

GCISD Middle School Bands Welcome Back Night @ NRH20



All middle school band students will have the opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun on **Saturday, August 25th** at NRH20 in North Richland Hills. The bands will have an exclusive park rental from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. During this time, the park will be closed to the public, which means no long lines!

Lifeguards will be on duty. Concessions stands will be open, and ice chests are permitted for those who wish to bring their own snacks and drinks. **No glass is permitted.**

The cost per person for this 3-hour exclusive rental is \$20.00.

Family members are welcomed to attend with their enrolled band student for the same \$20.00 cost. *(For those who have a season pass, the fee is \$7.00).*

Transportation will not be provided to or from the park. Carpooling is recommended.

RULES

- No glass containers of any kind.
- Do not leave NRH20 unless you are leaving for the night with your ride.
- You may arrive later than 6:00 p.m. or leave earlier than **9:00 p.m.**
- **Please plan accordingly. Do not keep the Band Directors & chaperones waiting past **9:15 p.m.** for you to be picked up from the park.**
- Parent emergency contact – please call main office and they will page a director. 817-427-6500
- Represent yourself, your family, and your school in the proper manner.
- Please make your check payable to your school's band.

PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM

Supplemental lessons are available through the band program to all band students. Individual instruction is extremely beneficial due to the one on one teaching environment. The supplemental teacher is able to design a program that meets each individual's needs and each student is able to progress at his/her own rate of ability.

Professional teachers on each instrument are available to teach these lessons during band class, wolf time, before or after school. Lessons will be scheduled at your convenience on a first-come- first-served-basis. Students will be taught once a week. The cost of these lessons is \$20 per 25- minute lesson. Checks are made payable directly to the private instructor. Financial aid is available if needed.

Much of the success throughout the GCISD Band Program can be attributed to the supplemental lesson program and the superior private lesson staff. The high number of students enrolled in the program throughout the district has allowed the bands to maintain a high standard of performance.

Student's/Parent's responsibilities to the private lesson teacher:

1. Be fully prepared for each lesson.
2. Bring a pencil, method books, and any other required material to each lesson.
3. Keep a written assignment for each lesson.
4. Notify the supplemental teacher 24 hours in advance in the event a lesson must be missed. Failure to do this will result in an unexcused absence and the lesson must still be paid for. Excused absences by the student or the teacher shall be rescheduled or the money will be refunded.
5. The cost of each lesson is \$20. Payment should be made by check directly to the supplemental teacher. Lessons should be paid one month in advance. Please give the check to the supplemental teacher or put the check in an envelope and place it in the lesson box located in the band office.



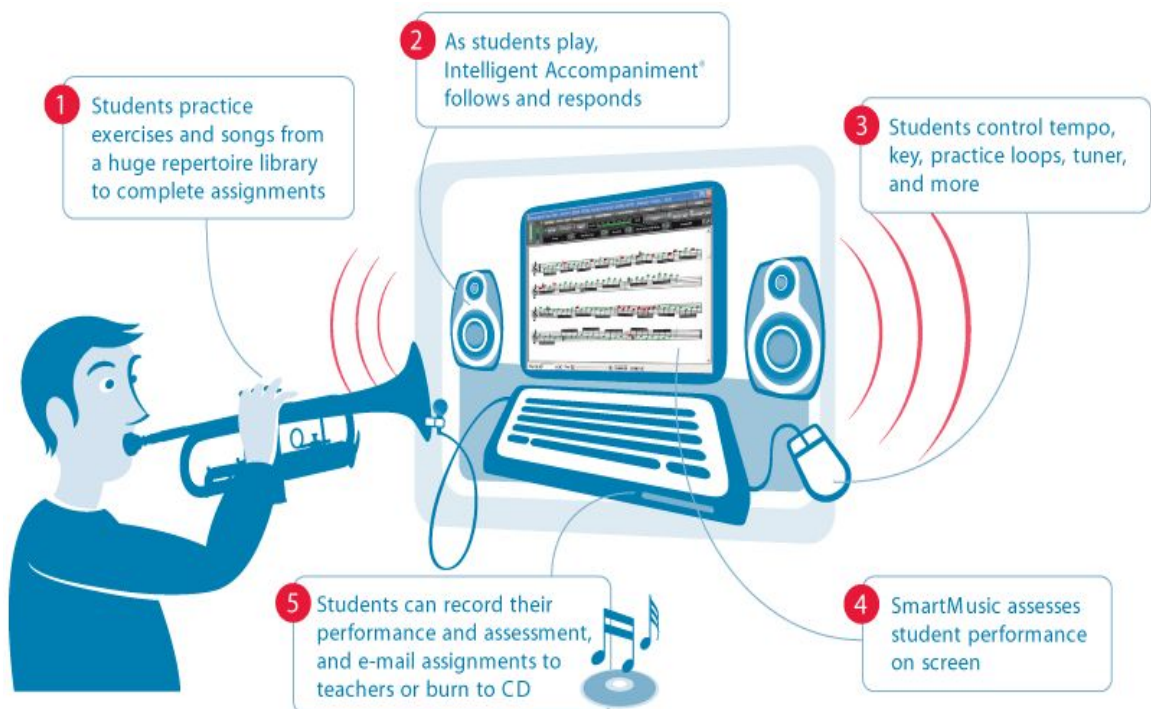
Your child's director will be utilizing SmartMusic®. This one-of-a-kind software is an essential home-practice tool for students of our Cross Timbers MS Band. It will help your child stay motivated, practice more, submit their required assignments, and progress quickly. Plus, it's fun!

As a student, your child will order a one-year SmartMusic subscription for \$20. Ordering is simple; just select SmartMusic on the CTMS Band Registration Night.

NEW & IMPROVED

SmartMusic is now *web-based*. Your director will receive an activation code for your child's pre-paid order. Upon students receiving this activation code, they will simply log on to the SmartMusic website and activate their subscription using their code. It's that simple!

And since this incredible program is now *web-based*, students will have access to their subscription from any computer! SmartMusic is also now available on iPad with a paid subscription.



Cross Timbers Middle School Band Uniform Information Sheet

The Honors, Symphonic, and Concert Bands will wear their uniform for events such as:

- Fall Concert
- Holiday Concert
- Pre--UIL Contest
- UIL Contest
- Festival Performances
- Spring Concert
- Other Occasions

This formal dress uniform will consist of the following:

Black tuxedo shirt (\$24) – Tuxedo Connect will measure at school during Band Class. Black tuxedo pant (\$28) – Tuxedo Connect will measure at school during Band Class. Students will provide – Black belt with silver buckle (boys), black dress shoes, black socks or hose.

Eighth Grade Information

If your uniform from last year still fits, you will not need to reorder. However, if you have outgrown any part of your uniform, you will need to order that part. However, the uniform must be in very good condition and able to endure a full year of use. Outgrown uniforms can also be donated to the CTMS Band.

Alterations Option

After delivered, if alterations are needed to the fit of the pants, you have the option to have them professionally altered.

Uniformity

It is essential that the band's appearance is consistent throughout the ensemble. Due to the fact that colors and styles differ so much, we will utilize Tuxedo Connect as our sole vendor for our CTMS Band uniform.

Please help our band be truly uniform. We appreciate your understanding. Please help our band be truly uniform.