



CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

CONQUISTADOR MARCHING BAND
HANDBOOK & APPLICATION
2018-19

Schedules, updates, and information at

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2017 Conquistador Marching Band

Introduction

Welcome to our band family in the Cabrillo High School Instrumental Music Department. We're excited to have you be a part of us. We believe that everyone is a musician. We believe that music is an expression of our humanity. We believe that loving what you do enables success, not the other way around. We welcome you on this journey of discovery that we all get to go on together.

What is the Conquistador Marching Band?

The Conquistador Marching Band is one of the most accomplished, decorated, and artistic marching bands in the state of California. In the last three seasons we have finished in the top three bands in Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association Championships, winning the silver, bronze, and silver medals respectively.

We see marching band as musical theater on a football field. While we love pumping up the crowd at home football games, our primary focus is on creating and performing our field show with artistry and passion.

Each year we design an original show which tells a story and/or centers around a theme. In 2015, we performed "Pandora Reopened," a tale with actors about a young girl discovering that she is destined to be the one who can reopen Pandora's box in order to contain the evil that leapt out when her grandmother opened it the first time. Pandora Reopened featured original music by Randall Standridge based on the Gregorian chant, Dies Irae.

In 2016 we performed "...until my darkness goes," a show about desire, confronting personal challenges, and finding out that everything our lead character was searching in vain for was within her the entire time, even when she was looking in all the wrong places. "...until my darkness goes" was arranged by Randall Standridge based on "Paint it Black" by The Rolling Stones and "Fix You" by Coldplay.

In 2017 we performed "To Live Forever," a show about the conquistadors' search for the fountain of youth and the promise of eternal life. At what cost would eternal life come? The conquistadors discovered that the promise was a curse, dooming them to have one of their own be transformed by the sirens guarding the fountain and ultimately a watery demise for the group.

In 2018, we will perform a love story about the sun and the moon. Two star-crossed lovers bound by fate continue their circular dance in a show inspired by the poetry of one of our students. This show includes music suggested by several of our students including "Moondance" by Van Morrison, "Fools Who Dream" from La La Land, and "Rewrite the Stars" from The Greatest Showman, all arranged by Randall Standridge.

How to Apply For and Earn a Role in Marching Band

This packet is your starting point on the road to membership in the Conquistador Marching Band. Read the information carefully then do the following.

1. **Fill out all of the application forms at the end of this packet and submit them to Mr. Olivieri ASAP or by May 25, 2018.**
2. **Attend Band Camp registration on Saturday, July 27th** at the Cabrillo Band Room. Here you may ensure you're properly registered, check out your instrument if necessary, meet the staff and volunteers, and ensure you're all set for band camp the following week.
3. Attend every day of band camp prepared with the proper supplies, eager to grow, and with a positive attitude.
4. Earn your role at band camp. Membership in marching band is awarded based on spots available and individual performance in the first few days of band camp.
5. Enroll in the proper class at Cabrillo.
 1. Students who play wind instruments must be enrolled in 1st period Symphonic Winds.
 2. Students who are in the color guard or play a percussion instrument must be enrolled in 6th period Conquistadors Auxiliary.
 3. If you're already enrolled, great! You're ahead. If you've already signed up for classes and are not in the proper course, contact your Cabrillo councilor **immediately** to adjust your schedule as necessary.



Can I Participate in Marching Band and Another Sport or Activity?

Yes, students can take part in marching band and another activity, but there are some conditions and serious words of caution in this case. If you are participating in another sport, you must still be able to participate fully in marching band. You must still attend all rehearsals and performances. For after school rehearsals, time compromises are necessary for both activities as rehearsals often overlap with practices, but our Saturday rehearsals and performances **cannot** be compromised.

Keep in mind the fact that students have limited time and energy. It's difficult to work at extreme levels of physical activity in a sport and then come to marching band and have to not only expend the same energy but to stand up for 3 1/2 hours. This can be exhausting.

Second, marching band rehearsal ends at 6:30. Add in dinner and homework afterward and there is little to no downtime. Again, this is exhausting mentally and physically.

If a student still wants to participate in multiple activities after keeping the above in mind, then they must get a full schedule of the other sport immediately and check it against the band calendar on conqmusic.com for conflicts. It is up to the student to work out any necessary time compromises for after school rehearsals and sports practices. Usually this involves leaving another practice early and coming to ours a little late. Most campus activities and sports have a president set for this. Saturday



Expectations of Students

1. All members of the marching band must understand that they are an integral part of the whole group. There are no minor parts. Your actions and efforts both on and off the field affect all of us. Consider this when choosing how to conduct yourself at all times.
2. All students must attend **all** rehearsals and performances. If you cannot commit to this, do not commit to Marching Band.
3. Know your part. Know your work. Know your drill. Know your roll.
4. Commit to creating the experience for yourself. No person can make marching band fun or successful for you, except you.
5. Be responsible for your schedule. Find potential conflicts now and solve problems in advance.

Expectations of Parents

1. Support your students in this challenging endeavor by taking an active interest in it. Ask your child how rehearsal was today. Come to performances.
2. If you can, volunteer. We have a very active group of parents and we can always use more help.
3. Support our schedule by planning family events around rehearsals and performances. Do not schedule appointments that conflict with rehearsals or performances.
4. Never use denial of participation as a punishment. "You cannot go to band today because..." hurts the group more than it does your child.

What to Bring to Band Camp

1. Clothing appropriate for outdoor exercise in hot weather. **No jeans.**
2. Athletic Shoes. You will be on your feet ALL DAY.
3. Sunscreen.
4. A large, insulated water bottle. We will not provide bottled water.
5. A small towel, rag or handkerchief to wet and wear around the neck. It helps keep you cool outside. This is more important than you may think.
6. A healthy lunch or lunch money. Students will have 90 minutes for lunch. Lunch is not provided. The closest food is the Village Market and Subway.
7. Percussionists: Bring earplugs. A jar of the cheap foam kind from the pharmacy are perfect.

Schedules

The most updated schedule can always be found at conqmusic.com

Band Camp:

July 28	9am-12pm	Registration (typo corrected)
Jul 30-Aug 3	9am-6pm	All Students (90 minute lunch, daily. Lunch not provided)
August 6-10	9am-6pm	All Students
Aug 10	6pm	Pot Luck, and show preview

Students will be allowed time to attend Cabrillo Registration and Conq Camp.

After School Rehearsal Schedule during the school year:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 3:30 – 6:30. Friday rehearsals will be adjusted on football game days.

Saturday Rehearsals:

Check conqmusic.com for the schedule. These will be planned around our performance schedule and holidays, and will be available by May 2018. There will be approximately 3-4 Saturdays and will only be scheduled until our show is complete.

Competitions:

Check conqmusic.com. The competition schedule is available now.

Fundraising

The Conquistador Marching Band is funded by the fundraising efforts of its members and their parents, donations, and support from the school district.

In the past we've used a system called we called the Fair Share Contribution. We no longer use this model. We never have, and never will require payment in order to be a part of this group.

Marching band is a VERY expensive endeavor. Even with support from the school district we as a group need to fundraise in order to put on the elaborate and professionally designed shows that we do. Our group fundraising efforts will pay for props, equipment, costumes, uniforms, flags, sets, food, and many other necessities for our show and season.

We ask for your help in funding this experience through participation in fundraisers and we do accept donations. We will set group fundraiser goals throughout the season and as a group, we will meet them.

Please keep in mind that all participation in fundraisers and donations are purely voluntary and no student will ever be denied participation in this group for lack of a donation or participation in fundraisers.

Questions and How to Contact Mr. Olivieri

I will gladly answer any questions you may have day or night. Please contact me any time at olivieri.garson@lUSD.org.

Please do not under any circumstances attempt to call me at the school. I will most likely not get the message in a timely manner and will probably not be able to respond.

Please use the above email address and I will happily give you my cell phone number.

Conquistador Marching Band and Color Guard Member Application 2018

Due May 25th

Submit all 3 pages

Name _____ Grade in 2018-19 _____

I am applying for (circle one): woodwind brass drumline pit color guard

Primary Instrument _____ # of years played _____

Secondary Instrument _____ # of years played _____

Do you take private lessons? _____

Contact information:

Parent Name(s)

Parent Phone Number(s) home _____ cell: _____

Student Cell phone number _____

Parent Email Address(s) _____

E-mail is our primary mode of contact for your student and events.

Mailing Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

2018 Cabrillo High School Marching Band Parent Volunteer Form

First name _____ Last Name _____

Student(s) Name _____

Parent Volunteer email _____ Parent Volunteer phone number # _____

I/We are willing to help with (check all that apply):

- Seamstress – Assist with or organize uniform fittings, alterations, and sewing during season (Aug-Dec).

 - Uniforms crew- Assist band with uniforms/ plumes before and after games/competition. Care of Plumes assist with repair damaged plumes.

 - Football games – ensure band has water, place/remove seat covers in stadium for band members, and pick up trash.

 - Hair and Costuming (fall color guard) – assist staff as they design hair and makeup, and prepare students on show days

 - Donate hairspray, gel, hair pins and hair ties (rubber bands)

 - Equipment or Pit Crew – Loading and moving equipment, Prop Painting / Prop making

 - Fundraising - Raise money for the band/organize fundraising

 - Transportation: hauling trailers to and from home games and competitions

 - Merchandise Sales- help selling items at special events

 - Historian- Photographs and video: to be used in compiling an end-of-the year DVD/video.

 - Public Relations and Advertising – Work with the Communications Chair and prepare short write-ups on program successes for local media; advertise band events; prepare concert programs

 - Volunteer Coordinator – make sure enough parents are signed up for special events/football games/ out of town competition.

 - Food/Water Committee – organize food, water and ice donations for home games and out of town competition

 - Any other interest special talents or skill?
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**2018 Cabrillo High School Instrumental Music Department
Photo and Video Permission**

I give permission for my child, _____
to be photographed and video and/or audio recorded in rehearsal and
performance as part of the ensembles and classes of the Cabrillo High School
Instrumental Music Department.

Parent/guardian name _____

Signature _____ Date _____