

**JLBPSA**  
**8th Grade Parent**  
**Info Meeting**



Welcome

To the Jackson  
Liberty Band  
Parent Association!



Please know that we all have been a Freshman Parent at some time, we realize it can be very overwhelming.

There are no “dumb” questions, please feel free to ask any questions that you have.



# **Band Director**

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**Lots of information regarding  
schedule, forms and contact  
information can be found on our  
website -**

**[www.libertylionband.com](http://www.libertylionband.com)**



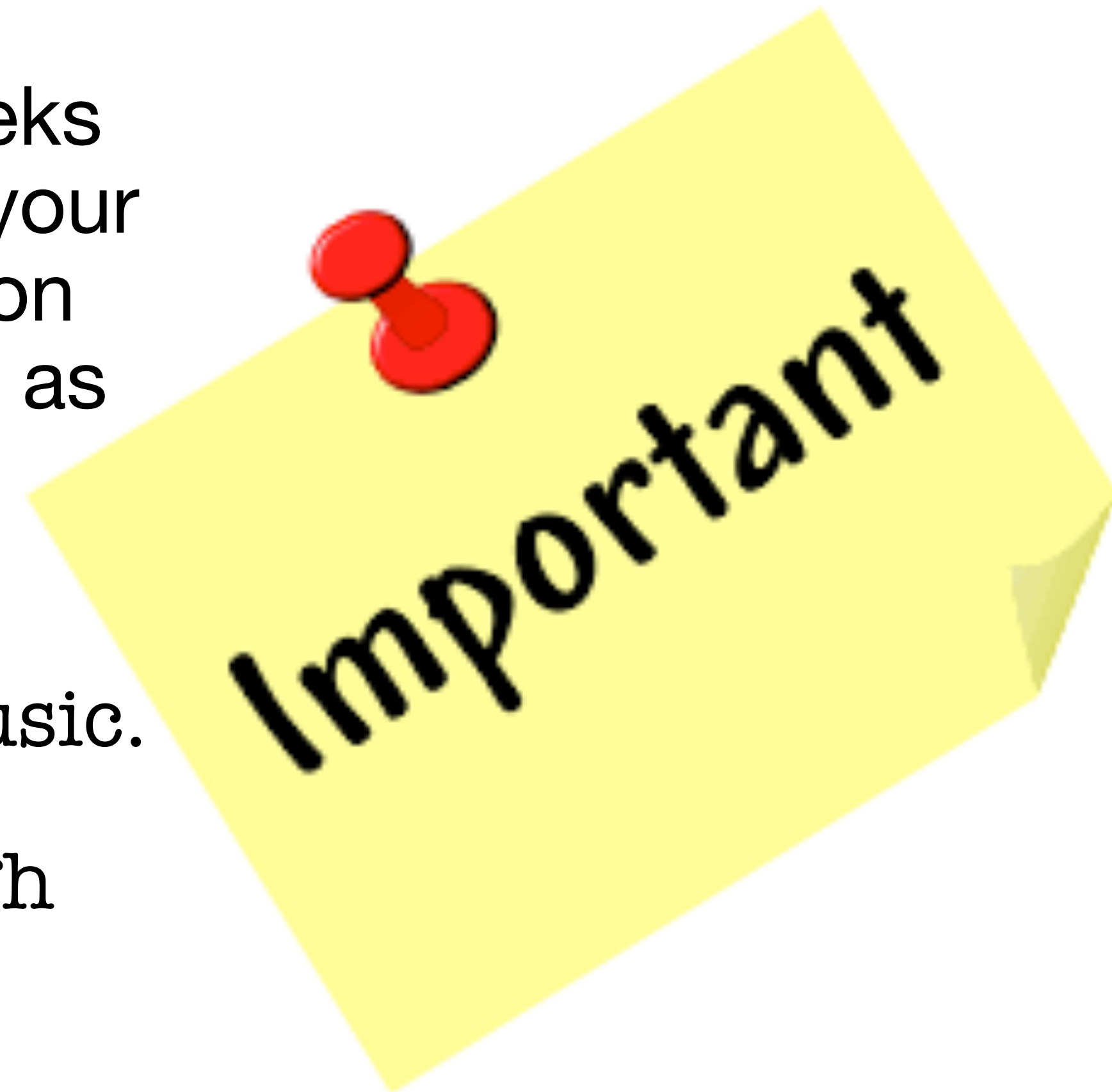
# General Information

- The Band class at high school also includes being a member of the Marching Band. This means that in order to participate in band class, you also must participate in the marching band from August -October
- When signing up for classes at the high school, there are no conflicts with any academy offered nor other classes. This means that you can take band and still be involved with any of the academies and other academic classes offered.
- As a freshman, you only get one elective. So when signing up for band class, that would count as the student's one elective
- There are no conflicts with sports and band. Currently more than half the band members are also involved in sports.



# Other Important Information

- **August band camp is MANDATORY!** The two weeks of camp is essential to the success of the show. If your student isn't there - they will not know where to be on the field and this poses a safety risk to them as well as other students
- Although July practices aren't mandatory, it is **highly recommended** to help them learn the music.
- Sectional practices over the summer and through the season, are also highly advised. It helps the students to get to know their group better!  
Encourage your student to attend



# Necessary Forms

All forms can be found on our website

- \*Band Contract and yearly Assessment Fee
- \*Medical Release Form
- \*Trip Permission Form
- \*Permission to Photograph
- \*Permission to Fundraise
- \*Band Food Questionnaire
- \*Adult Volunteer Medical Release Form



**All Forms need to be returned before the first day of Band Camp**



# Uniforms

- **Red Band Polo Shirts**: These are a required purchase for the student and is worn at parades, pep-rallies. They are expected to have one when needed. They are only ordered during the summer practices.
- **Marching Band Shoes**: These are a required purchase for the student and part of the uniform. They are ordered during the summer practices.
- **Tan Pants/Shorts**: Each student will be required to have a pair of tan pants/shorts for parades and at the discretion of Mr. Katona. This item is not purchased through the band parents, any tan/khaki pants or shorts are appropriate



# Uniforms

**Marching Band Uniform:** Your student /guard member will be issued an official uniform. It includes:

- Jacket
- Cape
- Sequence Sash (or plain sash depending on instrument being played)
- Grey Bibber (also known as their pants)
- Shako or beret (aka hat)
- Garment bag.

The numbers inside these are kept on file with the band.

This uniform is very expensive and must be returned DRY CLEANED and in good condition.

Magic Touch Cleaners on New Prospect Road provides this service for a discounted rate for us.

# Volunteering

- The program is predominantly funded by the Band Parent Association through fundraising and running events - therefore parent volunteers are essential to the success of the program.
- Volunteer opportunities are available for every commitment level. Most of our volunteers have full-time jobs while also volunteering time to run committees and help at events.
- Most busy time is August-September-October



# Words of Wisdom from “veteran” band parents

- 4 years goes fast! Get involved as much as possible! You won't regret it! You will have a lot of fun and create amazing memories with your student and new friends!
- Attend the Monthly Band Parent meetings all year - it is the best source of information rather than relying on your student.
- Band is much more than dropping off and picking up your student and attending performances. Parent involvement is needed to be successful.
- Band is a year round involvement
  - Marching Band - July - October,
  - Jazz Band/Woodwind Choir - January-April
  - Pit Orchestra - January- March

