

Subject: Spirit of Jupiter Rehearsal THIS Saturday May 20!

Our first Spirit rehearsals have gone very well! Let's keep up the great work!

Rehearsal on Saturday, May 20 is 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Students should be **READY** and **IN PLACE** at rehearsal at 1:00 PM, not arriving at 1:00 PM. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early for all rehearsals.

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## **PRACTICE WEAR**

Students should wear the following to ALL rehearsals:

- White t-shirt - buy them by the pack at Walmart - you will go through a lot of them!
- Green (instrumentalists) or Black (color guard) shorts
- Comfortable sneakers and socks (no high tops, sandals, flip flops, etc.)
- Hat and/or sunglasses

Medallion Sporting Goods is offering all marching band students a **DISCOUNT** on green/black mesh and soffe shorts. Just tell the clerk at check out that you are with the JHS Marching Band and get the **TEAM** discount. (Thank you to Diana Johnson-Ford for arranging this!)

## **SUNSCREEN & WATER JUGS**

Students should be prepared to rehearse outside for ALL rehearsals, which means they should be wearing sunscreen and have filled water jugs.

Sunscreen takes 30 minutes to take affect after application, so put it on at home before rehearsal. It's also a good idea to have extra to reapply during the day.

One-gallon size water jugs are **REQUIRED**. A water bottle is simply not sufficient to keep students hydrated. We have had luck finding these water jugs at Rocky's Ace Hardware in Tequesta on US 1 (561-746-3118).

## **FOOD ON REHEARSAL DAYS**

Students **MUST** eat breakfast on rehearsal days. If they don't eat breakfast, they are more likely to get lightheaded in the heat. Even a simple peanut butter sandwich would help them get to their next meal.

Do **NOT** eat high sugar content foods, milk or other dairy products before rehearsals. These foods do not agree with the heat, and your student will not feel well.

Eat a healthy meal before you arrive at school **AND** pack a healthy meal to eat during rehearsal meal breaks. The dinner break on Saturday 5/20 is 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**STAY HYDRATED:** Drink a lot of water in the days prior to long rehearsals and band camps.

## WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SATURDAY

At the end of the rehearsal on Saturday, students will receive some paperwork that will be due on or before end of rehearsal **Thursday, June 1:**

- Spirit of Jupiter Student Contract: guarantees the student a spot in the show
- JHS Band Parent Organization Code of Conduct: explains the expectations and responsibilities of all parents with students in the JHS Band program  
*This form MUST be notarized. Watch your email for dates/times when notaries will be available at rehearsals.*
- Shirt Size/Order Form: provide shirts/shorts sizes for your student's "casual" uniform included in the Spirit Fair Share and optionally order additional shirts/shorts for your student, parents, siblings, etc.

**Please put all paperwork in the grey metal drawer located on the right as soon as you enter the band room,** not in the Fair Share box or any of the other collection boxes.

After Saturday, this paperwork will also be emailed out and posted on our website.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

When we have rehearsals, we need volunteers! Please SIGN UP ahead of time so we know we have parent coverage. This is ESPECIALLY important when the students are outside rehearsing. Time slots for Saturday are:

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM  
3:15 PM - 6:15 PM  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

We will have a SignUpGenius link available soon for the June Band Camp. Watch your email for information on how to sign up.

We are also looking for an Assistant Spirit Volunteer Coordinator! This person would assist and shadow our current Spirit Volunteer Coordinator, Susan Taylor, to learn what needs to be done at rehearsals and band camps. Susan is the parent of a SENIOR this coming year, and we need to train a replacement for her!

**Please contact Susan Taylor at [sflasue@bellsouth.net](mailto:sflasue@bellsouth.net) or 561-628-7402 with any questions or to volunteer this Saturday.**

## ACCESSING CHARMS

Charms Office Assistant is the online tool the band uses as our primary means of communication. Attached are instructions and information about accessing and using Charms. Questions about your fundraising account balance and which forms have been turned in or are due can be answered by going into your student's Charms account.

These instructions are also available on the left sidebar of the [band website](#) and online here: <http://jupiterbands.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/About-Charms-Office-Assistant-2017-2018.pdf>

Contact Debbie Wiley at [WileyDebbie@bellsouth.net](mailto:WileyDebbie@bellsouth.net) with any questions about your Charms username or password.

### **SPIRIT CALENDAR CHANGES**

Mr. Gekoskie announced the following changes to the Spirit calendar at Wednesday night's band parent meeting:

- NO rehearsal on Saturday, October 14 - enjoy the Saturday off after BOA!
- Saturday October 21 students will participate in Marching MPA at Palm Beach Central HS early in the afternoon THEN travel to Vero Beach HS for the Treasure Coast Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival

These changes are already posted on our online band calendar available on our [website](http://jupiterbands.com/home/calendar/) here: <http://jupiterbands.com/home/calendar/>

### **PAYMENT DUE**

The second Fair Share payment (\$200.00) was due Saturday, May 13. Please turn in your payment if you have not done so already. Make sure your student's name is on your check. All checks should be placed in the Fair Share box - this is the white mailbox mounted on the wall just outside the tuba/uniform room. It says "Fair Share" on the box.

### **PAPERWORK OVERDUE**

Please watch your emails for Spirit of Jupiter paperwork that is still due and turn in any missing forms as soon as possible. Forms should be turned in to the grey metal drawer just inside and to the left of the band room entry doors.

Attachment:

[About Charms Office Assistant](#)