

# *Jackson “Jaguar Band”*

*Band Booklet 2009-2010*

*www.jacksonjaguarband.com*

*proudly presents*

## *“Perceptions of Passion”*

*Featuring the musical selections:*

*“Bacchanale”*

*“Nimrod – Enigma Variations”*

*“Ode To Joy -1812 Overture”*

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*Mrs. Jessie Katona*

# **Jackson Memorial High School**

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Dear Band Member,

Welcome to the Jackson “Jaguar Band” program! We are confident that your participation in the program will be an enriching one in many ways. As a member of the band, you will be exposed to many performance opportunities and a wide variety of musical groups and styles. You will have the opportunity to meet members of other bands from throughout the state, the region and the country.

Band is not only a musical organization, but also a social organization - both curricular and extracurricular in its scope. The Jackson Jaguar Band program has consistently achieved the highest level of excellence in both its performance and community obligations. For this reason, the program requires a level of commitment that may not be found in other school activities.

Enclosed in this manual is the information you will need for the coming school year concerning band camp, band schedule, the grading system, the awards system, rules and regulations and performance groups, as well as the forms you will need to complete to become a member of the program.

Please read through the manual with your parents, and if you have any questions, feel free to call us at the school.

Mr. Bud McCormick

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## Jackson “Jaguar Band” Achievements

Performed at the GIANTS SUPERBOWL TICKER TAPE Parade  
Performed in the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Parade  
Performed as “Opening Act” for 2006 Boscov’s Thanksgiving Day Parade  
Performed on “Today Show” for Conan O’Brien 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special  
Performed at “Ground Zero” for Re-Opening of Embassy Suites Plaza  
Performed for the Opening of the Musical “42<sup>nd</sup> Street” Ford Theatre  
Performed at Jets/Colts NFL Championship Playoff Game  
Performed at 4 Ticker Tape Parades  
Performed at 7 World Series Games  
Performed for the Opening of the Musical “The Music Man”  
Dedicated Korean War Memorial in Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Won the St. Patricks Day Parade in NYC  
Performed at Giants/Eagles NFL Championship Playoff Game  
Performed at Giants/Jets NFL Game (Halftime and pregame)

2007 Marine Corps Invitational -Annapolis, Maryland –  
Group 5 Open – 1<sup>st</sup> place

2006 Espirit De Corps Award Winners at the USSBA All-State  
Championships – Allentown, Pennsylvania

### 2008 Band Awards:

St. Patricks Day Parade – NYC – 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 187 Bands

Mayor’s Cup awards = Best Overall Band in Show\*\*\*

\*\*\*Best Overall Grand Champion – Hamilton West Band Competition

\*\*\*Best Overall Grand Champion – Toms River East Band Competition

\*\*\*Best Overall Grand Champion – Monroe Township Band Competition

2008 National Championships USSBA – 6 Open – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

2008 Yamaha Cup – Giants Stadium – Group 6 Open – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

2008 All-State Championships USSBA – Open Class – Allentown, Pa

Egg Harbor Band Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> place Band – Liberty Class

Southern Regional Competition 2<sup>nd</sup> place Band – Liberty Class

## IMPORTANT SUMMER SCHEDULE

**Evening Music Rehearsals:** These rehearsals introduce band members to each other and to the year's musical selections. Music will be distributed to new members at this time. Rehearsals are usually held from 6 pm to 9 pm in the high school bandroom Tuesday evenings starting July 7<sup>th</sup>. Section leaders will notify the students of the exact dates and times.

The percussion section may start rehearsals as soon as March. Again, students will be notified by the section leader as to dates and times.

**Evening/Saturday Guard Rehearsals:** These rehearsals introduce guard members to each other and to the year's field work. Rehearsals are usually held one evening per week or on Saturdays. Exact dates and times are determined by the availability of the Guard Instructor and Guard Advisor. Guard Captains will notify the students of the exact dates and times.

**Band Camp:** Band Camp is the most important rehearsal opportunity available to the band. The music and marching routine for the entire fall season is learned, uniforms are fitted, and students develop the esprit de corps necessary for such a large organization to function successfully.

*Attendance at band camp is crucial to both the band's success and your success; therefore, we cannot guarantee you a place in the marching band show if you are unable to attend band camp.*

Band Camp will be held at the high school on the following schedule:

August 10-12 Monday - Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August 13 Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
August 17-19 Monday – Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August 20 Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
August 20	7:00 p.m. – parent performance

Because the band camp schedule is so demanding, we ask that you:

- dress comfortably
- wear sneakers with socks (no sandals or clogs, please)
- bring lunch and plenty to drink (no soda - it will make you sick)
- wear hats and sunscreen or other sun protection

Make sure you bring necessary reeds and oil for your instrument. Each student will be responsible for providing their own music flip-folder and music lyre.

## ASSESSMENT FEES

As a requirement for participation in the activity aspect of the marching band program, each member will be responsible for annually earning \$275.00 that will be placed in each member's account.

This assessment can be satisfied through fundraisers sponsored by the Band Parents Organization or parents may help, if they wish, by making a cash payment to their child's assessment fund. Existing members may use credits already earned toward satisfying this assessment.

Items covered by the assessment include:

Contingency expenses for use by the Band Director including:

Show expenses, Props, Repairs, Equipment, Flags, Rifles, Sabres, Special Effects, Consultants, Special Transportation, Feeding the students meals and snacks and other expenses associated with the running of the band program.

The assessment fee includes a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit for the yearly trip. If student does not attend trip, \$50 is deposited back into assessment account.

Students can fund raise beyond this amount to pay for the following: band picnic (\$15), band banquet (\$45), band shirt (\$20), band shoes (\$30), band jacket (\$50), varsity jacket (\$200).

Student fundraising can not be used for purposes other than those listed here, and costs of trips and bandwear are approximate. The band parents do not hold student credit accounts for the purchase of other personal items needed by specific sections of the band such as lyres, flip folders, socks, body suits, gloves, instrument lubricants, key savers, thermal wear, leotards, hose, polishing clothes, etc. No band member will be personally reimbursed by the band parents for personal expenses incurred as a result of being in the band. Band members raise funds so that there is a line of credit to facilitate activities during the band season. Some students also like to fund raise for the extra activities of band and this insures their participation. All funds raised by a band member become a line of credit with the band to be paid directly to the vendor who supplies the service for the band and is not a personal bank account for the specific band member!

The assessment will be divided into 3 installments for payment:

First day of Band Camp     \$75.00

Those who meet this assessment installment MAY attend band camp.

Last day of Band Camp     \$100.00

Those who meet this assessment installment MAY perform that evening.

First Band Competition     \$100.00

Those who meet this assessment installment MAY perform at the Competition.

**ONCE BAND CAMP BEGINS, ASSESSMENT FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

## **BAND RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Participation in field show at competitions and football games, participation in stand music at football games and in Winter and Spring Stage Concerts is mandatory.**

**Jackson Memorial High School rules and regulations will be enforced at all times and in all places where the band travels or performs.**

**No student will be permitted to perform unless the school permission/health form and band contract have been completed, signed and returned to the band directors and assessment fees are paid.**

**All marching band music must be memorized.**

**Each member will remain in uniform at all performances unless otherwise instructed.**

**All uniforms will be maintained and dry-cleaned pursuant to the Uniform Rules sheet.**

**All members will leave and return with the band for all performances.**

**No parents, friends or relatives will be permitted to ride the band buses to or from performances.**

**All members will sit in their respective sections with the band - friends and family will not be permitted to sit with the band during performances.**

**Each member is responsible for his or her own stand music and music lyre at football games.**

**No food will be permitted in the stands during football games. Adequate time will be provided for members to eat during the game.**

**Discretion in personal relationships is to be observed at all times (no PDA).**

**Students who have to leave with parents instead of on the bus after away competitions, football games or parades MUST submit a written note, signed by a parent to the head chaperone BEFORE departure from the school on that date.**

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT RULES

Each band student needs to purchase the following equipment: Red band shirt for warm weather performances, band shoes, one pair of black socks, and a garment bag for storing your uniform.

Each guard members must a red polo shirt for warm weather performances, guard shoes, a leotard and tights.

In addition, all uniforms **MUST** be dry-cleaned approximately every other week during the season. The total cash outlay per student will be approximately \$10-\$15 per cleaning (depending on the dry-cleaner used). *This may change for the 2009-2010 band season as many students are not properly cleaning their uniforms, the band parents may increase assessment fees to cover the cost of cleaning and assume responsibility for the dry-cleaning of uniforms every other week.*

In addition, band jackets and varsity jackets (for those who have earned a varsity letter) and will be offered for purchase at intervals during the school year.

Each band member will be issued one pair of white cotton gloves. If lost, additional ones must be purchased.

Each band member will put his/her hair under his/her hat.

Each band member will keep his/her uniform clean and properly stored. Any uniforms that are returned in damaged condition must be paid for by the student/parent. If uniform does not properly fit (it is impossible to fit all students exactly), students must hem pants (so that they do not drag on the ground) and may otherwise alter the uniform **PROVIDED NO CUTTING IS DONE TO THE UNIFORM**. Band uniforms cost in excess of \$600 so please take care of it.

Unprofessional-looking or incomplete uniforms may not be permitted on the field. Uniforms may be inspected on bi-weekly basis.

Each band member will keep his/her instrument in a proper state of repair and cleanliness.

Instruments are to be kept in their cases when not in use. Students are responsible for repair and upkeep of school-loaned instruments, including repair or replacement costs.

## GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system is based on the following factors:

- adherence to the Band Rules and Regulations and the Equipment and Uniform Rules
- attendance at band rehearsals and performances **PARTICIPATION is 60% of YOUR GRADE!**
- promptness to rehearsals and performances  
    You are **ONLY** allowed to miss a performance or a rehearsal as per the "Jackson Memorial High School Parent and Student Handbook" otherwise your grade **WILL** be effected.  
    Special note: "absences for vacations are **NOT** excused."
- preparedness for rehearsals and performances
  - is instrument/equipment in good order
  - is uniform clean and pressed
  - is music, drill and work learned (memorized and practiced outside of school time)
- quality and quantity of effort during rehearsals **ASSESSMENT of YOUR WORK is 25% of YOUR GRADE!**
- are all performance tests completed (Assessment)
- display of work/leadership habits (Assessment)
- do YOU see or hear your child practice (Assessment)
- is your child performing and playing better each week (Assessment)
- continual **improvement of each student HOMEWORK is 15% of YOUR GRADE!**
  - Does your child take advantage of all playing opportunities
  - is music, drill and work learned (memorized and practiced outside of school time)

Above all, it must be remembered that each student is measured individually AND as a member of the group. So we need to ask not only how is my child doing, but also, how is he/she contributing to the benefit of the entire band. Both must be in balance for your child to get as much out of the Band program as possible. This is what makes the Band program special - each member gains something from the experience AND the Band gains from your child's contribution. Most of all, remember, without YOUR support and encouragement, neither the Band nor your child will be successful!

## Transport & Equipment Vehicles

All Band members will hang their uniforms on the Uniform Trailer racks, and pick them up after every performance for cleaning.

All Band members will help load instruments and equipment onto and all buses at the “directions” of the equipment crew (this will not only include the member’s own instrument, but props, accessories, and other instruments as needed)

\*\*\* Failure to follow directions can result in disciplinary action

Carry more than one instrument OFF the bus if possible. Step away from the buses and let the equipment crew do their job. ONCE you have your instrument, LATCH your case. Once the equipment bus is unloaded, you will put YOUR case back on the bus.

\*\*\* Failure to follow directions can result in disciplinary action

On the Transport Buses -- You must keep the Bus CLEAN at all times. No throwing things out the windows. You must keep your head and hands inside the bus at all times. No Horseplay on the buses, and most of all...NO PDA - "I REPEAT" - NO PDA

\*\*\* Failure to follow directions can result in disciplinary action

On the Golf Carts, Trailers, Gator. You are NOT allowed to ride on any. Unless you have special permission to hold drum sets or equipment from falling over or you are having a health problem. It will be the Directors’ decision ONLY, to allow you to be on the vehicle.

\*\*\* Failure to follow directions can result in disciplinary action

Special note: Parents who are picking up their children should allow approximately 30 minutes after the buses return to the school before expecting to leave, so BUSES may be unloaded, and the Band may have a special meeting in the Band room at the conclusion of the day to discuss performance and upcoming schedule.

**2009-2010 JACKSON "JAGUAR BAND" Schedule (\*\*TENTATIVE)  
July 7,9,14,16,21,23,28,30 6-9pm Summer Rehearsals**

August 10-13, August 17-20 BAND CAMP - MANDATORY  
Sept. 3rd - Thurs - FIRST REHEARSAL 6-9pm  
Sept. 7th - Mon - Labor Day  
Sept. 8th ,10th - Tues, Thurs 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Sept. 12th - MANCHESTER REGIONAL BAND COMPETITION  
Sept. 15th - Tues 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Sept. 17th - Thurs Manalapan HOME  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19th - OFF T.B.A.  
Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - OVERBROOK BAND COMPETITION  
Sept. 22rd , 24th -Tues, Thurs 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Sept. 25th - Fri - Howell - AWAY  
Sept. 26th - TOMS RIVER EAST BAND COMPETITION  
Sept. 29th, Oct 1st Tues, Thurs 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 2rd - Fri - Brick Memorial - HOME  
Oct. 3th - \*\*\*\*\*Sat - JACKSON MEMORIAL JAGUAR BAND COMPETITION  
Oct. 6th - Tues 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 8th - Thurs 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 9th - Fri - Southern Regional - AWAY  
Oct. 10th - Sat - BRICK MEMORIAL BAND COMPETITION  
Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Sun - CENTRAL NJ USSBA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Oct. 13th - Tues - All Shore Band Festival at MIDDLETOWN SOUTH HS  
Oct. 15th - Thurs- 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 16th - Fri - Freehold Township - HOME  
Oct. 17th - Sat -HAMILTON WEST\* & MONROE TOWNSHIP\*  
Oct. 20th , - OFF  
Oct. 22nd - Thurs - 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 23th - Fri - East Brunswick - AWAY  
Oct. 24th - Sat - BRICK TOWNSHIP BAND COMPETITION  
Oct. 27th . 29th - Tues, Thurs 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Oct. 30st - Fri - South Brunswick HOME  
Oct. 31st - Sat - USSBA CHAMPIONSHIPS -Allentown, Pa  
Nov. 3th - Tues 6-9pm Rehearsal  
Nov. 5th - Thurs OFF - Teacher Convention  
Nov. 7th - Sat - Toms River North - AWAY  
Nov. 8th - Sun - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Annapolis, Md  
  
Nov. 13th - Away Football Playoff Game  
Nov. 25th - Wednesday night - Liberty Lions - AWAY

**\*\*\*Additional Saturday morning/afternoon rehearsals prior to a performance may be added by the directors. Therefore all Band members must keep the entire day free.**

**JACKSON MEMORIAL BAND  
MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

**Current Year:**

**2009-2010**

**Name of Minor:**

**Date of Birth:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First

\_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

**I/We give permission for the school to secure emergency medical treatment (to include drug/alcohol testing) on my/our behalf if necessary.**

**Parent/Guardian:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone Number(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone Number(s)

**Hospitalization Coverage:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Policy/I.D. or Contract Number

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to Medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Tetanus Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical problems that may affect care:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**BAND/COLOR GUARD CONTRACT FOR  
2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR  
(Please sign and return)**

I have read and understand the material contained in the band manual, especially the areas concerning the assessment, band rules and regulations, the grading and award system. I realize the band program goes beyond the classroom in its scope. Therefore, my responsibilities are greater than they would be in a standard classroom situation. This band manual represents a source of information and a contract. I agree to accept the responsibilities and rewards as a member of the band program. I acknowledge and agree if I fail to comply with the rules and regulations it may result in disciplinary action and/or removal from the band program. I understand that once band camp begins, Assessment Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED:**

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Name (please print) and Signature of student

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Name (please print) and Signature of parent or guardian

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

**JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Permission for Trips*

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in: Marching Band of Jackson Memorial High School for the 2009-2010 school year including all competitions and performances with the band directors, Harold Bud McCormick and Jessie Katona including, but not limited to all football games, parades, community events, competitions, championships, etc. from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

This is to certify that my child, named above, has my permission to participate in the specified trip(s), and to travel off school grounds with the group for the purpose of participating in the group's activities and events. I understand that, if circumstances warrant, including in case of disciplinary infractions, I may be contacted and requested to transport my child home prior to the end of the trip(s). I understand, further, that a separate consent form will be provided in the event the activities of the group will involve overnight and/or out-of-state travel.

I knowingly and voluntarily agree to waive any and all claims for liability, loss, injury damages, or expenses which my child and I may have against the Jackson Township Board of Education, collectively and individually, and its agents, employees and chaperones resulting in any way from participation in the above activity and related transportation.

**STUDENT TRIP MEDICAL RELEASE AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

In case your child may require emergency medical services while on an off-campus trip, we ask that you complete the following information. In the event that medical attention becomes necessary, it should be understood that if this information is not completed, treatment may not be rendered.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If Parent/Guardian cannot be reached, in case of emergency, please call:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Family physician name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Any health factors/medical conditions of which chaperones should be aware (please note that this does not include, nor are you required to provide, any information regarding HIV or AIDS):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medications being taken on trip:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_