

Thomson High School Bulldog Brigade Marching Band
Phone (706) 986-4260
www.bulldogbrigade.org

Dear Band Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that the 2011-2012 Band Season is here. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I am really looking forward to the new season and know that it will be our best yet.

Below is the Band Camp info. Please read through it with your child, fill out the necessary forms, and send forms/ band camp fee with your child the first day of their scheduled camp. In an effort to save paper, we will distribute the Band Hand book to all students on the first day of camp. REMINDER – All students will need a flip folder and Lyre for their instruments. (Exception – Auxiliaries)

Band camp for the 2011-2012 marching season will be:

- **August 1 thru 4 - 7:30 AM till 3:30 PM** – Percussion, Auxiliary (Flags, Dance and Majorettes), and leadership.
 - It is very important that we get this “one on one” time with you. Contracted (very expensive) instructors will be teaching special catered routines and cadences/ show music to the percussion. Leadership will rehearse music and learn drill so that they can help teach the band during full camp.
- **August 3 and 4 – 7:30 AM till 12:00 PM – Rookie Camp for all rising 9th Graders and first time marchers.**
- **August 8 thru 11** – Full Camp 7:30 AM till 3:30 PM – All Students
- **August 15 and 16** – Full Camp 4:00 PM till 7:00 PM – Regular practice schedule will resume after camp dates.
- **LUNCH FOR ALL CAMP DAYS WILL BE FROM 12:00 PM till 1:00 PM.** Lunch will be on your own. You may leave campus or bring a sack lunch to eat in the Band Room. If bringing a sack lunch, please provide your own small personal cooler. We do not have room to store everyone's lunch. Students may ride with other students to leave campus as long as we have a note from both parents giving approval. **If you do not have parental consent you may not ride with another student to leave campus. * Special Note – The Band Boosters will have a concession available for those wishing to purchase meals on the spot. A menu will be sent out at a later date.**

We are starting early in the morning to help avoid as much heat as possible. **Band Camp is mandatory** for all **Performance Band** members. Exceptions are THS football players, THS Softball Players, Competition ROTC Drill Team and THS cheerleaders. In order to be a competitive group, we must have 100% participation at every rehearsal and performance.

Just a friendly reminder, there is a **\$50.00 band camp fee** for all band students. Please have this fee ready to pay on the first day of Band Camp. Make Checks payable to the **THS Band**. This will help ensure that we get the best instructors and needed items for band camp. Students and parents wanting to fundraise the fee will be given the opportunity but will need to fill out a Band Booster consent form provided in the 2011-2012 Band Handbook.

Special Reminder:

All regular Booster meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the THS Band Room. We hope to see you there. (Our first Band Booster meeting will be 7:00 PM on July 26 in the THS Band Room- Not a regularly scheduled meeting)

PLEASE VISIT OUR BAND WEB PAGE. www.bulldogbrigade.org (Music will be handed out the first day of camp. It will not be available for download off of the band website.)

Sincerely,
Jessie Morlan
Director of Bands
morlanj@mcduffie.k12.ga.us

CHECK LIST OF ITEMS TO COMPLETE

1. Fill attached forms and sign all appropriate places. Return the enclosed forms and the band handbook forms to the band office by August 8, 2011. – Special note**** The band handbook will be given out on the first day of camp. You may also download the handbook from our website at www.bulldogbrigade.org on or after July 18, 2011.

Simply click on the **IMPORTANT INFO** tab for easy download in PDF format.

2. Bring your \$50 band camp fee the first day of camp. (Camp fee will also help in purchasing Polo shirts and band T Shirts for our performance wear.)

a. Make all checks payable to the **THS BAND**

b. Just a side note – Students that went to past UGA summer band camps discovered that many bands in the state have a \$1200 band fee or more. We are fortunate to have a very supportive Band Booster Club and Board of Education. Make sure you thank members of these groups when you see them.

c. If you desire to fundraise this amount you and your parent will need to fill out and sign the Band Booster form in this packet.

3. Practice your instrument.

a. School owned instruments will be assigned the first day of camp. Before you can take an instrument home you will need to get the instrument contract signed and returned.

b. Make sure you have plenty of reeds, oils, etc and that your instrument is in proper playing condition before you arrive at camp.

c. Accessories can be bought on August 8 from Pecknel Music.

They will have a van in the parking lot. General prices are listed in the packet.

d. Items can also be bought from them ahead of time by calling 803-799-6860 or visit www.pecknelmusic.com

4. Get ready for a wonderful season! Bring a positive attitude to camp!

If you have any questions please email me at morlanj@mcduffie.k12.ga.us

The band room phone is 706-986-4260.

Band Camp Tips

1. Drink plenty of water before you come to camp. We will be outside a good bit.

2. Eat a good breakfast every day. Almost all of our illnesses are a result of not eating breakfast or lunch.

3. You **MUST** bring small water bottles, etc to keep with you during practice. Hydration packs are also highly recommended and can be purchased at your local sporting goods store.

4. Wear cooler colors (light colors) and loose comfortable clothes.

5. Wear comfortable shoes. We will be on our feet all day.

No sandals or flip flops.

(This includes upper classman and pit members!)

6. Students needing to stay through lunch are welcome to bring a sack lunch and eat in the band room.

We will have a few cookouts for the entire band. We will keep you posted.

7. Bring a pencil and small pad to record marching coordinates and rehearsal info.

8. Wear sunscreen and lip balm. ****Pay special attention to this area****

9. Practice your instrument before you get to camp. If your endurance is weak the whole band will suffer.

10. **BE A SAFE DRIVER IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT.** Your parking permit will be taken for the semester if you are caught not driving safe.

Items Needed for Marching Band

Please fill this out and turn it in on the first day of camp with your money.

1. Band Camp Fee \$50 make check payable to THS Bands _____
 (BandCamp fee will include all items in section #1)

T Shirt Size - circle one – S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

Black Band Logo Golf Shirt. – Circle One –
 S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

This shirt is part of our Black and Khaki/ Black uniform. This uniform will be used as part of our performance attire this year.

Instrument you play _____ / Cleaning Kit _____

Circle one Please - Flip Folder and Lyre or Tuner/ Metronome

2. Marching Shoes \$27 _____ Shoe Size _____ Men/ Women
 (Flags and Dance Line do not need this shoe) Size Circle One

3. Band Bag \$25 _____ female/male
 (Circle one)

This is the only bag we allow in stadiums when traveling. Not a required item but highly encouraged.

4. Flip Folders and lyres. This is the item that holds music on your instrument while you march and play. Everyone except Auxiliary members need to have both. The band program will provide either Flip Folder and Lyre or Tuner/ Metronome – If you need to purchase one, the prices are below.

Pecknel music will be here on August 8, 2010. If you need extra items please let me know ahead of time. Checks need to be made payable to Pecknel for items purchased directly from them. Flip folders and lyres below can be purchased through the school with checks made payable to THS Bands.

Please check items needed below.

Instrument	Flip Folder	Lyre
Flute	\$10 _____	flip folder and lyre are one piece.
Clarinet	\$5 _____	\$6 _____
Alto Sax	\$5 _____	\$5 _____
Tenor Sax	\$5 _____	\$5 _____
Trumpet	\$5 _____	Bent Stem \$5 _____ Bolt on \$20 _____
Mellophone	\$5 _____	\$5 _____
Baritone	\$10 _____	flip folder and lyre are one piece.
Trombone	\$10 _____	flip folder and lyre are one piece.
Tuba	\$5 _____	\$5 _____
Percussion	\$10 _____	flip folder and lyre are one piece.

Accent Practice Music Stand \$12 – Highly Recommended _____

TOTAL Amount \$ _____

GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION:

Please Print
Student Name:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent /Guardian Names:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Marching Instrument / Auxiliary Group: _____

Secondary Instrument _____

Grade for 2011-2012:

Please Print neatly

Student Email:

Parent Email:

Band Boosters meet at 7:00 PM every second Tuesday of the month in the THS Band Room.

_____ Yes, I would like to be involved in the Band Booster Club.

_____ No, I do not wish to volunteer for the Band Boosters

Thomson High School “Bulldog Brigade” Band Handbook

Cecil Strong, Principal
Jessie Morlan, Director of Bands
Emme Hines, Assistant High School Band Director
Trent Henderson, Middle School Band Director
Becky Morlan, Auxiliary Director
Richard Williams, Percussion Coach

The most important qualities in an award-winning band are:

1. ATTENDANCE- at Practice and Performance
2. DISCIPLINE – Team approach
3. DEDICATION – Finish what you started
4. A POSITIVE ATTITUDE – Have fun

2011 - 2012 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

** Band Camp 2011-2012

August 1- 4 Percussion, Auxiliary (Flags, Dance and Majorettes), and Leadership 7:30 am till 3:30 pm - open lunch from 12:00 pm till 1:00 pm

August 3 and 4 - Rookie Camp (All rising 9th graders and first time marchers) 7:30 am till 12:00 pm (Aug 5 – McDuffie Courthouse)

August 8- 11 - Full Camp 7:30 am till 3:30 pm - open lunch from 12:00 pm till 1:00 pm

August 15 and 16- Full Camp 4:00 PM till 7:00 PM (Aug 15 – Program pictures)

August 12 – Scrimmage Game against Lincoln County.

Aug 13- Band Camp Pool Party

Aug 14 – Regular Rehearsal begins (Mon, Tues, and Thurs 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm)

2011 - 2012 PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Game Sept 30 Change to Sept 29, Thursday Game on TV

** Marching Band – (See football schedule on www.bulldogbrigade.org)

* SATURDAY CAMP – Sept 24 8:00 AM till 5:00 PM – If Needed

* Marching Band Competition – These events will be for the Competition Marching Band Only:

October 8 – Burke County – Waynesboro, GA

October 15 – Grovetown High School – Grovetown, GA

October 22 – Jeff Davis High School – Hazlehurst, GA

November 5 – Finals (pending) Jeff Davis HS

* GMEA District 10 - All-State Jazz Auditions: October 17 at THS

** Christmas Concert – December 1 at 7:00 PM THS Auditorium

- ** Thomson Christmas Parade – Dec 4- 2:00 PM call time**
- * GMEA District 10 HS All-State / District Honor Band Auditions: December 10 at Grovetown HS**
- * UGA HS Band Jan Fest: January 19-22 at UGA**
- * UGA Auxiliary Jan Fest: January 21, 2010**
- * GMEA District 10 Honor Band clinic: February 9-11 at West Acres Baptist Church, Evans**
- *** THS Band Festival – Feb 25 time TBA – Selected THS student volunteers will work the Festival all day.**
- * GMEA HS All-State Band and Orchestra: March 2-4 in Savannah, GA**
- *** GMEA HS Band Festival - March 7-9 (one of these dates) – Burke County HS**
- Auxiliary Tryouts – March 26-30**
- Spring Trip – April 2 thru 4 - More info TBA (proposed)**
- ** 9th Grade Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble- Concert in the Park – Friday, April 13 at 5:30 pm till 8:30 pm**
- THS Band Banquet – May 10**
- *** Graduation – May 18 at the THS Brickyard Call Time 7:15 PM (Alternate day May 19)**
- * = Required Performance if you are a member of this group.**
- ** = Required and graded performance**
- *** = Required performance and counts as a double test grade**

GOALS OF THE THOMSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

1. To provide positive musical training, quality life skills and musical skills through performance and daily instruction.
2. To offer each student in McDuffie County the opportunity to experience the musical art form through performance.
3. To teach the value of working with others, to build leadership skills and develop a sense of teamwork.
4. To teach responsibility.
5. To perform with “**Pride.**”

BAND RULES – All interpretations and final decisions are left to the discretion of the Director of Bands.

1. All policies of Thomson High School are in effect during all rehearsals, trips, and performances.

2. Smoking and drinking of alcoholic beverages while representing the band or school is NOT permitted.
3. Follow instructions of band directors, adjunct staff and parent chaperones.
4. Whether you are using your instrument or a school instrument, you are required to maintain the instrument in proper playing condition. There will be inspections to monitor instrument care. **Students will be required to sign out instruments and return them with a contract.**
5. Uniform must be worn properly while in public. (Example: coats zipped, and no ball caps) **Students will be required to sign out instruments and return them by the specified deadline with a contract.**
6. Each horn line and percussion line student will be issued a uniform at no cost to the family or student. Each student is responsible for the cleaning and care of the uniform. **Students are responsible for any lost or damaged parts of their uniform.**

RULES FOR REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

1. Be on time to all rehearsals. Early is on time. If you arrive late to practice without a teacher pass, you will be assigned band detention. Failure to attend will result in a referral.
2. Leaving rehearsals early (except emergency) will count as ½ an absence. Two missed rehearsals equals one absence.
3. Show proper rehearsal discipline and respect. Be RESPECTFUL at all times.
4. Proper shoes are to be worn in marching rehearsals. (Ask a staff member for clarification of proper footwear if you are unsure.)
5. Comfortable and proper clothing to be worn at all times
6. Bring music to all rehearsals. Failure to bring music will result in band detention.

The normal Marching Rehearsal schedule is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm. This schedule is good till the end of the marching season. Sectional (extra rehearsals/ rehearsal time) will be scheduled according to performance quality. Performance quality will be determined by the Band Staff. Students will be notified of sectional rehearsals well in advance.

******* Unexcused absences from sectional rehearsal may result in dismissal from the band program or suspension from major performances*******

TUTORING SCHEDULES will be worked out with the THS Administration and academic teachers to ensure that students will be able to use after school tutoring while missing the least amount of band practice as possible. Students will have 45 minutes from the end of school till practice starts to participate in tutoring sessions. Students must notify Directors of prescheduled tutoring sessions in advance.

*******All band students are encouraged to maintain passing averages in all classes. Student class averages will be checked regularly and monitored by Band Staff. Students with a failing average will be suspended from major performances and activities. Parent, Student and Band Staff conferences will be scheduled in the**

case of academic failure to create a PLAN and TIMELINE to correct the deficiency.*****

FOOTBALL GAME / COMPETITION / STAND BEHAVIOR

A. Guests (boyfriends / girlfriends – non band members) are not allowed to sit with you during the game or travel with us on the bus.

B. You must sit with your section in the stands!!!

C. Ball caps are not to be worn at or during performances.

D. **YOU SHOULD PLAN ON RIDING THE BUS TO AND FROM EVENTS.**

(Exceptions are made for emergencies as needed) YOU CAN ONLY BE RELEASED TO YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN. MR. MORLAN OR ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM A PARENT AS WELL AS A PARENT PRESENT PICKING YOU UP. THE SCHOOL CAN NOT RELEASE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SAFETY TO ANYONE ELSE BUT YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN!!!

NOTE: This is the most commonly asked question, “Can my child ride home with another, they are spending the night together?” The answer is **NO**. We can only release you to your parent.

REHEARSAL ABSENTEE RULE and THURSDAY RULE

1. An UNEXCUSED absence during ANY marching rehearsal will result in suspension from marching in the HALF TIME, PRE GAME and COMPETITION performance. **Students suspended from performance are still required to attend the event or a “0” will be given for the Major Performance grade.**

2. **Students who are absent from 2 out of 3 rehearsals within that week will also result in suspension of performance as stated above. (Exception to this rule can only be given by the Director of Bands with prior written excuse submitted well in advance)**

3. THURSDAY RULE: Students missing THURSDAY practice with an excused absence will not be allowed to march on FRIDAY if major/ severe changes are made to the show. This is not a punishment. Common sense rule applies here - If you are not there for the major rehearsal change, you will be unable to execute the change during performance. If you are asked to sit out for a performance you are still required to be at the performance.

Exception to this Thursday rule (excused absence only) can only be approved by the Director of Bands with a scheduled make up session late Thursday night (after normal practice). This exception will only occur if prior plans for the extra rehearsal are made by the student and parent well in advance – not last minute.

A GOOD REHEARSAL

- * You are on time and ready to rehearse
- * You pay attention and take notes of instructions
- * You have a positive attitude and try what you are asked to do
- * You do not cause a behavior problem
- * You are RESPECTFUL to everyone at all times.
- * When rehearsal is over go home and practice musical deficiencies, do your homework and study hard.

EQUIPMENT

1. Do not damage school property or instruments. Do not use other student's instrument. (Willful damage of band or personally owned equipment is grounds for automatic dismissal from the band.)
2. All rules of common sense apply!
3. Load and unload your own equipment. Percussionist, Sousaphones, Baritones must remain after a performance to load their equipment.
4. **Failure to put your instrument up properly will result in band detention.**

TRAVELING AND BUS RULES

1. All McDuffie County bus and transportation rules apply to all band trips.
2. You must follow all chaperone instructions at all times. **BE RESPECTFUL AT ALL TIMES.**
3. You may only ride on the bus you are assigned.
4. The bus must be clean before the group is dismissed. Bus Captains may assign clean up crews.
5. Attendance is to be taken before we depart and return from our trip destination.
6. All medical/ release forms must be read, signed, understood and turned in before you can go on a trip.
7. Keep talking, music, other sounds to a minimum level when on the buses. Please do not yell or scream.
8. Be **RESPECTFUL** of your band mates around you.

THE BANDROOM RULES

IF YOU USE IT.....PUT IT UP!

IF YOU MESS IT UP.....CLEAN IT UP!

IF YOU INTENTIONALLY DAMAGE IT.....YOU'RE GONE!

BAND GRADING

Band is co-curricular. All rehearsals and performances are required and figured as a major part of your band grade.

Band performances are a direct outgrowth of materials learned during the band class.

STUDENTS WILL BE GRADED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

(Directors will explain in detail at the first rehearsal – Syllabus will be given)

1. Daily grade based on your class participation or lack of participation
2. Playing grades or passing off music. Music will be passed off for a **director or section leader.**
3. Concerts, concert festivals, competitions, graduation performance and ball games count as major test grades. Major test grades will make up 40% of your band grade. A student missing a performance with an written parent excused, will be allowed to make up that grade with **ONE** hour of practice. This practice time will be in the mornings before school and/or on Wednesday afternoons.
A student missing a rehearsal with an excused reason will be allowed to make up the rehearsal time with practice equaling the time missed at practice.

Practice tapes, CD's, Digital recordings may be submitted with prior approval from a Director. Students must provide your own equipment and materials to make the recording. Hardship cases will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Director of Bands.

NOTE: All make up practices are due within **one week** of the absence. Make up practices will not be accepted late unless special arrangements or exception is granted by the Director of Bands.

A student missing a performance with an UNEXCUSED reason will not be allowed to make up the performance and will receive other disciplinary action.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM A PERFORMANCE IS JUSTIFICATION FOR REMOVAL FROM A PERFORMANCE BAND AND A SIGNIFICANTLY LOWERED GRADE.

THREE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM REHEARSAL IS JUSTIFICATION FOR REMOVAL FROM THE PERFORMANCE BAND AND A LOWERED GRADE. PART OF YOUR WEEKLY GRADE IS YOUR ATTENDANCE AT OUTSIDE REHEARSALS (MOSTLY MARCHING SEASON).

WHAT IS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE?

1. A medical emergency.
 2. A death in the family.
 3. An extreme family emergency. Situation beyond control of the Parents and Student.
 4. A family member getting married / prior notification well in advanced needed
- (All excused absences require written documentation)**

WHAT IS AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE?

1. Work or jobs are not excused
2. Personal appointments (hair cut, manicure appointment, etc.)
3. Forgot

The above reasons are not all of the possibilities. If you need more information, ask before the crisis or absence.

BAND COUNCIL

The band council is the governing body of the band and is comprised of officers both appointed and elected. This group will meet, discuss, and work on band issues. Issues dealt with are both fun and work related.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

1. Section Leader
2. Band Captain
3. Band Vice President

4. Band President
 5. Drum Major
 6. Directors / Adjunct Staff – Ms. Hines, Mr. Henderson or designated Adjunct Staff
 7. Director of Bands – Mr. Morlan
 8. Principal – Mr. Strong or designated Assistant Administrator
 9. Superintendent – Mr. Lebrun or designated Assistant Superintendent
- Please follow the chain of command when a problem arises.

OFFICER SELECTION

1. Students will nominate themselves with an open letter to the band.
2. Students will rank the nominated students in a confidential vote.
3. Directors may need to interview students.
4. Students will audition or submit a playing test.
5. A combination of student vote, audition or tryout, and Director's recommendation will be used to select officers. Officers may be relieved of duty by the Director of Bands if the need arises.

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Students enrolled in the band program are expected to participate in both concert and marching bands. Exceptions are football players, cheerleaders, softball, year round track team, competition JROTC Drill Team and anyone with a handicap or severe health problem (must have a doctor's note). Auxiliary members are part of the band and satisfy the marching requirement.

Performance groups are:

Marching band, Percussion Ensemble
Symphonic band, Advanced band, Honors Ensemble, Brass/Woodwind Ensemble and Jazz ensemble

AUXILIARY GROUPS

Auxiliary members are selected from the band membership through a separate tryout procedure. The rules of the band apply to all auxiliary groups. Auxiliary info can be found on the band webpage under the Aux section. Auxiliary groups include MAJORETTES, DANCE LINE and FLAG CORP.

AUXILIARY MEMBERS THAT INTENTIONALLY CHANGE THEIR BAND CLASS SCHEDULES AFTER MARCHING SEASON WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN BAND THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SENIORS WILL ALSO LOSE LETTER JACKET PRIVILEGES. LETTER JACKETS ARE FOR SATISFYING CONCERT AND MARCHING REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE ONE BAND PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

The only exception to this policy is if the ADMINISTRATION requires a student to take a class in place of band to attain a NEEDED/ NECESSARY academic credit. Prior approval must be made with the Director of Bands and THS Administration.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is necessary to insure a smooth running band leading to SUPERIOR performances. The rules have been set up to help this happen. No student will be allowed to continue in the band if he/she continues to disrupt, disrespect, or destroy any part of the band rehearsal or equipment.

YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BAND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Destruction of equipment
2. Smoking, illegal drugs, or alcohol while participating or representing the band
3. Attendance problems at rehearsals or performances
4. Unexcused absence from performances
5. Disrespect or inappropriate attitude or actions towards a staff member

A DETAIL OF PERFORMANCES AND A CALENDAR SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN OUT A LONG WITH THIS HANDBOOK.

MERIT POLICY:

This merit system is designed to increase student and family participation in the band. Its purpose is not intended to be a means of earning excessive amounts of money from the band. Any money given by the Band Booster club is done so as a token of appreciation for donated time towards the support needed to run the entire Band Program.

The merit policy will be given out at the beginning of the school year. The booster club needs to vote on the policy first.

Note: For CONCERT ATTENDANCE, “family member” is considered to include biological parents, step-parents/legal guardians, siblings and grandparents. The Booster Club Board of Directors can, on a case-by-case basis, approve fundraiser activity merits for extended family member participation.

SPRING TRIP REWARD :

TBA

NOTE TO CHAPERONES

When chaperoning a band trip you will be expected to:

1. Help monitor students on the bus (guidelines will be provided)
2. Help with moving and traveling logistics
3. Help with loading and unloading
4. Other tasks appointed by the director

COMPETITION MARCHING BAND, MARCHING DRUM LINE and AUXILIARY CORPS:

Students that are involved in any extra curricular activities that conflict with Marching band will be ineligible for these units. Auditions will be held during band camp to select students of this group. Students selected for the competition group must demonstrate the ability to be among the best at Marching, Playing their instrument and able to dedicate extra time to the group. Auditions for Aux units will be selected prior to camp.

Example - If you plan on playing softball, running cross country, competition drama or participating in any school activity that has a regular conflict with marching rehearsal, you will not be eligible to be in these groups. Students that do not qualify for these groups will be considered alternates for the Marching competition Group as Brass or Woodwind players and will make up the Football Marching group.

FOOTBALL MARCHING BAND and Alternate PERCUSSION PIT:

This group will contain all members of the band that are not playing football, part of the cheerleading squad or not in the COMPETITION Group. **Every band member is given a chance to march and be in the football half time show.**

Special note - We will alternate shows during the games at the Director's discretion. When the Competition Marching Band marches, the alternates will help out as directed by the staff.

SYMPHONIC BAND and HONORS ENSEMBLE – This is the top ensemble in the McDuffie County Band Program. All members must try out for the District 10 Honor Band.

The audition material will be covered in class. More info on the audition will be given at a later time. The time of the audition is already printed in the performance dates above. Audition materials will be the same as regular class requirements.

TRI M Honor Music Group:

Members will be selected at the beginning of each school year. Members must be able to performance and commitment requirements. Details will be given out during the first scheduled meeting. TRI M Members will be expected to help at all Band Booster functions where performance does not conflict with service duties.

Spring Trip 2011- 2012

- 1. All students participating must pay or fundraise their way.**
- 2. All students participating must be in good standing with THS and the Band Program and THS.**
- 3. If students become ineligible for the trip after payments are made by the BAND BOOSTERS, a refund will not be possible. The student can repay the parent through their own means.**

PLEASE KEEP THIS HANDBOOK FOR REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.

Please print out the next three forms and turn them in on the first day of Band Camp with your \$50 Band Camp Fee.

Responsibility Band Handbook Form

I HAVE READ THE POLICIES AND RULES OF THE THOMSON BAND PROGRAM.

I / WE AGREE TO FOLLOW AND ABIDE BY ALL RULES AND POLICIES STATED IN THE BAND HANDBOOK.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

Print Parent/ Guardian Name _____

(PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

Print Student Name _____

(STUDENT SIGNATURE)

MEDICAL INFORMATION: Please print or type (For quick reference)

LIST MEDICATION ALLERGIES:

LIST ANY MEDICAL CONDITION WE MAY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

MEDICAL RELEASE:

I _____ GIVE *JESSIE MORLAN*,
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

DIRECTOR OF BANDS, OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT PERMISSION TO ACT ON
MY BEHALF IN THE CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. MY CHILD IS

(CHILD NAME)

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONS:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please Print
Parent /Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Telephone:
Home _____

Work _____

Cell _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN

_____ Date _____
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

Notary:

BAND CAMP FEE FUNDRAISING CONTRACT

Print Student Name

I intend for my child to earn the Band Camp fee thru means of fundraising opportunity provided by the THS BAND BOOSTER CLUB.

I agree to participate in the Band Booster Band Camp Fee Fundraising Activity 100%. I understand that I must raise \$50 in full, from profits earned from the fundraiser. If the amount is not made in full I also understand that I must participate in continuing fundraising events until the camp fee is earned.

Fundraising events may vary in activity type to include selling items or group types of events.

***** Extra profit earned through the fundraiser above the \$50 amount will be applied to the THS student band account and will be available to use to pay for other band related expenses such as shoes, bags, instrumental accessories or the Spring Trip Fee.**

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date