

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.

The JHS Director of Bands is Andrew Gekoskie. The best way to contact him is by email at andrew.gekoskie@palmbeachschools.org.

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BAND PARENT MEETING: 8/23 AT 7 PM

Join us at our first band parent meeting of the school year TONIGHT (Wednesday 8/23) at 7:00 pm in the drama room. (From the band hallway entrance at Daniel's Way, take the FIRST RIGHT and go up the stairs. The drama room is directly in front of you at the end of the hallway.) Band parent meetings are held monthly. See the band's online calendar for dates.

GET BAND REMINDER TEXTS

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

- Wind Symphony: @jupiterw
- Symphony Band: @jupitersy
- Concert Band: @jupconcert
- Percussion: @jupiterper
- Spirit of Jupiter Marching Band: @sojupiter
- Color Guard: @jupguard

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

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR CLASS

All students in a band class should have the following supplies every day in class:

Instrument/Equipment (get a "loaner" if yours is being repaired)

Music

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

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

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/2017/05/About-Charms-Office-Assistant-2017-2018.pdf

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

FOOTBALL GAME CONCESSIONS VOUNTEERS NEEDED

All volunteer hours for the band go towards the band's 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.

The Band is in charge of concessions at all Jupiter HS home football games and any Jupiter Christian School football games played at JHS. Profits from concessions benefit the ENTIRE band program! This is a GREAT way to get involved, make new friends, and help the band at the same time!

We need help grilling, prepping, serving - we can find a job for you!

Sign up here to at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ea9a8283-august2>

Questions? Contact Tammy Palette at tpal215@aol.com.

BAND PAPERWORK!

Your students received a LOT of paperwork on Tuesday! All of this is very important information about the band program. Please take the time to read it!

If you have not received these from your student, ASK THEM FOR IT! The paperwork includes forms that are due on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**.

ALL of this information is located on the [Forms page](#) of the band website www.JupiterBands.com – just click on the links below!

1. The [Band Handbook](#) contains essential information about the band program, including descriptions about the different programs, expectations, rules, required materials, grading, uniform requirements, etc. In addition, the table of contents in the online version of the Handbook jumps to the section in question when you click on the topic.
2. The [Band General Information Packet](#) contains additional information about the band including tips for band parents, how to stay informed via email and texts, how to volunteer and needed help. The band's [Report of Absence Form](#) for after school rehearsals and performances is also in this packet. These fundraising forms are included:

[Sponsorship Form](#)

[Auditorium Seat Plaques \(Please Be Seated\) Form](#)

[Concert Program Advertising Form](#) - **DUE OCTOBER 31, 2017**

[Concert Program Dedications Form](#) - **DUE OCTOBER 31, 2017**

Note that [our online band calendar](#) SUPERSEDES the paper calendar in this packet and the online calendar is the most up to date calendar available. You can sync this calendar to your smartphone!

3. The **Color Guard class** should have already received the [Spirit of Jupiter Color Guard Handbook](#). The Acknowledgement form at the back of that handbook is overdue and MUST be turned in by **AUGUST 25**.
4. The [Concert Band Fees Packet](#) (NOT for Color Guard) includes a description of the fees for band materials and the fundraising commitment, including why the fees are needed and what they cover in the band budget.
5. The [Concert Band Forms Packet](#) (NOT for Color Guard) references or includes forms that are **due AUGUST 25** unless specified otherwise:

Class Syllabus (specific to each class and due **AUGUST 31**)

- [Wind Symphony Syllabus](#)
- [Symphony Band Syllabus](#)
- [Concert Band Syllabus](#)

[Concert Band Class Fee Acknowledgement Form](#)

[Volunteer Time & Talent Form](#)

[Band Handbook Acknowledgement Form](#)

[Instrument Rental/Usage Packet](#) (only for students using school-owned instruments)

Spirit of Jupiter members should have turned in these forms in the spring:

[JHS Band Contact Information Form 2017-2018 \(online\)](#)

[JHS Band Contact Information Form 2017-2018 \(paper version\)](#)

[Release and Consent for Student Information Publication](#) (Print and complete)

[Release and Consent for Student Information Publication](#) (Edit in INTERNET EXPLORER)

BAND FEES CAN BE PAID ONLINE!

MOST band fees can be paid online by credit card through [SchoolCashOnline](#), including the Band Materials fee, Fair Share payments, Solo & Ensemble fees, All-State and All-District audition fees.

Visit [SchoolCashOnline.com](#).

Sign in to your account (or create one if necessary).

If you don't see "Jupiter High School Band fees" on your student's list of items to pay, search for "Jupiter" and you should see it then.

Use the "Band fees" amounts listed combined with the "Quantity" total at the bottom of the page to put the "Amount Due" in your cart you'd like to pay.

Click Add to Cart and continue the check out process

You MAY be charged a \$1-2 processing fee using SchoolCashOnline.

It is very important to print a copy of the receipt and drop it off in the Fair Share box so your student's account is credited appropriately. If you are paying for a specific activity or fee for which there is a payment form, PLEASE complete the payment for and attach your SchoolCashOnline receipt and place in the appropriate box in the band room.

If you do not have access to a printer, please email your receipt to Rosalie Jablonski at RLJablonski@gmail.com with a description of what you're paying for.

EAT AT TROPICAL SMOOTHIE AND SUPPORT THE JHS BAND

On **Thursday**, August 24 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, eat at Tropical Smoothie Café on Indiantown Road and 10% of the proceeds will go to the JHS Band!

Just bring the attached flyer OR show it on your smartphone (available [HERE](#) on our website) OR tell your cashier that you are there supporting the JHS Band!

Share our [Facebook event](#) and help us spread the word!

JHS YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE NOW

JHS yearbooks can be ordered NOW online for \$70 at <https://yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/product/yearbooks>. The school code is 10203 – or you can search for Jupiter Community High School.

This is the cheapest they will be all year!!

A LOOK AHEAD AT THE CALENDAR

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

8/14: Spirit Fair Share Payment DUE (\$200)

8/23: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/23: Band Parent Meeting: 7:00 pm

8/24: Dine for Cash at Tropical Smoothie: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

8/25: Spirit Guard Payment for Make Up Kit and Rifle Due

8/25: Spirit Home Football Game vs. Boca Raton HS: Call Time TBD

8/26: Spirit Rehearsal: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

8/28: Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Fundraiser Begins

8/28: Save Around Coupon Book Fundraiser ENDS

8/28: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/30: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

8/30: JHS Curriculum Night/Open House: Freshmenology at 5:30 pm; Open House at 6:30 pm

9/1: Spirit Home Football Game vs. Cardinal Newman HS: Call Time TBD

9/4: NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

9/4: Spirit - NO REHEARSAL - Enjoy the holiday!

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

9/6: Spirit Rehearsal: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm