Stephen Long - Director of Bands

Etowah High School
2018-2019 Band Program
Dear Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome and congratulations on being invited to be a member of the 2018-19 Etowah High School Eagle Band Program. You are now going to be a part of the largest organization at EHS; a program with an outstanding work ethic that has resulted in a superior musical ensemble. In past years, the band has established excellence in performing along with maintaining extremely high academic grade point averages. You are becoming a member of an elite group of young ladies and gentlemen within Etowah HS.

As with any organization at EHS, the band program has expenses, and it is each student’s responsibility to pay their “fair share”. A fee list is attached and is divided into returning marchers, new marchers, returning color guard, new color guard. Each marching/color guard student must return a $100 non-refundable deposit with their signed contract no later than April 27, 2017 so that a spot can be reserved in the marching drill for next year. Along with the initial deposit, you will be expected to choose a payment option to cover the remainder of the band fee. My goal is for no one to be excluded from our band program due to financial situation, so if you need another payment option, please fill out the Family Commitment Plan with a schedule you can stick to that is found at the end of this packet. Parents/Guardians and students please note that band fees are a debt and must be paid in a timely manner. A student with past due fees will not be allowed to participate in the season and unpaid fees at the end of the student’s senior year will prevent them from participant in graduation commencement ceremony.

I am extremely excited about starting my 4th school year with the Marching Eagle Band and new members of the various ensembles. I know we will all have a very rewarding time. The competition schedule has not been finalized yet, but the schedule will be posted on the band website as well as on the Charms calendar before September. Other rehearsals will be posted on Charms with plenty of advance notice.

New students and parents/guardians, please feel free to email me (stephen.long@cherokee.k12.ga.us) or come by to see me at Etowah for any band questions. Rehearsals starting in July are mandatory for all marching members and it is essential that you attend each rehearsal. Absences should only be for illness of a student or a family emergency. If a student must be absent, a parent/guardian (not the student) is required to email or call me to make me aware of the absence and to fill out the absence request form found in the handbook. We will have a student/parent/guardian meeting to cover both Student and Parent Handbooks on May 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

I look forward to having you and your parents/guardians involved with the Etowah High School Band Program.

Musically,

Stephen Long
Director of Bands

PLEASE NOTE: To participate please read this package, complete and return the 3 required forms (at the end) no later than April 27th 2018:

- Etowah Eagle Band Program - Contract 2018-2019
- Cherokee County – Cherokee County School District Athletic Information and Consent Form(Physical) Packet 2017-2018
- Etowah Eagle Band - Consents and Releases 2018-2019
**Etowah Eagle Band Program Explanation of Fees 2018-2019**

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**April 27th:** $100.00 DEPOSIT DUE FOR ALL MARCHERS/COLOR GUARD WITH SIGNED CONTRACT

### Remaining Fees - Payment Options:

**Payment Option 1:** This option provides the best scenario for beginning of season expenses for the program. Families able to pay off dues by April 27th will receive a $50 discount.

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**Payment Option 2:** This option allows marching / color guard fees to be spread over several months.

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**Payment Option 3:** Flexible payment options can be arranged on an individual basis. Please submit the attached Family Commitment Plan filled out with a payment schedule you can commit to no later than April 27th when this agreement is due. Upon agreement you will be expected to follow the Commitment Plan and assist with fundraising/volunteer opportunities.
IMPORTANT MARCHING BAND DATES
ALL REHEARSALS AT ETOWAH HIGH SCHOOL

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS/PERCUSSION CAMP
April 16th – April 20th 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

ROOKIE/PERCUSSION/GUARD CAMP – MANDATORY (RISING 10-12TH GRADE SHOULD REPORT ON MAY 11TH)
May 7th – May 11th 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

REHEARSAL FOR ALL 2018 MARCHERS
May 15th, May 17th 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

PRE-BAND CAMP – MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHERS
July 9th – July 13th 1:00pm – 9:00pm

BAND CAMP – MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHERS:
July 16th – July 20th 9:00am – 9:00pm

EXTENDED BAND CAMP – MANDATORY FOR ALL MARCHERS
July 24th, July 26th, July 31st 5:30pm – 9:00pm

END OF CAMP PERFORMANCE AND SOCIAL – MANDATORY
July 31st 8:00pm – 9:00pm

WEEKLY PRACTICES – MANDATORY (August 2nd - November 1st)
- Mondays 3:45-5:00 pm Band Room/Practice Field
- Tuesdays 6 pm – 9 pm Stadium
- Thursdays 6 pm – 9 pm Practice Field

IMPORTANT WEBSITES/EMAIL:
www.ehseagleband.org
Twitter: @etowaheagleband
Stephen.long@cherokee.k12.ga.us
Office Phone: (678) 383-9225

Please keep SAT and ACT scheduling in mind for “Marching Season”. The month of October is very busy with extra Saturday band rehearsals and band competitions. It may not be the best time to schedule these tests.
Band Camp Survival Guide

July will be here before you know it and that means just one thing for members of the Etowah Eagle Marching Band…. time to put in hours and hours of learning music, practicing marching fundamentals and learning a new show in pursuit of another award winning season! Activities and rehearsals that occur during band camp are designed to incorporate each and every member into the team needed to make this year’s Etowah Eagle Band the best it can be!

Here is some useful information to help you get through band camp weeks. It will be hot and humid. You will be outside a great deal of the time. Band camp is hard but fun as long as you stay hydrated and eat properly.

- **Drink lots of water.** Start hydrating a few days before camp starts. Avoid carbonated or caffeinated drinks that will dehydrate you. Drink at all rest periods during camp.
- You will be required to provide a BLUE water jug 1 quart or larger with your name on it. It is part of your uniform and is required to be with you at all times. It must have a shoulder strap so it may be carried while in uniform.
- Wear a hat or visor.
- Wear sunglasses.
- Wear sunscreen all week. Apply it before coming to camp and reapply during the day - if not, you will get sunburned.
- Wear tennis shoes.
- Eat breakfast every day! You may want to avoid dairy products!
- Bring a bandana or small towel. You can wet these with cool water and place around your neck or cover your head to cool you down.
- Pack snacks!
- During camp, you will need to bring a lunch or make arrangements for a family member to bring you a meal. Plans for dinner breaks will be sent out via email as it gets closer to July. You are NOT allowed to leave campus.
- **Drink water before, during, and after** practice each day!
• Parent/Guardian Survival Guide

You are about to enter a whole new world. A world that may be foreign to you, but a world that works best with the enthusiastic support of parents/guardians. There are numerous ways for parents/guardians to be involved - no experience needed!

Here is a short list of areas to get involved in:

- Water duty for band camps and practices
- Chaperones for football games, competitions, LGPE
- Concessions at home football games
- Special event committees: Band Social; Senior Night; 8th Grade Night; Band Banquet
- Uniforms
- Pit Crew
- Fundraising

Communication: Once your contracts have been received, new band members will receive a “Charms” account. You will be e-mailed your log-in information once this is created. You will be able to keep track of your financial information and sign up to volunteer opportunities through this account. You can expect to receive weekly e-mails with information once band season gets underway. Students will also be able to submit playing assignments through this account from a smart device or computer.
Medical Disclosure Requirements

For the safety of your student as well as all others concerned, it is REQUIRED that you complete the Student Health Record. You must also be sure to disclose any illness or condition that might affect other students so that a determination may be made as to the best course of action to protect everyone who might come in contact with your student and his/her equipment.

You are further required to disclose any change to your student’s health that might occur after completion of these forms.

A few examples of conditions that might affect others are:

- Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus MSRA
- Streptococcus (Strep Throat)
- Lice
- Mononucleosis

Be advised that these are ONLY examples of conditions that could affect others!

For everyone’s protection please disclose ANY condition you become aware of that is infectious or contagious at the first available opportunity. Failure to do so could require re-cleaning of the entire band’s uniforms or equipment during the season, which in turn may lead to restitution for non-disclosure of a condition on your part.

Allergy Disclosure Requirements

The disclosure of ALL allergies is also required. If for some reason your student has more allergies than will fit on the health record form, please attach on a separate page any additional information that we should be aware of. If your student has a severe enough allergy that requires the use of an EpiPen®, please contact Mr. Long so that he may be sure we have a plan in place to assist your student.

Be advised that while we attempt to limit the consumption of common allergens, other students may consume foods that contain, or are cooked in, substances that your student is allergic to.

Custody of your student’s Medical Information

Please be advised by filling out the Student Health Record and Release forms that you hereby give the Etowah High School Band Program the authority to share this information with chaperones and with medical personal in the case of a medical emergency, and that these records and forms will be kept in the custody of the Etowah High School Director of Bands and/or his designee.
**Etowah Eagle Band Program - Contract 2018-2019**

Contract due by **April 27, 2018**

**DEPOSIT IS DUE WITH CONTRACT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Student's Name: ____________________________  Student E-Mail: ____________________________

Address, City, Zip: ____________________________

Home Phone #: ____________________________  Student Cell #: ____________________________

Instrument(s)/Guard: ____________________________  Student Birthday: ____________________________

Student T-Shirt Size (adult sizes): ______  2018-2019 Grade Level (9th, 10th, etc.): ______

Parent/Guardian Names: ____________________________

Parent E-Mail(s):  Mom: ____________________________  Dad: ____________________________

Parent Cell # (s):  Mom: ____________________________  Dad: ____________________________

Please initial payment option choice below.

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Please remember to include the deposit with this contract. Note that deposits and fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

**Students/Parents/Guardians:** By signing this form, students are making a commitment to attend all rehearsals and performances. When one person is missing, the whole band suffers. Show plans and concerts have exact numbers, so when members are missing there is a hole in the program. It is the student's responsibility, in advance, to speak with Mr. Long individually with any conflicts regarding attendance.

**Parents/Guardians:** By signing this form, you are making a commitment to pay all band program fees. This is a debt. Non-payment may result in: Losing the privilege of participating in graduation commencement exercises; and, not having a place in the marching show for the following year. If payment is an issue, please talk to Mr. Long about options.

Please mail these forms and your deposit to:

Etowah High School BAND  
Attention: Stephen Long
6565 Putnam Ford Drive  
Woodstock, GA 30189
Or place in Blue Payment Box  
In Mr. Long's Office
Etowah Eagle Marching Band –
Student Health Record 2018-2019

Name: ____________________________________________ Birth date: ____________ Grade 2018-2019: ______

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Mother’s Name: ___________________________________ Home Phone: ______________________________
Cell Phone: _______________________________________ Work Phone: ______________________________

Father’s Name: ____________________________________ Home Phone: ______________________________
Cell Phone: _______________________________________ Work Phone: ______________________________

Student Cell Phone: ________________________________

In the event a parent/guardian cannot be reached, who should we contact in case of emergency?

Name/Relationship: __________________________ Phone: __________________

Name/Relationship: __________________________ Phone: __________________

Doctor’s Name: ____________________________ Phone: __________________

List all known allergies-including medications, foods, animals, insect bites, stings and environment:

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List ALL MEDICATIONS currently being used by the student:
________________________________________________________________________________________
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Are there any medical reasons or physical limitations that may prevent your student from full participation in all band activities? [ ] No [ ] Yes. If yes, please explain:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

I understand that if a parent or guardian cannot be reached, or that immediate attention is required, the EHS band or any of its designated volunteers has my permission to seek appropriate medical attention for my child.

It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to update this record if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date: __________________
Etowah Eagle Band - Consents and Releases 2018-2019

Parent Name_______________________________________  Student Name__________________________________________

NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE, SCHOOL DISTRICT/SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITES
Events and programs in public education are often considered newsworthy and of interest to local communities. Schools often solicit media coverage to publicize successful programs and special events concerning students and faculty. Your child may on occasion be interviewed or photographed for positive school news coverage, or publicly recognized. Additionally, your child’s image, name or intellectual property may be included in publications or web pages and through social media. If a parent/guardian objects to his/her child being included in any or all of the above, he/she must annually notify the principal in writing by Sept. 1st, or within one week of admission/enrollment if enrollment occurs after Sept 1st.

Signature of Student ___________________________ Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Family Commitment Plan
To be submitted no later than April 27th, 2018.

Etowah Eagle Band recognizes that from time to time families are dealt challenges that make timely or full payment of band fees difficult. Recognizing life’s realities and challenges, Etowah Eagle Band has adopted a privacy and payment policy as follows:

1. Band participation will not be limited as a result of inability to pay fees in a timely and complete manner, provided that families demonstrate good faith and make an effort to pay via a “Commitment Plan”.
2. Individual account status will be held in confidence among the Band Director and members of the Board of Directors with a need to know: President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
3. Members on a “Commitment Plan” must communicate regularly with a Board representative if there are issues keeping them from honoring the agreed-to plan.
4. “Commitment Plan” participation is required to take part in optional or other special Etowah Eagle Band sponsored events.
5. Members on a “Commitment Plan” must participate in fundraising activities.
6. In the case of significant delinquencies, the Board may be forced to reduce or limit programs.

Family Commitment Plan
In consideration of programs and services provided consistent with the mission of the Etowah Eagle Band, the family or guardian of band student, ________________, agrees to do the following for the current band year:

We commit to make payments according to the following plan between now and April 30th, 2019:

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AND

We commit to provide hours of volunteer time supporting the Board and Committees of the Etowah Eagle Band.

Parent/Guardian Commitment Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________