

REED – CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is Band Camp 2020?

August 2-6, 2021. We meet 8:00 am – 12:00 pm daily. You do not want to miss out on Band Camp! Not only do we learn music and drill, but we also have fun! Is Band Camp required? Yes!

Does Drumline & Colorguard meet in the Summer?

The Drumline and Colorguard will meet Tuesdays throughout the summer. I will send out a summer newsletter in the mail in May, post it on our website, and hand out copies to the students that will have specific dates and times. I avoid sports, summer school, and drivers ed as best I can!! If you are going to be in Drumline and Colorguard, you must attend the summer practices. We will have auditions for drumline placement before school is out. You will be given music ahead of time. I do my best to get you on the drum you want to play! We will have a Colorguard meeting in April to plan for uniforms. If you are going to be in Colorguard, you MUST be at the April meeting. If you are on vacation for a week throughout the summer, just let me know – no worries! (..but please do your best to avoid vacationing during the week of band camp!)

Do you offer summer lessons?

I do! I offer free summer lessons on Tuesdays throughout the summer. I schedule people who are auditioning for ILMEA first. I will have a sign-up sheet before the end of school. If you are going to be gone for vacation one week, let me know ahead of time and I can fit someone else in that week. This is based on a first come, first served basis, once my Tuesday time slots are filled, you can sign up for the “waiting list”. If someone is on vacation, I can fit you in!

What is “Beginning/Secondary Band”?

If you are a high school student and are new to band (you DIDN'T play in MS Band – you never played an instrument before in your life OR you haven't played for a while and need a refresher course), sign up for the Summer Beginning/Secondary Band! If you want to learn a “secondary instrument”you play clarinet, but you want to learn saxophone for jazz band, you are thinking about doing music education in college and want to learn a new instrument, then sign up! We will meet weekly on Tuesdays throughout the summer. If you need help finding an instrument, please let me know asap. Exact times and dates will be available in the May newsletter.

Can I take Band/Choir and a Foreign Language (and what's up with PE)?

There are 2.5 credits of electives available Freshman year. Band is one credit (year long), PE/Health is one credit, Foreign Language is one credit. BUT because you do not have to take a semester of PE during Marching Band, you can fit this all in your schedule! You can also

take World History and Foreign Language as a sophomore and you can fit everything in and still get 3 years in. Don't be afraid to ask if you can push a class to another year.

Where can I get the most updated information?

I update the HS Band website weekly (sometimes daily!) and it's super easy to remember: www.reedcusterband.com. Bookmark this website, have it on your phone – this is where you will find ALL the information you need (and then some!). I send out a “Band Schedule for the Week” every week (even in the summer!!) – send me an email that says you want to get on my list and I'll add you! addie.dennis@rc255.net. You literally have to be living under a rock to not know what is happening in HS Band!

Do you have a Facebook page?

We do! Request access to the “Reed Custer High School Music Dept.” (notice there is no dash between Reed and Custer) and I will add you to the page. This is a nice place to share pictures or videos from RCHS Music events.

Do you use REMIND?

TO: 81010

MESSAGE: @rcbands

Do I have to pay for my child to be in the RCHS Band?

Every student is expected to pay a \$20 fee at *REGISTRATION* that covers the cost of uniform cleaning. If your child plays a school-owned instrument, you pay for this at *REGISTRATION*. If your child plays multiple school-owned instruments, you only pay one (1) fee.

Do I sign up for Band or Percussion Class?

If you are in Drumline/Percussion AND if it is possible, sign up for the 1st hour Percussion Class. If you can't make 1st hour work in your schedule, sign up for 3rd hour Band. It all works out! No worries! If you do NOT play a percussion instrument, sign up for 3rd hour Band.

If I am in Colorguard, do I have to take BAND CLASS?

It is super helpful if you are in Colorguard to take Band Class (3rd hour) for the 1st Semester. Colorguard has required after school rehearsals that all colorguard students must attend. If you are able to be in Band 1st Semester, too, this will be very helpful, but not required.

Can I do Band and Choir?

Yes! You can do band and choir and they DO NOT meet during the same class period. If you are in band, I see you every day for band and if you are in choir, Mr. Mangan sees you every day for choir.