



# A&M Consolidated High School Band

## Weekly Schedule

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### Winds

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Before/After School Practice	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	

### Percussion

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Before/After School Practice	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	

### Color Guard

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Before/After School Practice	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-5:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	Full Band – 8:00-8:00 P.M.	

**Wind Ensemble/Concert Band/Jazz Band/Overall Program Questions –**

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## From the Staff

We have completed our 1<sup>st</sup> Full Week of Band Camp!!! The students have worked very hard this week and made a lot of progress. We have been blessed with fantastic weather this week, but it will change next week. It is very important that everyone is drinking water and ready to be in the heat next week.

Tomorrow (Saturday Morning) is our 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Band Registration. This will be from 9-Noon in the Band Hall. It will be come and go for your convenience. This will be when you can come and finish paying for your band fee's, order anything from the music store (String & Horn) like valve oil, reeds, FLIP FOLDER (Your Student MUST HAVE THIS) if they are a wind player or battery percussion. During your time at registration, it will also be a time to sign-up for booster club help and start meeting directors and other booster club members.

As of this morning, we have raised over \$8,000 for the March-A-Thon. That is a Fantastic Start for just the first 2 days. Please help pass the word to friends and people you know outside of your family. Every dollar helps and goes to a great cause. Here is the link to push out: <https://fund-team.com/s/UM2W2VFUF>

**Please read ALL the information below to make sure that you are prepared for camp and have a successful camp.**

## Upcoming Information:

- **Band Camp** – Band Camp is Here!!! I hope you are ready to get started. Please
- **Physicals** – Thank You to everyone who got their physical completed and turned in. I appreciate you being patient with the process.
  - a. UIL Requires that every student participating in band MUST have a physical. You MUST have this before you can start practice in July. If you have not gotten your students physical done, then you MUST have that done by the time we start in July. If your student doesn't have their physical and forms turned in, then they will not be allowed to participate. The school is using a new system this year for our physicals. We use a system called Rank One. You will upload the physical into this system and fill out all required forms. Here is the link for more information: <https://www.amctigerclub.com/physicals>
- **Music Preparations** – We still have students who have not taken care of this responsibility. This needs to be taken care of this weekend and turned in by Monday. These Playing Assignments will help determine UIL Contest Spots. Please look below for the information regarding playing assignments. All parts have been uploaded into Schoology for you to download and start practicing.
  - Before Camp starts, we need for you to have Part 1 & Part 2 Memorized. To Make sure that this happens, we need for you to upload a playing video to Schoology with this completed. There will be 2 Assignment Links for you to upload your music. Again, this must be Memorized, and it must be a Video. This all must be done by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Please use a metronome when doing your recordings.** Tempo's need to be the following:
    - Part 1 – 140
    - Part 2 – 140

- Along with the Show music, you need to have Cake by the Ocean and Runaway Baby worked on and uploaded as well. This music can be found in the Stand Music folder. It needs to be at the following tempos, but not memorized. This all must be done by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Please use a metronome when doing your recordings.** Tempo's need to be the following:
  - Cake by the Ocean – 130
  - Runaway Baby – 140

**Band Camp Reminders** – This should help you be successful when it comes to the start of band camp. Please look at all the details listed below.

- a. **Hot Weather** – We are aware of the Heat and the warnings that are being issued. We have a CSISD Heat Policy that we follow along with all the other sports. The student's safety is our 1<sup>st</sup> concern.
- b. **What to Wear** – Students should wear Athletic Shorts, White-T-Shirt, Athletic Running Shoes. Don't wear Jeans, long pants, slip-on shoes, shoes that don't tie. There will be Dress-Up Days for the students to wear fun stuff. Students need to have a hat, sunglasses, bath towel, along with a cooling towel or a hand towel to put around their neck. They also need to wear sunscreen.
- b. **What to Drink during Camp** – You MUST Drink Water! Soft Drinks, Energy Drinks are not permitted. Freshman will get their water jug during Freshman Camp.
- c. **What to Eat for Meals** – For Lunch, you need to bring your own Lunch. Make some sort of sandwich to bring with chips and cookie. Outside meals are not allowed for your student. For Dinner on the 8-8 Rehearsals, the Band Booster club will feed your student on those days.
- d. **What other items do I need** – You need to bring your instrument and everything that you need to make it work (reeds, valve oil, sticks, etc...) **Please make sure that you bring a Pencil to rehearsal.**
- e. **When do I show Up?** – We ask that students are here 15 min. before rehearsal begins. This will assure that you are not stuck in traffic or if there is a car problem, then someone has time to come pick you up. It is important that you set your alarms and maybe multiple alarms to help you get up and ready to start.
- f. **How do I stay Hydrated?** – This is one of the main reasons that students get sick during camp. They don't take care of their bodies when not practicing. You MUST drink water at night before you go to bed. You MUST drink water when you wake up in the morning and continuing to drink water during the day. Students who are not hydrated will have headaches and start feeling sick. This will cause you to miss rehearsal or just not be your best at rehearsal. So please take the extra time to stay Hydrated.

- **Calendar** – We have a new Calendar and here is the link for that Calendar. <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=YI8yYzBjODUIiNWUzNDc1YTJiNWVknN2EyMWJmZjYlOWRmYjViYjIzNDUyYTBkZjQ2MDImMzVIMjc5ZjZjN2ZmNDA4QGdyb3VwLmNhbGVuZGFyLmdvb2dsZS5jb20> It is also posted in the Band App. Please check out our Website: <https://www.amcbands.com>.
- **Ways to Communicate** – The Charms Database that all our returning members will be going away. We will be sending emails through Band App which everyone needs to have. Students will also get updates on Remind which they should be logged onto.

- **Sponsorship Letter** – I have attached our New Sponsorship Letter for the Fall of 2024. Please take this letter and help us find more sponsors for the band. If you would still like your business logo on the March-A-Thon Shirt, you still have time. Please consider passing this letter out to friends and businesses to help our band program.
- **Band App Updates** – We will be phasing the Remind App out and using the Band App instead. This is how you can join. If you have not joined, then please get signed-up. If you have joined, then please make sure that you are using your First and Last Name. Please don't use other names or just your first name. Please use the link: 'AMCHS TIGER BAND' group on BAND - The app for groups and communities! <https://band.us/n/a1a591Eefd0aQ>
- **Senior Pictures** – Please make sure that you have the password to view your photos. That was sent in a separate email.
- **Full Band Photo's** – We will have our Full Band Photo Shoot and Individual Photos of the students in uniform on July 31<sup>st</sup> in the morning. We will be sending out digital copy of the order form once we get it. This will be your chance to get photos of your student in their uniform along with the full band photo.
- **March-A-Thon** – We have kicked this fundraiser off on the first day of camp. The students need to have 10 emails of people that they think will donate to the band program. Please help your student and provide this information to them so that they are prepared.
- **UDB App** – Parents, your student will need their phone at rehearsal, and they will need to download the Ultimate Drill Book App onto their phone. Please make sure that your student has this app on their phone by Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>. This is how we will teach drill daily.
- **Amazon Wish List** – Please look at the Amazon Wish List and see if you can help us with some items for the band this fall and spring. This was a huge help last year with simple things like paper towels, batteries, air fresheners, charging stations, vacuum cleaners, etc...
- **Remind Info**  
 We have created Remind Groups for the Students to sign-up for. They are by class, so please click on the link and sign-up. Every Student MUST be signed up in their respective group. This is another place to send out messages to students quickly. If you are a parent and want to sign-up for your student's class, that is fine.
  - a. **Wind Ensemble** –
    - i.To sign up for WE 24-25 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/we242>
  - b. **Symphonic Band**
    - i.To sign up for SB - 24-25 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/sb242>
  - c. **Concert Band** –
    - i.To sign up for CB - 24-25 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/bkacb4h>
  - d. **Percussion** –
    - i.To sign up for Percussion - 24-25 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/fhg44gb>
  - e. **Color Guard** –
    - i.To sign up for Color Guard - 24-25 notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/f26k3c>
- **Chicago Info**

It's time to register for our trip to Chicago! Please use this link to register for an account with GroupCollect and add your child(ren) as passengers:

TRIP LINK: <https://ccistravel.grcoll.co/v2/go/a-mconsolidatedhsbandchicago2025>

If you are asked for a trip code, our unique trip code is:

**A-MCONSOLIDATEDHSBANDCHICAGO2025**

**NOTE:** Parents/guardians must register and create the GroupCollect account and add their children as passengers attending the trip. Also - passengers have 14 days after their initial payment is made to purchase the Enhanced Travel Protection with Cancel for Any Reason. After the 14 days has passed, there is no way to choose the Enhanced Coverage again! Also, it is important to note that if trip protection is selected, the entire cost of the policy is added to the initial trip payment. Passengers must pay the entire deposit amount + trip protection cost (if selected) to be marked as “reserved” in GroupCollect.

Here is a link to some helpful passenger information about the GroupCollect system:

[Passenger Registration Help Document](#)

Please direct all trip related questions to me as your trip leader. There will be a “Support” bubble on the bottom right of your GroupCollect dashboard where you can get GroupCollect help.

You will see that your first payment is due on 5/30/24. You will not be confirmed on the trip until you complete all of the registration information and make your initial deposit.

FYI – charges will appear as GROUP\*CCISGROUPCOLLECT on your credit card statement as noted on payment receipts.

Remember, your passenger’s first payment is due on **5/30/24!**

The payment schedule for your trip is as follows:

5/30/24

6/30/24

7/30/24

8/30/24

9/30/24

10/30/24

11/30/24

12/30/24

1/17/25