students will be held accountable for the information contained herein, so please keep the rest of the handbook for future reference.

Band is an elective and selective course. It differs from the general music class, or any other course on the enrichment wheel. In that, we seek to develop and put to use a SKILL. It involves learning math concepts and applying them (rhythm), learning and applying a new system of notation, developing fine motor skills, developing our ability to really hear, and becoming *sensitive*: to the sounds we make, to the sounds others make, to the musical demands of the piece. It requires cooperation with a large team of musicians, working together toward a common goal. In addition, of course it also requires extra practice at home, occasional after school rehearsals and performances, and investment in an instrument. Band involves responsibility to the group. The sound each student makes changes the sound of the entire group. One student can literally ruin the sound of an entire 80-piece band!

I hope it is obvious that band is not for everyone. On the other hand, in many years of teaching, I have encountered very few students who lacked the musical and mental skills necessary to do a competent job in one of our bands. I have encountered dozens who lacked the desire to do what was required of them to succeed. If you have heard the Teague Bands perform, you probably realized you were listening to a very special group of people. They have developed skills and have had learning experiences that will be useful in any endeavor they pursue. They will also have acquired a very enjoyable leisure time activity, performing in amateur or semi-professional groups. Membership in a college band can make a large university seem a little smaller, and a lot friendlier.

I hope your membership in the Teague Band will be a rewarding and productive musical experience. Have a great year!

Sincerely,

Gary Bottomley
Band Director



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

What is Proper Concert Etiquette?

Please turn off all cell Phones!

Proper Concert etiquette is:

- Not talking while a group is performing.
- Not leaving the room while a group is performing. The closing of the door or walking down steps is very distracting for the audience and performers.
- Not unwrapping noisy candy during the concert; this distracts the people around you from hearing the performance.
- Clapping only at the **END** of the piece.
- Applauding as loudly for other students as you would for your own.
- Staying for the entire concert.
- Most of all, proper concert etiquette is realizing that all of the students performing tonight have put in the same amount of hard work and dedication, and that they each deserve the same attention and applause!



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

BEGINNING BAND UNIFORM INFORMATION AND POLO SHIRT CONTRACT & ORDER FORM 2011-2012

Every student will be required to wear this shirt during some band performances in the upcoming year. The shirts are collared “golf shirts” with a Teague Band emblem embroidered on them. They will be worn with his/her black dress pants. We are also offering these shirts to any interested parents with a “Teague Band Booster” emblem. **The price is eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per shirt.** Please make **checks payable to: TEAGUE BAND BOOSTERS.** Return this completed order form with your money in an envelope marked with the student’s name no later than Monday, August 22, 2011.

Student Name (Print): _____

Band Class Period: _____ (Check one/all) Student Shirt Band Parent Shirt

Sizes: *Adult Sizes only* XS S M L XL XXL

Quantity: Student: _____ Parent Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

The Teague Band uniform identifies our band as a special group representing our school and community. When wearing the uniform, please make sure that it is properly assembled until the activity is concluded and/or we have returned to school or been dismissed.

ALL SHIRTS MUST BE TUCKED IN!

Beginning Band Uniform

- Teague Polo Shirt
- Long black dress pants, non-fading material (with black belt)
- Black socks—calf length
- All black dress shoes*

We have read the uniform information and agree to the terms above.

Student Signature

Today’s Date

Parent Signature

***Black Bando shoes are available through the Teague Band Boosters for \$25.00.**



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
(Please Print) Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Gated Community? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, name: _____

Telephone: _____ Birth Date: _____

E-mail address: _____

Would you like to receive band information by e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Emergency Work Number _____

Cell Phone Number : _____ E-mail address: _____

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Emergency Work Number _____

Cell Phone Number : _____ E-mail address: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Emergency Work Number _____

Cell Phone Number : _____ E-mail address: _____

All information is confidential. Please notify the band office of any changes.



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

PARENT-STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT: _____

PARENTS: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL: _____

CELL/HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

I have printed and read a copy of the Teague Band Handbook:

PARENT: _____ STUDENT: _____

BAND BOOSTER DUES

Dues are \$25.00 per family per year and/or \$50.00 for a business or corporate membership. **Please make checks payable to the Teague Band Boosters. Return this form with your check.**

Also, the following forms must be completed and returned to the band room:

- Student Information
- Permission for Medical Treatment (must be notarized)
- Uniform Contract and Order Form
- Instrument-Use Contract (if you will be able to volunteer)
- Driver's License form (for volunteers driving students to school events)

There are many opportunities to help with this band program. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE BAND BOOSTER'S COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM.**



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BAND BOOSTERS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER SHEET

Every activity in which the students are involved directly involves the support and help of our wonderful parents. The Band Program has a tremendous reputation of excellence and the parents are the backbone of this fine group. With busy schedules, each person who provides assistance is a great help. Each of you has a gift, and we appreciate your sharing your time to assist these students who are doing something positive.

Student Name

Parent(s) Name

Band Class (check one)

Beginning Band 1 2 3
Concert
Symphonic

Home Phone

Student's Grade Level (check one)

6 7 8

Parent's E-mail

Availability (check all that applies)

Day Evening Both

| Committees | Mom | Dad |
|------------|-----|-----|
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- Wherever Needed
- Uniforms
- Fundraisers
- Instrument Transporting (Van)
- Office Help (Data Entry/filing)
- Chaperone
- Carpentry/Painting
- Photography/Video Taping
- Repairing Things
- Telephone
- Band Banquet
- Running Errands
- Piano Accompaniment

All volunteers must completed the 2011-2012 Dividend Form. This may be done online at www.scps.k12.fl.us - Dividend Volunteer Application.

____I would like to be notified by Mr. Bottomley using my e-mail address if there is a concern with my child.



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

DRIVER'S LICENSE FORM

The Teague Middle School Band takes great pride in its many accomplishments. However, none of this would be possible without outstanding support from our band parents. There are many events throughout the year that require the use of parent drivers. We need your driver's license information if you plan to help by driving students. We thank you ahead of time for your help.

PLEASE TURN IN THIS FORM as soon as possible. This information is necessary in order for the Seminole County Schools to complete a background check of any adult driving our students. You must also complete the Dividend application form online before driving any students to school events.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent #1

Name and Address **(AS SHOWN ON LICENSE)**

Date of Birth: _____

Florida Driver's License Number: _____

Type of License: _____

Parent #2

Name and Address **(AS SHOWN ON LICENSE)**

Date of Birth: _____

Florida Driver's License Number: _____

Type of License: _____



TEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

SCHOOL BAND PERMISSION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

I/we, the undersigned, being the parent, legal next-of-kin, or legal guardian of:

_____ (Student's Name) _____ (Date of Birth)

Herby authorize emergency medical treatment for this person beginning August 15, 2011 and continuing through June 1, 2012. I/we acknowledge the liability for medical expenses, hospital and expenses or other such charges incurred for such services as may be rendered for or on behalf of my/our child as a result of injury or sickness. I/we will assume financial responsibility for the incurred expenses through the insurance company listed below.

_____ Insurance Company _____ Name of Student's Physician

_____ Policy Number _____ Home Telephone

_____ Address _____ Student Social Security Number

_____ Parent Cell Phone Number _____ Parent Work Number

Allergies/Medical Information/Medications

_____ Parent's Names (Please Print)

_____ Home Address _____ City/State/Zip

_____ Home Phone _____ Work Phone (his) _____ Work Phone (hers)

This document will be taken on all band trips and functions. It is the responsibility of the parent to see this properly executed and returned to the band office.

Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me

This _____ Day of _____ 2011.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ **NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE**
State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires: _____

Teague Band



Home Practice Record for: _____

Band: Symphonic, Concert, Beginning, Jazz **Grade:** 6, 7, 8

| Day | Date | Assignment/Description | Minutes Practiced (Circle One) | | Parent Signature |
|--------------------------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|------------------|
| | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Mon | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Tue | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Wed | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Thu | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Fri | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Sat | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Sun | | | 30 | 45 | |
| Total Minutes This Week | | | | | |

**** Due every Friday by end of day.**