

PORTER HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN BAND

Porter High School Band Hall
22625 Sandy Lane, Porter, TX 77365

ALL BAND MEMBERS MUST SUBMIT BAND REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS, NEW OR EXISTING:

Porter High School Spartan Marching Band is hosting a required annual registration at the following date

and time: May 22nd and 23rd, 5pm to 8pm – Porter HS Band Hall.

At the same time, there will be a freshman camp on the exact dates from 4:30-6:30 PM. All freshmen and

leadership students will need to wear athletic attire and have their instrument/flip folder for the event.

Current School Year Highlights:

The Spartan Band placed 2nd at Area contest and was in several finals at different contests this past year. Next year, we have a VERY exciting show planned for our community that we know everyone will love entitled "**Once Upon a Time**." The band will compete at the Aldine Percussion Festival, USBands Baytown, BOA Conroe, Lone Star Preview, Region 33 Marching Contest, the UIL Area I Championships and travel to several other marching contests to represent the community and school district in fine arts. This upcoming competition season will be exciting, fun and very rewarding.

Information:

We take pride in making sure we communicate with all parents and students regarding the happenings of the Spartan Band Program. Feel free to email Ms. Torres at atorres3@newcaneyisd.org with any questions you may have. We are having our required Band Registration days are from **5pm-8pm on Monday May 22nd and Tuesday May 23rd**. It is very important everyone come to one of those two nights. It is also very important to take note of our July and October dates. Students are required to attend all summer band days and October (9th-13th) rehearsals to prepare for marching contest. It is very important to study the band calendar on Charms: <https://www.porterspartanband.org/calendar.html>

Forms

Attached to this letter are all the forms that students and parents will need to fill out for the marching band next year. Please have these forms filled out when you come to band registration on Monday May 22nd and Tuesday May 23rd, 2023.

BAND FEE

The band fee of \$175 covers shared costs throughout the band year for various clinics and band ensemble supplies. Payments (check/cash – PHS Band) will be accepted at band registration on Monday May 22nd and Tuesday May 23rd - you will have the option to pay in full or make two half payments. All band fees must be paid in full by the first day of summer band, July 24th 2023 to ensure a spot in the state competition show.

Angela Torres, Mike Nelson, Gage Cope, Vicente Rico – Band/Guard Directors | P: 281-577-5900 ext. 5720

PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

KEEPING UP WITH THE SPARTANS



PORTER SPARTAN BAND WEBSITE



PORTER HS SPARTAN BAND

Director approval required to join and requires
Social Media Policy to be signed



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION & BADGE

CHARMS

Calendar of events, Newsletters, Student financial account,
Handouts, and Volunteer Requests
The school code is **PorterHSBand**



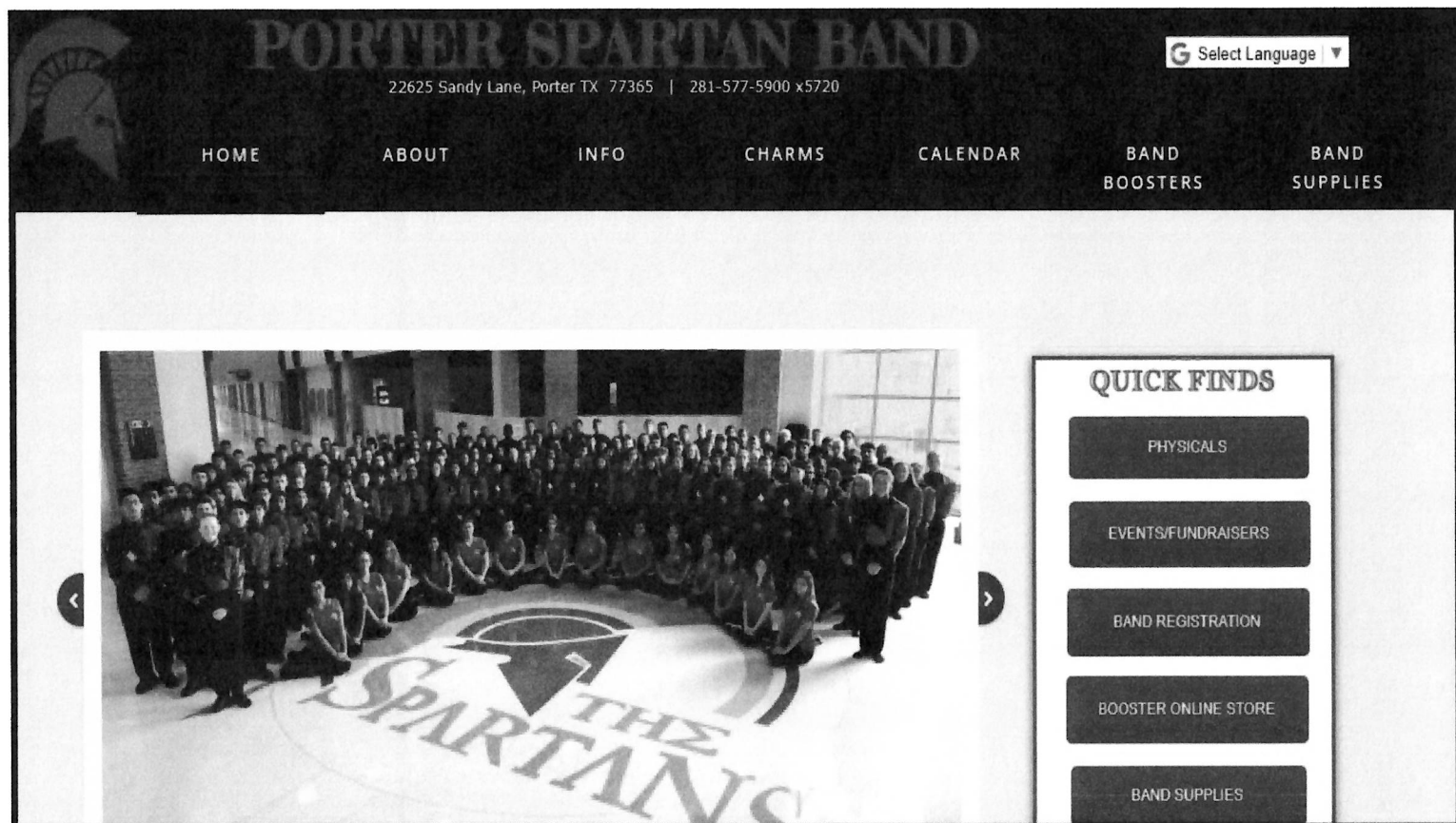
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Communication vehicle for Teachers, Parents & Students
Available via Website, App Store, text messages or email notifications



FOOTBALL SCHEDULE LOCATED @ PORTER SPARTAN BAND CALENDAR

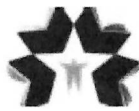
PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND WEBSITE



WEBSITE: www.PorterSpartanBand.org

WHAT YOU CAN FIND ON THE WEBSITE:

- **ABOUT:** Meet the Band Directors, Awards & Overview of Ensembles
- **STUDENTS:** Private Lessons, Forms, Auditions
- **PARENTS SECTION:** Forms, Physicals, Volunteers, Booster Information, Events/Fundraisers
- **CALENDAR:** Schedule to help you keep up with the Band and Your Student
- **CHARMS:** Use PorterHSBand to enter the school page. You will find Volunteer sign-ups. First time users enter their student id as a password.



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND CHARMS CALENDAR MOBILE DEVICE SYNC INSTRUCTIONS

IPHONE

1. Go into the Settings app
2. Touch "Passwords & Accounts"
3. On the Passwords & Accounts screen, touch "Add Account"
4. On the Add Account screen, touch "Other"
5. Under Calendars, touch "Add Subscribed Calendar"
6. For the Server value, enter the URL of the public calendar:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsync.asp?s=PorterHSBand>
7. Touch "Next" in the upper right corner.
8. It will verify the server then show a subscription page. Change the description if you like.
9. Touch "Save" to save the subscription.



ANDROID

1. To sync with Android devices, you will need to use your Google account and have a Google calendar created.
2. In your Google calendar on a real computer:
3. Under "Other Calendars" click the Add link.
4. Select "Add by URL"
5. Enter the following URL:
<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/calsync.asp?s=PorterHSBand>
6. Click "Add Calendar"
7. Google will begin to sync your calendar, and it will appear on the screen.
8. Click "Settings"
9. Change the long name of the new calendar to something you will remember such as "Charms Calendar"
10. Your phone should automatically be set to sync with your Google calendar.
11. On your phone: Click on "Calendar", then bring up the settings for the calendar. Click on Calendar Sync. You should see your google account listed already. Make sure Auto-Sync is checked.



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

FACEBOOK

FACEBOOK GROUP: Porter HS Spartan Band

WHO CAN JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP?

This Facebook group is a director-facilitated closed group dedicated to helping our band students with communication and social media education. You must be a current student or parent of a student actively involved in the program to gain membership in this group. In addition, alumni and their parents are allowed to remain members of the group. When a request to join the group is received you must have signed a social media policy on file and you may receive a call to obtain more information on your involvement with the program.

HOW DO I LOCATE THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FORM?

Go to www.porterspartanband.org and download the form located under PARENTS->FORMS AND HANDOUTS->REGISTRATION PACKET

POLICY REGARDING FACEBOOK GROUP:

The band is dedicated to excellence. The guidelines for posting in the Facebook group:

1. Only POSITIVE posts will be allowed. Any negativity towards the band organization, any band members, or any band directors will be removed at the discretion of the directors.
2. Any posts that the directors feel are inappropriate or contain foul language will be removed.
3. Keep all postings relevant to band and music. No random stuff.
4. Your membership on the Spartan Band Facebook page is a privilege, and you could lose your right to be a member of the Facebook page if the rules can't be followed. Be excellent in everything you do - even on social networking sites.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION & BADGE

WEBSITE REFERENCE LINK: Volunteer Application Website: <https://www.newcaneyisd.org/Page/231>

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

The New Caney Independent School District values the contributions made by its many volunteers who diligently work to support our outstanding students, teachers, and programs. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for our students and visitors. In order to volunteer for field trips, chaperone, help on football field, etc. you must be an approved designated volunteer by obtaining a volunteer badge.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Due to a change in the application process, we will send an updated version of how to apply through email and our remind app. We will get this out to all parents as quickly as possible!

PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND REMIND SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

You can join a class to receive Remind messages via text, email, or push notification (or any combination of these).



1. To get text notifications:

- **Join by text:**
text this message @areachamps to 81010
- **Join online:**
Visit remind.com/join and enter the class code **areachamps** then click Join Mr. M. Nelson's Porter Band. Enter your Name and phone number to sign up or use your Google account to login. If you use your mobile phone number you will enable text notifications at the number you entered.

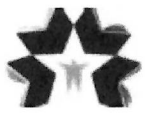


2. Get mobile app notifications:

Download the mobile app for iOS and Android devices and create a new account(or log in if you already have one.) To join a class, click the three lines in the top left corner and select + Join a class. Enter **areachamps** and You'll automatically get app notifications.

3. Get email notifications:

- **Join online:**
Visit remind.com/join and enter the class code **areachamps** then click Join Mr. M. Nelson's Porter Band. Enter your Name and email address to sign up or use your Google account to login. If you use your email address you will be able to enable email notifications.
- **Join from your inbox:**
Send a blank email to **areachamps@mail.remind.com**. You'll get a response with more instructions.



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

2023 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE – ALREADY LISTED ON CHARMS

Friday	Aug 25	@ Dayton	Bronco	7 PM
Friday	Sept 1	vs New Caney	RRS	7 PM
Friday	Sept 8	@ Kingwood Park	Turner	7 PM
Friday	Sept 15	vs PA Memorial *	RRS	7 PM
Friday	Sept 22	Bye Week	NA	NA
Thursday	Sept 28	@ Baytown Sterling	Stallworth	7 PM
Friday	Oct 6	vs Crosby **	RRS	7 PM
Friday	Oct 13	@ La Porte	Bulldog	7 PM
Friday	October 20	vs G C Memorial ***	RRS	7 PM
Thursday	October 26	@ Baytown Lee	Stallworth	7 PM
Friday	November 3	vs Barbers Hill	RRS	7 PM

* **Senior Parent Night**
** **Gold Out Game**
*** **Homecoming**



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

NCISD Student ID number: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: TX Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email _____ Grade: _____

Height: _____ foot _____ inches T-Shirt Size (circle one): XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Birthday: ____ / ____ / ____ Concert Instrument: _____

Marching Instrument: _____ Private Teacher: _____

Food Allergies: _____ Dietary Restrictions: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN No. 1 INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: TX Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Birthday (optional): ____ / ____ / ____

Occupation/Skills: _____

Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN No. 2 INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: TX Zip: _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Birthday (optional): ____ / ____ / ____

Occupation/Skills: _____

Email: _____



NEW CANEY ISD HIGH SCHOOL BAND HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND
GRADES 9-12

The following handbook is provided to help us have a band program that is enjoyable, smooth running, and educational for all of its members. Making expectations clear at the beginning of the school year can help make that possible. This handbook includes information about general rules and regulations of the band program, academic eligibility rules, rules relating to U.I.L. competition, school-owned equipment, insurance, individual equipment, alternates, band hall policies, uniform procedures, calendar, attendance policies, and the fund-raising system.

The following may seem overwhelming, especially to those of you new to our band. Please know that as a result of clear expectations and consistent enforcement of regulations, our band has been able to be the successful organization it has grown to be, and that your child will want to be a part of. It is this positive experience that we strive to achieve for all band members, and it can only be achieved through cooperative teamwork on the part of the directors, parents and students.

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I have read and understand the New Caney ISD Handbook and will abide by its rules and regulations. I also understand that my student will travel with the band to all scheduled rehearsals, performances, contests, and various district events.

Student's Last Name, First (Printed)

Student Signature and Date

Parent's Name (Printed)

Parent Signature and Date

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Band Permission to Release Publicity Information

Student's Name _____ School Year _____

Initial: _____ I hereby give my permission to New Caney Independent School District personnel to use photos of my son/daughter in local or Houston-area newspapers, television, and other news media to publicize concerts, competition results, and honors/achievements of members of the band.

Initial: _____ I hereby give my permission to the Porter Band Program to release my parent contact information to the Porter Band Boosters for band event information, notices and reminders.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND SUPPLIES AND PAYMENT FORM

The following items will be required for this year's participation in the Spartan Marching Band. The band activity fee can be paid in full or can be made in half payments. At least one payment must be made at the beginning of marching band with the final payment due by the first day of summer band, July 24th.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	QTY	TOTAL
Band Activity Fee	General band fee for yearlong program operations. Due in May.	\$175	1	\$175
Dry-fit Shirt (red)*	The official shirt and shorts are required to be worn at major stadium practices and pep rallies under your uniform.	\$22 (2)	webstore	webstore
Marching Band Shorts (black)*		\$15	webstore	webstore
Spartan Hat*	The official hat is required for all games and stadium rehearsals	\$15	webstore	webstore
Marching Shoes	The official specially designed MTX brand marching shoes. required to be worn for all performances. Paid May 22nd or 23rd.	Est \$40	1	\$40
Water Jug	The official Spartan Marching Band water jug is required for all practices and football to ensure everyone stays hydrated. (All water jugs must be labeled with students' name)	\$20	webstore	webstore
Flip Folder and Lyre	Each and every student MUST have a flip folder and lyre for football games. (Flutes will need to purchase a wrist-supported)	\$10	Music Stores	Music Stores
Performance Top	The uniform that the students are required to be worn at all marching performances.	\$60	1	\$60
Reverence Show Shirt	The Theme show shirt is a required purchased for all marching contests we attend in the fall of 2023 – Purchased through Porter Band	\$20	Boosters	Boosters
GRAND TOTAL				\$

Online purchases: (Freshman and New Students need the Band Package \$72) All sizes are adult sizes only. The webstore will open May 22nd for purchases.

Dry-fit Shirt, marching shorts, Spartan hat, water jug – link opens May 23rd and closes July 1st:
<https://stores.inksoft.com/porterhsband/shop/home>

Marching Shoes: All marching shoes will be ordered for students at Registration nights, May 22nd and May 23rd. There is only one permitted marching shoe for the Spartan Marching Band which we size and order for you. (No substitutions are allowed)

Music Store: Please go to a music store and purchase these items. They will be used in pep rallies and all football games

Payment Options: Make checks payable to PHS Band - include DOB / Phone Number / Drivers License #

Pay in Full	Payment Plan: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Freshman and New</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Returning</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposit at Registration</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$100</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>By July 24th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$175</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$135</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GRAND TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$275</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$235</td> </tr> </table>		Freshman and New	Returning	Deposit at Registration	\$100	\$100	By July 24th	\$175	\$135	GRAND TOTAL	\$275	\$235
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Student Name: _____ **Instrument:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Payment Option: Full / Payment Plan **Payment Amt:** _____ **Date Paid:** _____



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENT/STUDENT UIL MARCHING BAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

No student may be required to attend practice for marching band for more than eight hours of rehearsal outside the academic school day per calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This provision applies to students in all components of the marching band.

On performance days (football games, competitions and other public performances) bands may hold up to one additional hour of warm-up and practice beyond the scheduled warm-up time at the performance site. Multiple performances on the same day do not allow for additional practice and/or warm-up time.

Examples of Activities Subject to The UIL Marching Band Eight Hour Rule.

- Marching Band Rehearsal (Both Full Band and Components)
- Any Marching Band Group Instructional Activity
- Breaks
- Announcements
- Debriefing and Viewing Marching Band Videos
- Playing Off Marching Band Music
- Marching Band Sectionals (Both Director and Student Led)
- Clinics for The Marching Band or Any of Its Components

The Following Activities Are Not Included in The Eight Hour Time Allotment:

- Travel Time to and from rehearsals and/or performances
- Rehearsal Set-Up Time
- Pep Rallies, Parades and Other Public Performances
- Instruction and Practice for Music Activities Other Than Marching Band and Its Components

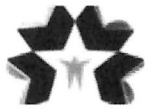
NOTE: An extensive Q&A for the Eight Hour Rule for Marching Band can be found on the Music Page of the UIL Web Site at: www.UIL.utexas.edu

"We have read and understand the Eight-Hour Rule for Marching Band as stated above and agree to abide by these regulations."

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

This form should be filed with the school principal OR his designee for each participant in the competing organization. Do NOT send this form to the region executive secretary. C&CR Section I105 (d)



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEDICAL CONSENT FORM

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ give my child permission to travel with the Instrumental Music Program on any school sponsored event that may occur during the signed and dated school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

CONSENT TO TREAT A MINOR

Should the director or designated chaperone not be able to contact a parent or guardian, I, the undersigned, do hereby authorize the chaperone(s) for the Porter High School Instrumental Music Program to obtain medical treatment for my child by a licensed physician/surgeon at an office or hospital. After treatment of the above-named minor, their physical custody shall be returned to the chaperone(s) for the Porter High School Instrumental Music Program. These forms will travel with the band director at all events in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Name of Company: _____ Group Number: _____

Policy Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Mother's Name (please print): _____ Father's Name (please print): _____

Mother's Work Phone: _____ Father's Work Phone: _____

Mother's Cell Phone: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Mother's Home Phone: _____ Father's Home Phone: _____

Medical Issues: _____

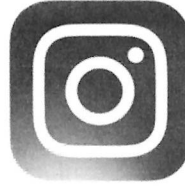
Allergies and Medications: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (name of a non-parent we can reach in case of emergency)

_____	_____	_____
Name	Phone	Relationship



PORTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY AND PERMISSION FORM



Please read the section from New Caney ISD's Social Media Policy regarding Team or Club Sites. If you give permission for your child/ward to be a member of the **Facebook / Remind App** for the purposes of communicating with the directors or other students and for sharing information related to the PHS instrumental music program, please certify your agreement by signing below.

Team or Club Sites

Employees who maintain a social networking site for the sole purpose of communicating with students and parents such as a team or club site must:

Have principal approval;

Have written parent permission from each student invited to the site kept on file in accordance with record retention policies; and

Keep the site private and accessible only to students, parents, and campus administration.

By signing below, you acknowledge and understand the director's policy on other social media, such as Snapchat, Remind, Twitter, and Instagram. Please refer to the PHS Band Handbook under the article labeled Social Media for more information.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Print Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date