

2021 Tocoï Creek High School Band Informational Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND

7:00PM



EARLY THANK YOU'S!!!!!!

- Mr. Jay Willets
- Mrs. Twila Needham
- Mrs. Chassity Johnson
- Mrs. Pam Henry

A little bit about Mr. Cananzi

- Born and raised in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania
- Die hard Pittsburgh sports fan....yes.... Even the Pirates
- Undergraduate degree in music education from Indiana U. Pennsylvania (IUP)
- Masters degree in percussion performance from Florida State University... GO NOLES!
- Performed in Carnegie Hall while attending FSU
- Member of the Tallahassee Symphony
- Member of the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps
- Instructor for The Boston Crusader Drum and Bugle Corps, Spirit of Atlanta, and Atlanta CV
- Spent 10 years teaching in Cobb County, Georgia at Tapp Middle School and McEachern HS

Mr. Cananzi cont....

- Named Nease High School band director in 2017
- married to Mrs. Jill Cananzi.. Yes, the music teacher at Picolata Crossing ES
- I have two children: Luca Cananzi (5th grade) and Sofia Cananzi (1st grade)
- I have two German Shepherds named Cessa and Hans
- My family enjoys kayak fishing on the weekends

This Week in the Tocoi Creek Band

- Announcement of Band Director
- Meetings with Tocoi Administration to discuss spring / summer dates and locations
- Meetings with Tocoi Administration to discuss selection of our school fight song
- Meeting set up with our branding company to discuss our own custom Tocoi Creek Band logo
- ongoing discussions with Tocoi Administration about the vision of the Tocoi Creek Band
- Communication in regards to course codes and offerings with our registrar

What can you
expect as a
member of the
Tocoi Band
Community?

All members of the Tocoi Band Program will experience a safe, learning conducive, and disciplined environment. Students and parents will be expected to exemplify class, pride, dignity, and excellence in the performance hall, on the football field, in the classroom, and in the community. The Tocoi Band students will be both high achieving students and musicians that will be held to very high standards at all times. Students in the band program will continue to develop as remarkable young adults while continuing their growth as musicians.

Vision and Goals for the 2021 Tocoï Band Program

- Create a culture of pride, excellence and commitment to the Tocoï Band Program
- Create a strong relationship with the community via Friday night lights, community performances, and other opportunities in the WGV area
- Develop a strong parent volunteer base
- Raise funds for further development of inventory, equipment, and other items not included by the school district
- Create a relationship of mutual respect with the athletic teams and coaches
- Perform at the district level MPA with the marching band and concert ensembles
- Develop working relationship with our feeder middle schools

What is Marching Band?

Marching band at Toco Creek is an after school, co-curricular activity that performs at local, regional, state, and national events. The marching band prepares a competitive-style show along with providing entertainment and showcasing students musical and visual artistry at TCHS Toro Football games!

Statistics have proven that students who participate in marching band are better at time management, have more self-discipline, team work, leadership skills, and academic achievement all while striving to perfect the craft of playing his or her instrument or performing with the colorguard.

Is Marching Band Mandatory?

- ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY “MANDATORY”, STUDENTS IN THE TOCOI BAND PROGRAM ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF THIS ENSEMBLE
 - THE MARCHING BAND IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF DEVELOPING A STUDENT’S LEADERSHIP SKILLS, DISCIPLINE, TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS, TEAM BUILDING SKILLS, MOTOR SKILLS, AND OVERALL MUSICIANSHIP
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- STUDENTS IN THE MARCHING BAND PROGRAM WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS ON CAMPUS

The “Non-Marching Band” Student

- Students that do not participate in marching band will receive approx. 9-14 hours LESS time on his or her instrument compared to a marching band student.
- Students not in marching band tend to progress slower through the program
- Students not in marching band can often feel left out because of so many opportunities, functions, performances, accolades, and traveling that the marching band students get to experience
- Marching band students tend to have a larger circle of friends due to the time spent together in such a family type environment
- Marching band students tend to show more school spirit, pride, discipline and respect due to being in the public eye so often and usually a positive figure in our community.

Parent Involvement

A MARCHING BAND PROGRAM TRULY TAKES A VILLAGE TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY. THE TOCOI MARCHING BAND WILL NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE MANY MOVING PARTS OF THE PROGRAM.

Parent Volunteers....WE NEED YOU!

The task of getting such a large organization down the road on Fridays and Saturdays is enormous! We welcome all parents to volunteer your time as much as possible! Help is needed in areas such as:

Meal planning

Fundraising

prop building

Truck crew

Field Maintenance

Snack Prep

Uniform Maintenance

Much more...

2021 Spring / Summer Calendar

MAY 10TH – 13TH: PERCUSSION AND COLORGUARD WORKSHOPS / AUDITIONS
(5:00PM – 8:00PM)

JUNE 1ST AND JUNE 3RD: MINI CAMP FOR ALL MEMBERS (5:00PM – 8:00PM)

JULY 19TH – JULY 23RD: LEADERSHIP AND ROOKIE CAMP (9:00AM – 12:00PM)

JULY 26TH – JULY 30TH: BAND CAMP (9:00AM – 6:00PM)

AUGUST 3RD AND AUGUST 5TH: REHEARSAL (5:00PM – 8:00PM)

* LOCATIONS FOR ALL CAMPS AND REHEARSALS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

Communication
is KEY!!!

Please make sure to join the Toco Creek Band facebook page! This page will be used for announcements, calendar events, and other important information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/234089451780458/>

Fair Share

I know an important question is, “How much is this going to cost?”..

Fair share will be determined as soon as possible once membership is solidified and budget for the season is developed.

What will fair share dues go towards?

- Wind Arranger
- Percussion Arranger
- Colorguard Designer
- Drill Writer
- Instructional Staff
- Transportation to performances
- Uniforms / uniform upkeep
- Instruments
- Meals
- Show Registration
- Show shirts
- Equipment trailer
- Banquet
- Awards
- Concessions
- Props for field show
- Colorguard equipment
- Colorguard Costumes
- Band camp supplies
- Medical Supplies
- Website Design / Webmaster
- the list goes on... and on.... And on....

Sponsorships / Donations

- TCHS will have a package for corporate sponsors..

- Donors needed to help with:

- - Friday night meals
- - Equipment Trailer
- - Band tower
- - More Instruments
- - Snacks
- - Drinks
- - Medical Supplies

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TORO MARCHING BAND

There will be a link posted to the facebook page, and also blasted out to middle school directors and sent to schoology. Please make sure to fill out the information ASAP

FAQ's

Q: WILL THE TOCOI MARCHING BAND HAVE A COLORGUARD

A: YES!

Q: WILL THE TOCOI MARCHING BAND COMPETE IN YEAR 1?

A: TBD. THIS WILL DEPEND ON DISTRICT PROVIDED INVENTORY AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Q: IS BAND CAMP MANDATORY?

A: YES, BAND CAMP IS THE MOST CRITICAL PART OF THE SEASON.

Q: WHAT CLASSES DURING THE DAY WILL BE OFFERED?

A: TBD



2021 Production...

.....To be continued.....

- The final stages of preparation are underway for our 2021 production. Once we know what our district provided inventory looks like, we will finalize and announce our inaugural show!

If there is something I didn't cover tonight...

1: We are still in the process of rolling out the band program from ground zero... Please be patient and know we are working very diligently to get the community information

2: specific questions can be emailed to Anthony.Cananzi@stjohns.k12.fl.us

3: Reminder to join the Toco Band Facebook Page

4: As information becomes available, I will send to the middle school directors to post / email

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!

