

Welcome to JHS Band

Please be sure to check your email often. We send out updates on a regular basis so you are fully informed of what is going on in the various band programs.

Visit the band's web site www.JupiterBands.com to review [recent emails](#), check the [online calendar](#) and see the latest [photos](#) from band activities.

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MEET YOUR BAND DIRECTORS

Welcome to Mr. Andrew Gekoskie, our new Director of Bands. He is teaching Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band (split with Mr. Moore), both Percussion Ensembles, AP Music Theory, and the school's new strings class. Read more about Mr. Gekoskie on our website at jupiterbands.com/staff/agekoskie. Mr. Gekoskie can be reached at Andrew.Gekoskie@palmbeachschools.org.

Mr. Moore is still with us too! He has been named the Director of Chorus, but he will continue in his roles as Associate Band Director and Director of Jazz Studies. He is teaching Jazz Ensemble and Symphonic Band (split with Mr. Gekoskie), as well as all of the chorus classes. Read more about Mr. Moore on our website at jupiterbands.com/staff/cmooore. Mr. Moore can be reached at C.Moore@palmbeachschools.org.

BAND PARENT MEETING: 8/25 AT 7 PM

Our first meeting of the year is this **Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 PM** at JHS (room TBD). Parents of students in ALL band programs are invited and encouraged to attend! Come to the

meeting and earn two hours towards your Volunteer Credit! This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions, meet other band parents and make new friends!

See you there!

GET BAND REMINDER TEXTS

Sign up with Remind to receive text message reminders from the Band Directors regarding band activities. To subscribe, text the messages as described below to 81010:

Wind Symphony: @jupiterw

Jazz Ensemble: @jupiterje1

Symphonic Band: @jupsb1

Percussion Ensemble: @jupiterper

Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band: @jupiterso

AP Music Theory: @288h9

You cannot SEND any texts to this phone number, only receive them. You can unsubscribe at any time. Standard text message rates apply.

CHARMS OFFICE ASSISTANT

Charms is the program we use to communicate with band families, as well as keep track of our music library, instrument inventory, student forms, student fundraising accounts and band finances.

All students in a band class should have a Charms account, and if you are receiving this email, you have an account! Charms accounts are one per student; parents share the account with the student.

When you enter Charms the first time, you will be prompted to create a password. Keep in mind since there is only ONE account per student, parents and students will share a password. By default, the initial password is your student's 8-digit school number provided by the school district.

To access your student's account, follow these instructions (located on the band website on the left sidebar): jupiterbands.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Charms-Instructions-2016-2017-for-web-site.pdf

For questions about Charms, contact Debbie Wiley at wileydebbie@bellsout.net.

SIGN UP TO AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE BY 8/22

All students interested in auditioning for All-State must sign up on the sheet on Mr. Gekoskie's door by next Monday, August 22.

Requirements are available here on the FBA web site: fba.flmusiced.org/all-state/audition-requirements.

Be sure you open the appropriate requirements for your student - grade and instrument.

Auditions are Saturday, September 17 at Independence Middle School. Students MUST sign up ahead of time to audition. There is a \$10.00 audition fee that will be charged to your fundraising account. If you sign up and do not audition, you are still responsible for paying the \$10.00 fee.

STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THESE CLASS SUPPLIES DAILY

The Band Handbook will be distributed in class soon, but all students in a band class should have the following supplies every day in class:

Instrument/Equipment

Music

Pencils: Regular lead pencil, Red pencil, and Blue pencil (for marking music)

Any accessories (Oil, grease, cloth, reeds, swab, neck straps, etc.)

Mutes for Brass instruments - must be "Tom Crown" or similar silver metal mute.

"Trumcor" mutes are suggested for French horn.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The band is always in need of donations, and we do appreciate them! Right now we can use:

1 soft bristle/indoor push broom - something like this:

www.homedepot.com/p/Harper-24-in-Smooth-Indoor-Push-Broom-152224A/205911711

1 wide janitorial dust mop - something like this:

royalindustriesinc.com/images/janitorial/mop-dust-frame.jpg

3 3-foot tall bookshelves for music scores and reference books

13-gallon size sturdy trash can (for band kitchen) - something sturdy but a lid is not necessary

13-gallon size trash bags

Any of these items can be dropped off in the band kitchen.

The band can **ALWAYS** use **copy paper**. Donations can be dropped off in the music library adjacent to the band office. Take advantage of this week's sales at Staples (coupons attached).

HammerMill Copy Plus Ream - **\$0.01** (after easy rebate with coupon)

Staples Multi-purpose 10-ream Case - **\$9.99** (after easy rebate with coupon)

SPIRIT PROPS NEEDS

Please be collecting recycled plastic shopping bags (from grocery stores, Walmart, etc.). We will need a LOT of them for our props! Drop off in the band kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All volunteer hours for the band go towards the Volunteer Credit. **BE SURE** to sign in/out at ANY activity you volunteer. **You will NOT receive hours towards the volunteer credit without signing in and out!**

NOTE: YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MARCHING BAND PARENT TO VOLUNTEER FOR CONCESSIONS! We welcome and encourage ALL parents to volunteer at our activities.

Football Concessions: Home Football Games

The Band is in charge of concessions at all Jupiter HS home football games and any Jupiter Christian School football games played at JHS. This is a HUGE fundraiser for the band! Watch your email for a SignUpGenius link for upcoming games so you can sign up to volunteer!

Please contact David Cooper at steinerino42@gmail.com or (561) 629-3259 for more information.

August Spirit Rehearsals

We have many volunteer shifts open to chaperone students at Spirit rehearsals in August. Sign up for a shift at: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aba62fa5fe3-august. You MUST sign up on SignUpGenius in order to receive hours towards the Volunteer Credit.

Please contact Susan Taylor at sflasue@bellsouth.net or (561) 628-7402 with any questions.

SAVEAROUND COUPON BOOKS THROUGH AUGUST 31

We are in the middle of our first BIG fundraiser of the year. Information about this fundraiser was emailed previously and is available here: jupiterbands.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Coupon-Book-Email-2016-2017.pdf

Order forms are available here: jupiterbands.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Save-Around-Coupon-Book-Fundraiser-Order-Form-2016-2017.pdf

Coordinator Jessica Billy will be in the Daniel's Way parking lot on Thursday, August 18 from 8:30 pm to 9:15 pm if you would like to pick up any books.

NEW INCENTIVE: For every 10 books you sell, get one complimentary ticket for Cinépolis Jupiter (valued at \$20). Payment for coupon books must be received in order to earn a movie ticket. This is retroactive, so if you have already sold 10 coupon books, you have earned a movie ticket!

Tickets are available while they last and expire on September 15, 2016.

SALES OPPORTUNITIES: Sell books in front of Publix stores on these dates and earn a percentage of the profit of all books sold during your time slot! (Students must have their own rides to/from Publix.)

Thursday, August 25: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Jupiter Farms Publix)

Friday, August 26: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (Jupiter Farms Publix)

Saturday, August 27: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Jupiter Square Publix - US 1)

Contact Mrs. Billy at Jessica.billy@palmbeachschools.org or 561-762-2027 if you would like to sell books at these times.

Arrange to pick up books and movie tickets by appointment by contacting Jessica Billy at Jessica.billy@palmbeachschools.org or 561-762-2027.

CONCERT UNIFORMS - GET THEM NOW

Band Picture Days will be this fall!

ALL students in a band class will be photographed for the yearly composite photo. ALL band students are expected to have and bring their concert uniform to school on those days.

- Color Guard will be photographed in their marching band uniforms.
- Marching band instrumentalists will be photographed in their CONCERT (not marching) uniforms.
- Jazz Ensemble will be photographed in Symphonic Band attire (tux shirt and black tux pants). Students are not required to purchase these items, but please bring black pants (even if they are not tux pants) and a tux shirt if you already own one.

Information about the concert uniform for each class is listed in the Band Handbook (to be distributed soon) and on the [Uniforms page of our web site](#). More details will be provided closer to picture day!

DO NOT wait until the last minute! Get your concert uniform NOW!

DONORS CHOOSE PROJECT

DonorsChoose.org is an award-winning charity that the Jupiter High School Band uses to raise funds for specific needs.

We have raised more than half of our goal for our latest project! We have \$958 left to raise.

Visit www.donorschoose.org/project/percussion-stands/2019338 to see our project to purchase percussion stands and metronomes. Enter any amount and click "Give."

Please share with your friends and family!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

8/15: Spirit Payment Due (\$200)

8/18: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/20: **SATURDAY** Spirit Rehearsal: 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/22: All-State Audition Sign Up Deadline

8/22: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/25: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/25: Band Parent Meeting: 7:00 pm at JHS (specific location TBD)

8/26: Fundraiser: Cheesecake Sales Begin

8/26: Spirit: Home Football Game vs. Olympic Heights HS (Call Time TBD)

8/27: CONCESSIONS: Jupiter Christian School Football Game: 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

8/27: **SATURDAY** Spirit Rehearsal: 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/29: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/30: LTM - High School Late Start

8/31: SaveAround Coupon Book Fundraiser ENDS

9/1: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

9/2: CONCESSIONS: Jupiter Christian School Football Game: 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm

9/3: SATURDAY NO SPIRIT REHEARSAL - Happy Labor Day Weekend!

All of these dates are available on the [online calendar](#).