



## Welcome to the 2019-20 Pride of Colgan Marching Band!

We are so happy to see you and your student tonight and even more excited about the coming season of the Pride of Colgan! In an effort to keep you informed, you are receiving a lot of information tonight rather than a little bit of information spread out over the next couple of months. This welcome packet will be available on our website and on CHARMS if you need to access it in the future.

Feel free to take this information packet home and read through it at your leisure. Please register on CHARMS at your earliest convenience.

Show your Pride spirit by purchasing items in our spirit wear store! The store opens today and remains open through July 14<sup>th</sup>. Items will be delivered during band camp. Find the link to our online store on [www.ColganBand.com](http://www.ColganBand.com)

### To Do:

1. Please return the Membership and Information Form tonight (Food Allergies on the back)
2. Sign up for our weekly email on [www.ColganBand.com](http://www.ColganBand.com)
3. Register for a CHARMS account (Check your login for existing members)
4. Forms to return by June 1:
  - Student/ Parent Contract
  - \$175 Membership Dues Deposit with Payment Form
  - 2019 Clothing Order Form (Even if you don't order anything)
  - Clothing Order Payment (May be combined with deposit)
  - Uniform Contract Agreement



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## GET IN CONTACT!

Mr. Magee, Band Director

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### Colgan Band Boosters

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 [@ColganBand](https://www.instagram.com/ColganBand)

The Band Boosters maintains a public Facebook page and an active, private Facebook group. You can find the group listed on our public page. You must request access to the group; this protects our students because we post updates on travel plans and other important information.

Sign up for our weekly email on the webpage!

## **Colgan Band CHARMS Registration Instructions**

Every student planning on participating in Marching Band or Color Guard **MUST** register.

### ***\* New Students \****

Please type the line below into your address bar. This will allow you to self-register into our CHARMS account, the software program which handles all of our band and color guard information and communication. You will also be able to use this site to make dues payments, Disney payments, and to preview the band's calendar. This registration is required of all band students whether they are concert band only or marching band.

**<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/selfregister.asp?s=Colgan>**

1. When the site pops up, you can press the "New Students Click Here" button.
2. Enter the information asked for. The student ID number should be the same as your child's current school ID#.
3. Please be sure to complete all boxes. A working email address is vital as that is our main means of communicating with families. T-shirt size is also crucial as show shirts are ordered early in the summer.
4. After filling out all information, hit the register button.
5. Once your profile is complete, be sure to add at least one adult (see tabs on upper left side of profile page) whom we can use as a contact for your student. You may add as many additional adults as you wish. Be sure to save all changes.

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### ***\* Returning Students \****

Please type the line below into your address bar. This will allow you to verify you are currently registered in CHARMS and update your account information.

**<https://www.charmsoffice.com/charms/parents.asp?username=Colgan>**

1. When the site pops up, this will be the Public site. You will be able to view the public calendar, documents and handouts, and email the staff.
2. To enter the protected site, enter your Student Area Password, which is your Student ID #.
3. If your Student ID # does not work, either you changed your password at some time in the past and you can utilize the password recovery option, OR you are not registered in CHARMS. If the password recovery utility does not work, please follow the directions above for new students and establish your CHARMS account.
4. If you are prompted to change your password, it is because this is the first time you have logged into CHARMS using your Student ID #. Please change your password from your ID # to one of your choice then continue to your account to update your information.

***If you have difficulty with the registration process or have any questions,  
please contact CBB Secretary Amiee Gold at [colganbb@gmail.com](mailto:colganbb@gmail.com)***

# Dues & Expenses



## Marching Band & Color Guard

**2019-2020 Dues: \$375**

**Minimum deposit of \$175 is due June 1, 2019.**

**All clothing purchases (New & Returning Marchers) are due June 1, 2019.**

Remaining payment of \$200 is due August 1, 2019.

Full Payment may be made at any time if preferred.

## **Forms of Payment**

- **Check.** Checks should be made out to **CBB**. Please note student's name on check. Payment may be mailed to: Colgan Band Boosters, 13833 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20112 or returned to Mr. Magee, Melanie Dorchester, or Cristy Johnson. A \$35 fee will be applied to your account for a returned check.
- **PayPal.** To access PayPal, enter your Charms account and navigate to the Finances tab. Marching band dues are listed under Fixed Payments, entered clothing items are listed under Miscellaneous Payments. A 3% surcharge is added to these payments to cover the PayPal fees. We offer the ability to pay online as a convenience to our families but we are happy to take payment by cash or check to avoid the surcharge. Contact CBB Treasurer Melanie Dorchester if you have any difficulties using PayPal at [colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com). To purchase clothing that isn't listed in the miscellaneous ledger, visit the online store in Charms.

We realize that all family budgets may not be able to meet the requested payment schedule. If dues payments are an issue, please contact CBB Treasurer Melanie Dorchester at [colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com) as soon as possible to discuss an individualized payment plan. Fulfillment of your band dues commitment is an integral part of CBB's budget planning process and finding a mutually acceptable means benefits all parties concerned.

## Other Possible Fees for Marching Band Students

*(These anticipated expenses are provided for family budget planning purposes only. Payment instructions will follow at a later time.)*

- \$38-\$50 for replacement marching shoes (sometimes shoes are worn out, broken, or lost during the season)
- \$3-\$5 for replacement socks or gloves
- \$130-\$150 for color guard items such as shoes, tights, earrings, make-up and warm-up suit (cost varies depending on which items particular individuals need)
- Meals- Due to the distance of some competitions we attend, it is necessary for students to eat while we are gone. We will usually work with the competition site to preorder concession meals for our students 1-2 weeks prior. Students will sign up and prepay \$5-\$8 for their meal with us. They always have the option of bringing a meal from home as well.
- Spirit Week- During the second week of band camp the students participate in spirit week. This is optional and most days the items can be found around the house for the theme of the day. Some sections like to wear matching outfits and buy shirts or items at the store.

***Spirit wear such as show shirts, band gear bags, car magnets, etc. will be available for purchase throughout the season. Watch for future emails detailing this year's items.***

**Our first spirit wear store opens May 9<sup>th</sup> and closes July 14<sup>th</sup>! Delivery will be made of these items during band camp. A link to the online store can be found at the top of [www.ColganBand.com](http://www.ColganBand.com)**

# Marching Band Rehearsals and Camps

## June Rehearsals (Wind Players, Percussion, & Color Guard)

Required music rehearsals unless you have another school activity that conflicts. Please email Mr. Magee if you cannot attend.

June 4, June 5, June 6                      6:00-8:00 pm

## Summer Music Rehearsals

If you are in town, please attend music rehearsals. If you are out of town, please have a great time and we'll see you when you return.

Wednesdays, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31                      1:00-4:00 pm

## Drumline Summer Rehearsals

Wednesdays, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31                      1:00-4:00 pm

## Color Guard Summer Rehearsals

Wednesdays, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31                      1:00-5:00 pm

Additional summer rehearsals will be decided and announced by Mr. Contreras at a later time.

## Band Camp – All Members

Monday, August 5- Friday, August 9                      8:00 am – 2:00 pm @ CHS

Monday, August 12 – Friday, August 16                      8:00 am – 6:00 pm @ CHS

***Band camp is required for all Marching Band students. Any anticipated absence must be approved by Mr. Magee prior to camp.***

***Our camp finale performance will be held on Friday evening August 16<sup>th</sup> for parents and family.***

## After-School Rehearsals

The regular practice schedule begins on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** and ends in early November.

***Attendance policy:*** *Marching band is a class in which a grade is received, therefore attendance is taken at every rehearsal and performance. Students are expected to be at every rehearsal unless they have an excused reason to miss school.*

**Monday:** Tape Review & Sectional Practice (All Students) 2:30- 3:30 pm | Color Guard Sectional 3:30-7:00 pm

(Monday practice is required unless you have an excused reason to miss. However, Monday is the best day to schedule a doctor's appointment if you need to miss a practice during the week)

**Tuesday:** Full Marching Band Rehearsal – 2:30-5:00 pm

**Wednesday:** Full Marching Band Rehearsal – 2:30-5:00 pm

**Thursday:** Full Marching Band Rehearsal – 2:30-5:00 pm

**Friday:** Football Game Day (See details for game day schedule on next page)

***\*Color Guard and Drumline may have additional practices and/or different times than those listed. These will provided in the late summer/fall.***

## 2019 Regular Game Schedule

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| August 29    | Home Game vs. Robinson HS                              |
| September 6  | Away Game @ Mt. Vernon HS                              |
| September 13 | Home Game vs. Osbourn HS                               |
| September 20 | Bye Week, No Game                                      |
| September 27 | Away Game @ Potomac HS                                 |
| October 4    | Home Game vs. Hylton HS<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Night |
| October 11   | Home Game vs. Forest Park<br>Homecoming                |
| October 18   | Home Game vs. Gar-Field<br>Senior Night                |
| October 25   | Away Game @ Woodbridge HS                              |
| November 1   | Away Game @ Osbourn Park HS                            |
| November 8   | Away Game @ Freedom HS                                 |

## ***Mandatory Tag Day: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019***

## ***Mandatory Colgan Classic: Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019***

## **2019 Competition Schedule\***

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| September 14 | Woodbridge Viking Invitational<br>Woodbridge HS, Woodbridge, VA   |
| September 21 | <b>Colgan Classic</b><br><b>All POC &amp; 1 Family Member Req.</b><br>A Knight Under the Lights<br>Spotsylvania HS Spotsylvania, VA |
| October 5    | Lee-Davis Tournament of Champions<br>Lee-Davis HS, Mechanicsville, VA   |
| October 19   | VBODA Marching Assessment<br>Patriot HS, Bristow VA   |
| October 26   | Manassas Christmas Parade (Tent.)   |
| December 7   |   |

***\*As of May 2019, Subject to change***

## Friday Game Day Schedule

**Home Game Schedule:** Students will remain at school for rehearsal, followed by a homework/social break and dinner. Around 5:40 pm, students will change into their uniforms to prepare for pregame activities. If you'd like to see the band for pregame, plan to arrive by 6:30 pm to find a seat in the stadium.

Dinner: The boosters arrange a variety of meals by potluck provided by band parents and meals ordered in for the students. Your band fees will cover the cost of the meals ordered in. When we host potlucks, we need help providing food for 150 students, staff, and volunteers, please don't be shy! Plus, the band students love having their parents around!

**Away Game Schedule:** Typically students leave school at dismissal and go home. They will need to eat dinner before returning around 5:00 pm to change into their uniform and travel to the game. Students return to Colgan at the conclusion of the game, usually around 10:00 pm.

Note: Times/dates may be adjusted to compensate for weather and other activities on campus. Mr. Magee sets the arrival time based on where the game is located.

The past two years we have held our band photos on an away game day and the students have stayed at school instead of going home and returning. We ordered dinner in for them on that day. If we decide to do this again we will give you advance notice.



### Food Allergies:

We will do our best to accommodate food allergies but please understand we may not be able to accommodate every allergy at every meal. All food provided is open to all students, so if a student isn't able to eat the main meal item they may still choose any of the other items we offer for dinner that evening. Please be sure to fill out the food allergy section of the paperwork so we can start planning the meals we will be serving.

## Saturday Competition Schedule



Before every competition, Mr. Magee will rehearse with the students for 1-1 ½ hours to prepare a final run through of the show specific to the host location's field orientation. If the host school has moved the competition indoors, the students will rehearse in the gym to familiarize themselves with that competition set-up. After rehearsing, the students will be given a break to eat a meal brought from home. **Students always need to bring a meal from home on competition days.** (It is best if they bring it with them rather than have a parent try to time the break because sometimes the weather forces the break to be earlier than expected and then the student doesn't have any food to eat.)

After the lunch break the students will get dressed into their uniforms and load the buses to travel to the competition. Once we get to the competition the students will warm up with Mr. Magee (no parents) and then march into the venue to perform. The band will stay until the end of the competition for the awards and then load the buses and travel home. Since we are a larger band we usually perform towards the end of a competition.

We attend local competitions and ones that are almost two hours away, so the day can be very long depending on where we are traveling. Students can bring a snack with them but make sure it is uniform friendly and doesn't contain anything sticky, colored, powdery, or chocolate. If we know we will be gone long enough that the students will need to eat another meal we usually try to preorder meals from the host school's concession stand and our band volunteers deliver it to our students in the bleachers. If we do this, you will sign up via a Google form a couple of weeks before the competition and pay for the meal of choice.

Sample competition day at Spotsylvania HS, 8:00 pm performance time (1.5 hr. travel time)

2:30 pm Rehearsal starts on main field

4:00 pm Eat meal/ Dress in uniform/ Load buses

5:00 pm Departure from Colgan

6:30 pm Arrival at Spotsylvania HS

8:00 pm Performance

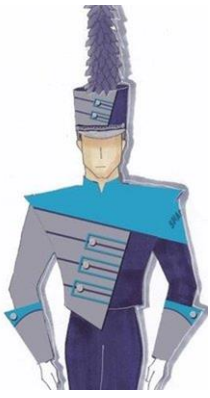
Wait for awards, load buses, travel 1 ½ hours back to Colgan

10:30-10:45 pm Approximate return to Colgan

### **I have a question about report times, events, games, etc. Who do I contact?**

1. Ask your student. Mr. Magee ends most rehearsals with announcements where he tells the students everything they need to know for upcoming events. The students get information first many times; they are the best ones to ask.
2. Have your student ask their section leader or section mates.
3. Check the band Google calendar on [www.ColganBand.com](http://www.ColganBand.com)
4. Check the weekly email. Make sure your subscribed to our emails, important updates will be sent out separately when necessary.





# It's all about the Uniform!

There's nothing quite like watching an entire band decked out in their shiny, new uniforms... but first, there are some things your marcher will need.

## **UNIFORM FITTINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SUMMER REHEARSALS AND BAND CAMP. MORE INFORMATION TO COME AT A LATER DATE.**

### **What does my marcher need for fitting day?**

To keep our uniforms clean, all marchers need to wear a shirt with sleeves during the fitting. Returning marchers need to wear their marching shoes to measure the proper pant length. New marchers should wear athletic shoes.

### **What happens once my marcher is fit for a uniform?**

The marching uniform stays at school. Your marcher simply needs to remember to have the correct garments that are worn under the uniform, black knee socks, and their marching shoes with them anytime they will be dressing in the marching uniform.

### **What is worn under the uniform?**

Marchers must wear their navy, dry-fit uniform shirt, gray uniform shorts, and black **knee** socks under their marching uniform. These items were available for purchase on the 2019-20 Uniform Ordering Form. If you still need items, please see Mrs. Thiedeman immediately.

You may be asked to wear your uniform shirt occasionally to school for a pep rally performance but your gray uniform shorts are to be worn only under your uniform.

### **Uniform Wearing Rules**

All hair (male and female) must be tucked under the hat with no pieces hanging out. Make-up is not allowed on the face or neck to avoid transferring any stains to the uniform. No nail polish. No jewelry of any kind. Marchers who are in violation will be asked to fix the issues and then return to the uniform room when ready. Only approved foods may be eaten in uniform.

### **Marching shoes**

All marchers are required to wear a black marching shoe. Our uniform coordinator, Mrs. Thiedeman, will size all students for shoes, even if they don't currently need them. Returning marchers- please check the condition of your marching shoes. If they are too small, damaged, or they can't be cleaned to uniform standard condition, you will need to purchase new shoes.

### **Hats in the Stands**

The shako (the hat that is part of the uniform) may be taken off when marchers are in the stands. Only two hats are approved to be worn with the uniform while in the stands- the navy, band baseball cap, or the navy, band winter beanie hat. The baseball cap is \$15 and the winter beanie is \$12, both are available for purchase from our Spirit Wear Coordinator, Sue Bass.

### **Water Jugs**

Every student will need to fill their Pride of Colgan water jug before the game or competition and bring it with them. Water jugs will be taken to the bleachers during the dinner break before a home game so the student will have it during the football game. Band volunteers will have water coolers available to refill the jugs, if necessary. Water jugs will typically stay on the bus when the band travels to a competition. New members are provided a water jug. Returning members need to purchase a new one if theirs is lost or broken.

**Thank you for making our band look great!**





## BAND CAMP “SURVIVAL” LIST

### WEAR:

- Shirt
- Shorts
- Socks
- Tennis/Running Shoes with good support (no Converse, Skate shoes, etc.)
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Bandana (optional)

### BRING A DRAWSTRING BACKPACK EVERY DAY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- Lunch
- Sunscreen
- Towel to sit on
- Dot Book (provided at Band Camp. Used to track positions in marching formations.)
- PRIDE OF COLGAN Marching Band lanyard with name tag (provided at Band Camp)
- PRIDE OF COLGAN Water jug filled with water (Provided to new marchers, returning marchers may purchase a new one, if needed)

**Marching band uses a lot of energy, so we want to make sure our students are well hydrated and have a snack on long band camp days.**

**We require each student to bring the following:**



Bring **1 CASE** (20-30 count) of individual snacks.  
The kids love, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, animal crackers, Quaker Chewy Bars, Cheese crackers, pretzels, Rice Krispie treats, Nutra Grain Bars etc.



Bring **TWO** 1-gallon jugs of Gatorade, any flavor. (No powder, please.)  
Will be used during Band Camp.  
Gatorade gallons can be found at Harris Teeter, Wal-Mart, & Wegmans. (If you can't find the gallon containers, you can buy equivalent quantities of smaller jugs)

**Items may brought in beginning July 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to have your name labeled with a note so you are credited with bringing your contribution.**



### EVERYONE:

In the past we have collected one case of water from each member at the beginning of the season. This year we are going to ask for water as we need it. Please watch the weekly email for announcements of when to bring a case of water to the band room. Thank you!









## Dear NEW Marching Band Parent,

(And, a great refresher for veteran marching band parents!)

We are so excited for the beginning of a new season and thankful your child is part of the Pride of Colgan Marching Band! Thank you for your commitment to this excellent program. We wanted to share with you some “insider information” about band camp, which will take place August 5-16.

The first couple of days of band camp will be spent teaching new marchers the fundamentals of marching. They will be joined by the full band and they will begin to put the music they’ve been practicing with steps of the drill to create a marching show. The practice sessions during camp are long and demanding but so rewarding when students see what they can accomplish together with hard work and attention to detail. **They’ll also make some of the best friends of their high school career!**

There’s no getting around the fact that band camp is exhausting, but here are a few tips from seasoned parents to help new members stay strong and energized:

-  Prepare for **heat**. Slather on the sunscreen, wear a hat and sunglasses, and drink plenty of water throughout the camp. Make sure you bring your Pride of Colgan water jug to the practice lot. Band parents have igloo jugs to refill water jugs.
-  Wear sturdy **shoes** (that are already broken in, No brand new shoes, please!) AND cushioned socks. Save those cute sandals and stylish fashion sneakers for school days.
-  Section leaders will encourage your student to dress for “Spirit Days” the second week of Band Camp. Ask him/her about it- and urge participation because it is crazy fun! It also helps bond a section together for the season.
-  Encourage your student to eat a healthy breakfast and pack a nutritious lunch. Students burn a lot of calories at Band Camp and need a nutritious breakfast and lunch to make it through the long days. Lunch break is a fun social time so encourage your child to join in when upper-class students invite them to sit together.
-  **Rest.** Encourage early bed time during camp. You might not even have to say anything- they’ll fall asleep on the way home, just like they did in kindergarten!
-  Encourage a little exercise over the summer if your student usually has a rather sedentary summer. He/She will enjoy camp much more by starting to exercise a few weeks before camp starts. Go for a long walk or hike, stretch, and drink water. Encourage them to get their bodies ready for the workouts that band camp will require.
-  Rehearsal starts at the posted time. A student who shows up at the posted time doesn’t have time to put away their things, get their instrument, and get to the practice location before rehearsal begins. Most students arrive at least 15 minutes before the posted to time to be ready to rehearse at the posted time.  
**MUSIC TIME = EARLY IS ON TIME, ON TIME IS LATE**
-  There’s one more piece to the puzzle, YOU! We would love to see you during Band Camp! We ask for volunteers during Band camp to help keep water jugs filled, snacks stocked, and be a helping hand to the staff when they need it. It’s a great opportunity to meet the wonderful teenagers in the Pride of Colgan and the other parent volunteers. We hope you’ll be able to join us for a couple of hours this August!





## Parents' Introduction to Marching Band Competitions

### What can you expect on Marching Band Competition Day?

Typically, the band will rehearse at Colgan before boarding the bus to travel to the competition. The students are given an opportunity to eat a meal they've brought from home after rehearsal and before getting dressed into their uniform. The exact schedule depends on travel time to the event and when the band is scheduled to perform at the competition. The schedule for each competition day will be distributed to students a few days before the competition by Mr. Magee. It will also be posted on our website, sent out by email, and posted on our Facebook group.

**Parent help is needed for every competition in several areas.** If you are only able to help a little, this is the best way to make a big impact. We will send out a volunteer sign-up with areas we need help.

**Important** – For planning purposes, students should expect a marching band competition to be an **all-day commitment** which will last until late in the evening. Parents who just want to attend the competition do not need to follow the student's schedule. They should plan to arrive at the competition site at least an hour before the band is scheduled to perform in order to ensure adequate time to find parking, walk to the stadium, pay admission (typically \$10-\$15 for adults), and find their seats before the band competes.

Spectators are asked not to enter the stadium during a band performance. If you arrive while a band is performing you should wait until a break before finding your seat. In fact, at many competitions there will be ushers who will indicate when to wait, and when you may enter the stands. We strongly recommend that parents plan their time at the competition so they can observe as many bands as possible – not just our band.

### What does the band do during all that that time?

Close to 175 Pride of Colgan students, staff, and parent volunteers are involved when we participate in a marching band competition. Travel time varies based on competition location. After arrival at the competition venue, it typically takes about 1 ½ hours to set up, assemble instruments, and warm up. Warm-up activities occur away from the stadium to minimize interference with the bands that are performing at the same time. A typical marching band competition involves more than eight bands. The events are typically spread out over a large site (most competition sites are on football fields.)

### Transportation

Students always travel to and from marching band competitions as a group. Exceptions to this rule, if any, will be extremely rare, and only at the discretion of the Mr. Magee. Preparation and transport to these events is already hectic and dealing with even one late or lost student could compromise the event for the rest of the band. Sometimes there are last minute changes which are discussed during the ride to the show. Sometimes the order or scheduled performance times change. This makes it essential for the students to travel and arrive at the event together.

Parents are encouraged to carpool to these events as parking may be limited at certain venues.

### Finding Your Student

Students are required to leave their cell phones on the bus during a competition, so they will not be able to make or receive calls or texts from you.

Mr. Magee values the full attention of the students before a competition so parent involvement during warm-up and passage to the field should be avoided. Only volunteers signed up will allowed to enter with the band.

After the performance they will return to the buses to put away their instruments before returning to the stadium to watch the remaining bands perform and wait for the awards ceremony. Students will remain in full uniform for the duration of the competition unless directed otherwise by Mr. Magee.

### Finding Other Parents and Where To Sit

Finding other Colgan parents is much easier than finding your own student. We try to sit together, and you can usually find us by looking for Pride of Colgan Band shirts in the crowd. At most competitions, parents and spectators (paying customers) sit on the "Home" side of the stadium. Performers (our students) are often required to sit as a group while watching

performances and occasionally they must sit on the “Away” side of the stadium because they perform later in the competition.

## **Food**

Students are given an opportunity to eat a meal before leaving for a competition but sometimes the band is gone for long period of time over a usual meal time. If this happens the Band Boosters will try to make accommodations with the event venue to pre-purchase meals for our students, which will be ready for them after they perform. These meals usually costs around \$6 and have been Chick-Fil-A sandwich meals in the past. Band volunteers have an opportunity to purchase this meal as well. Additionally, food is also typically available for purchase at every competition arranged by the hosting venue. Some parents choose to provide money for his/her student for snack purchases. Students are responsible for following the uniform guidelines when purchasing and eating food in uniform.

## **Weather**

Inclement weather does not automatically cancel a marching band competition. In most cases, the competition will continue even if it is raining. We strongly recommend you bring additional clothing for cold and wet conditions. Competitions often extend into the evening, and it can get very cold, and sometimes it gets very wet. Most stadiums have metal seating which will suck every trace of heat from your body if you don't also bring something soft and insulated to sit on. We recommend a Pride of Colgan stadium chair!

## **What to Bring With You**

- Money – for admission to the competition and for purchasing food and beverages. Admission is typically \$10-15 for adults, sometimes less for children. (Performers do not pay)
- Warm Clothes
- Wet weather gear
- Warm blanket to put over you
- Stadium seat or something to sit on
- Water to drink

## **What to Send With Your Student**

- Pride of Colgan Water Jug
- Sunscreen
- For longer hair: bobby pins, elastics, brush
- A small bag for belongings, if needed

## **Competition Schedule**

There are usually around 8 or more bands at a competition. The bands are assigned to classes based on the size of the band. There are typically as many as five classes of bands at a competition. Classification is based on total number of performers but the classification may vary based on the competition due to the number of bands performing.

The schedule at a given competition usually starts with the smallest class (1A) and moves up to toward the largest class (5A). After the final band performs there is a break for score calculation. During this time the host band often performs an exhibition (host bands are not allowed to compete). Then the awards ceremony begins.

Our band is typically classified as AAAA or AAAAA band (depending upon the competition) which means that we will tend to compete later in the schedule. We will usually know our approximate performance time in advance, but schedules can and do change during the competition. Planning to arrive “just in time” to hear our band can be very risky. Awards ceremonies can go late into the evening, typically ending around 9:00 PM

## **Heading Home**

After the awards ceremony students return to the buses area to load up for their return trip home. Any remaining items (instruments, equipment, etc.) need to be loaded onto the truck before we leave. Once the buses and truck return to the school a number of items must be unloaded and put away. By the end of a long marching band competition day we are all very tired and anxious to go home but students need to stay until the unloading and clean-up is complete.

## **Enjoy the experience!**



## PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT

**Commitment, Dedication and Passion** are key components to making a group successful. This is no different with the “Pride of Colgan” Marching Band. We ask for a few things from both the student involved and their parents. It takes the resources of **ALL** those involved to become successful. We ask the following things from our participants and their parents.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand the commitment that I make to the 2019 “Pride of Colgan” Marching Band Season. I will be at **ALL** rehearsals, performances, and sectionals that have been scheduled so that I can be a part of this organization. I understand that if I choose not to follow rules and participate in 100% of activities that my grade will be affected and my participation could be limited for the remainder of the season. I commit to putting forth 100% effort in my endeavors to contribute to the success of the whole band. I also commit to participating in our **FALL TAG DAY SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> and THE COLGAN CLASSIC Band Competition, September 21st.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent of \_\_\_\_\_, I realize the importance of assisting in my child’s experience with the “Pride of Colgan”. I will help my child in his/her commitment to the group by having them to and from rehearsals and performances on time, to help them keep their academic requirements in focus and making a commitment to participate in “Pride of Colgan” functions as a demonstration of my support of the organization. **I also commit that one family member, in addition my student, will participate during The Colgan Classic Band Competition, September 21, 2019.**

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you in advance for your willingness to help participate in what we hope will be a great experience for your child. Operating expenses for the “Pride of Colgan run well beyond that which the fee covers. It is imperative that we have the manpower and support to make our marching band goals become reality through the minimal fund raising activities that we participate in. We also need parental support at games, competitions and band camp to assist in the overwhelming task of creating music on the field.

**Thank you for providing your child this great experience!**

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**Charles J. Colgan High School**  
**PRIDE OF COLGAN MARCHING BAND FALL 2019**  
**Marching Band Payment Form**

The marching band fee for Fall 2019 is \$375.00. This fee excludes any amount due for clothing or shoes. A minimum payment of \$175 plus any clothing orders are due June 1, 2019. The balance of the fee is due by August 1, 2019. Payment plans may be arranged for families for whom this fee is a financial burden. The CBB treasurer, Melanie Dorchester, can be reached at [colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:colganbbtreasurer@gmail.com)

I understand that my student will not be able to participate in Band Camp activities until payment/payment plan is updated with the Band Booster Treasurer. Payment may be made by any combination of check or money order.

I am paying \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the marching band fee and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards clothing orders as follows:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Money Order

\_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ (made payable to CBB)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with the initial payment  
A \$35 charge will be applied to your account for any returned check.

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# 2019 Uniform Clothing Order Form

Please return this form with payment to Mr. Magee or Melanie Dorchester

I am a:  NEW Marching Band Member  RETURNING Marching Band Member

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 1: Mandatory for NEW Marching Band Members

All new members to the Pride of Colgan are provided two uniform shirts. To finish the marching band uniform you need to purchase the New Marcher Package which consists of 1 pair of shorts, 2 pairs of black knee socks, and black marching shoes. Select sizes for shirts and shorts. Shoes will be sized by the uniform staff during fitting day. If you'd like to order additional items, please add them in Section 2.

*\*If your student tries out and is selected for the color guard the money collected for marching shoes and socks will be applied towards their dues balance because they do not need these items.*

| Item  | Size (circle size)   | Fee                 | Total       |
|---|--|---------------------|-------------|
| <u>Two Navy Uniform Shirts</u>  | S, M, L, XL, 2XL   | PROVIDED FREE       | \$0         |
| <b>New Marcher Package</b>  | <b>1 Short, 2 Pr. Socks, Blk. Marching Shoes</b>   | <b>\$54</b>         | <b>\$54</b> |
| <u>One Gray Marching Short</u><br>(Men =longer length; Women's= shorter length. You may choose whichever length you prefer) | <u>Men's Size (7 in. inseam)</u><br>S, M, L, XL, 2XL<br><u>Women's Size (5 in. inseam)</u><br>XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL | Included in Package | \$0         |
| <b>Total Section 1</b>  |  |                     |             |

### SECTION 2: Optional Items for RETURNING & NEW MARCHERS

| Item   | Size   | Fee                              | Total                |
|--|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Navy Uniform Shirt</u>  | S, M, L, XL, 2XL   | \$15/shirt # of shirts _____     | \$15 x _____ = _____ |
| <u>Extra Marching Gloves</u><br>(n/a for Percussionists & Guard)   | One Size Fits All  | \$5/pair # of gloves _____       | \$5 x _____ = _____  |
| <u>Marching Band Shoes</u>   | TBD- fitted at Band Camp   | \$38                             |                      |
| <u>Gray Marching Shorts</u><br>(Men =longer length; Women's= shorter length. You may choose whichever length you prefer) | <u>Men's Size (7 in. inseam)</u><br>S, M, L, XL, 2XL<br><u>Women's Size (5 in. inseam)</u><br>XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL | \$10/ short<br># of shorts _____ | \$10 x _____ = _____ |
| <u>Black Marching Socks</u>  | One Size Fits All  | \$3/pair # of pair _____         | \$3 x _____ = _____  |
| <b>Total Section 2</b>   |  |                                  |                      |

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

June 1: \$175 Fee Deposit + Clothing Orders Due

AUGUST 1: Remaining Balance Due

**Please make checks payable to: CBB**

|                            |                |    |
|----------------------------|----------------|----|
| <b>Total Section 1</b>     | New Members    | \$ |
| <b>Total Section 2</b>     | Optional Items | \$ |
| <b>Clothing Order Due:</b> |                | \$ |

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Payment #1: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment #2: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_







## Pride of Colgan Uniform Policies and Student/Parent Contract

Your marcher will be issued a marching band or color guard uniform during the uniform fitting day later this summer or during band camp. Attached is a Uniform Contract Agreement, please complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

Your student will not receive a marching band or color guard uniform unless we have a completed and signed contract agreement by BOTH student and a parent/guardian.

If you have any questions about marching band uniforms, please contact Mrs. Thiedeman, our Uniform Coordinator at [colganbb@gmail.com](mailto:colganbb@gmail.com).

### Marching Band Uniform Regulations

1. Students must be in full uniform when in public and during the entire game. Students may not remove their jacket while sitting in the bleachers.
2. The hem of the bibs must never be dragged on the ground. Loosening the buckles to lower the bibs will cause damage to the hem. If a bib is returned with significant hem damage, you will be charged for a new replacement bib.
3. All hair (male and female) must be secure and tucked under the hat with no pieces hanging out. COLORED hair must be able to be covered with the hat/beret. Make-up is not allowed on the face or neck to avoid transferring any stains to the uniform. No nail polish. No jewelry of any kind.
4. Marchers must wear their navy, dry-fit uniform shirt, gray uniform shorts, and black knee socks under their marching uniform and their black marching shoes.
5. Accidents will happen and students will misplace things; marching band gloves can be purchased for \$5 per pair and socks can be purchased for \$3 per pair before each game. Extra color guard gloves are typically not kept on hand due to their increased cost.
6. In order to be eligible to perform, students will have to be dressed in a manner that complies with uniform code.
7. Students must have their instrument and music ready at all times, must stay in the stands during the game, and stay until the end of the game.
8. Visitors are not permitted in the band area.
9. Marchers (including color guard) may drink clear liquids only, no dark sodas, teas, coffee or chocolate, no sticky icy drinks. Marchers may eat food but without condiments like ketchup and mustard. Please refrain from cheesy items, including chips and definitely NO chocolate. Marchers who soil their uniforms from consuming food/drink will be charged the dry cleaning fees of \$15 to ensure their uniform is ready for the next event.





# 2019-20 Membership and Information Form

(Please fill out and return as soon as possible)

I am a  NEW Marching Band Member

RETURNING Marching Band Member

Please Print Legibly:

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2019-20: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Section/Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ (Adult Small to 3X)

I am a **BAND INSTRUMENTALIST** in the **CENTER FOR FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) Specialty Program**

(Circle one) **YES** **NO**

If yes, my specialty instrument is \_\_\_\_\_

Address information is same as student's

Mothers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Address information is same as student's

Fathers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

## Booster Questionnaire

It takes a lot to run our Band Booster organization. It requires commitment, dedication, and participation by our volunteers. It can be many hours of work if only a few do it but it can be only a few hours of work if many do it. Band parents and band boosters have a huge impact on the success of our band and guard. We invite you to make a commitment now of your valuable time to help the CHS Band Program.

Please let us know where your talents can be used. We are a diverse group and you may have more to offer than you think. Please check any of the following areas in which you can offer assistance.

\_\_\_ Chaperoning

\_\_\_ Photography

\_\_\_ Sewing

\_\_\_ Game Day Meals

\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_ Pit Crew

\_\_\_ Tag Day

\_\_\_ Special Events

\_\_\_ Band Camp

\_\_\_ Sponsor Donations

\_\_\_ Handyman (help with assembling/repair of instruments)

\_\_\_ I would also be interesting in helping with \_\_\_\_\_

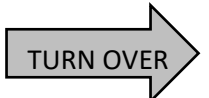
The Band has established a website ([www.colganband.com](http://www.colganband.com)) to keep you informed of schedules and activities related to band and marching band. It may also include photos taken of band students at events, generally without names listed.

\_\_\_ Yes, I give permission for my child's photo or likeness to appear on the Band Boosters website and social media.

\_\_\_ No, please do not post pictures that include my child on the Band Boosters website and social media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## **Food Allergies**

We will do our best to accommodate food allergies but please understand we may not be able to accommodate every allergy at every meal. Thank you for providing this information to help us start planning meals for this fall.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No Known Allergens

|           |                          | Avoids                   | Moderate                 | Severe                   | Epi-Pen Needed           |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Peanuts   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tree Nuts | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gluten    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dairy     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Soy       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### Non-Food Allergies

|            |                          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bee Stings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### **A note about Epi-Pens:**

Band camp occurs before PWCS employees report for the school year so there is not a school nurse on duty during the two weeks of band camp. Students should always have their Epi-Pen with them at camp if they carry one. We have a few band parents who work in the medical field that volunteer some of their time during band camp and if you have this training, we welcome your help!

When a student wears the marching band or color guard uniform they are unable to self-carry their Epi-Pen so we designate a band volunteer to carry it for them. The student is always told which volunteer has their Epi-Pen in case it is needed and this volunteer will ride on the same bus as the student when we travel. At the conclusion of the game or competition the student needs to remember to get their Epi-Pen back from the band volunteer. If possible, we try to have the same volunteer carry the Epi-Pen each time so the student is familiar with them.