



James E. Taylor High School Band

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Hey Band!

I hope you are having a fun and restful summer. Do your best to relax while you can because your life will soon be very busy with all the activities of the JET Band. For a couple of years now we have been exploring ways to make the “**This is Your Life!!!**” calendar an online source to help keep up with all events pertaining to the Taylor Band. We have been able to accomplish that through the use of CharmsMusic.com. This accomplishes two things: the ability to keep the calendar up-to-date as events change throughout the year and to be environmentally conscious by cutting down on our non-renewable resource uses by not printing several thousand pages to mail out each year.

TIYL is your roadmap to success in the Taylor Band. It is very easy to go to this website to view the calendar that contains 98% of all activities for the year. Simply go to www.charmsmusic.com and in the Parent/Student login enter the word **JETaylorBand** (no spaces, not case sensitive). Click on the “Public Calendar” button to view and/or print the calendar. You can also click on each event for details about events. Be sure to bookmark this site and check it often for updates and details. There will also be a PDF version of the calendar posted at www.jetband.org.

We have some great new faces joining the staff of the Taylor Band that you will be meeting very soon if you have not already done so. Bruce Melville is coming to us from South Grand Prairie High School where he was the Director of Bands. Mr. Melville will be teaching the Symphonic Band, JV Band, and Jazz Band. Joel May is also coming from Grand Prairie and has had great success as a percussionist and band conductor. He will be teaching the Concert Band, the Drum Line, and teaching beginner percussion at MPJH and MMJH. Taylor Landers has been with us for some time but has taken on a new role as Director of the THS Color Guard. His expertise will not only be invaluable with the Color Guard but also with the visual design of our marching show.

Obviously, for the Taylor Band to succeed, each member must be present for all rehearsals and performances. When even one person is missing for even one minute for even a very good reason, we fail to be our very best. I expect you and the JET Band teaching staff to do everything possible to reach our maximum potential. It is crucial that you plan your life around this calendar; with 300 band members it is impossible for us to schedule Taylor Band activities around all of you.

The fall marching show is music from Michael Daugherty’s “Bells for Stowkowski.” The music is being re-written and arranged at this time but should be ready in a few weeks and will be posted to charmsmusic.com for you to download. So, stay tuned.

Attendance at summer rehearsals is very important. Performing instrumentation is already set, but specific performance positions will be assigned during our August rehearsals. If you would like to earn one of the performance positions, you must plan to attend every minute of every summer band rehearsal. Color Guard and Drum Line members : be sure to check the JET Band website – jetband.org – for the particulars of the upcoming camps that begin for you during the last week of July.

I look forward to seeing all of your bright, shining faces back in the Taylor Band Hall on Wednesday, August 5 (or sooner). As always, if you need anything, please contact me at ChristopherGBailey@katyisd.org. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best wishes,

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