

***Jackson Memorial Jaguar Band
2011-2012***

BAND BOOKLET

Presents

“ENCORE, ENCORE!”

Featuring the music of:

***“Not While I’m Around” – Sweeney Todd
(warm up)***

***“Overture” – Sweeney Todd
(The Demon Barber of Fleet Street)***

“I Have A Love” – West Side Story

***“My Favorite Things” – The Sound of
Music”***

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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 Marching 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.

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Jackson “Jaguar Band” Achievements

**2010 Performed at IKEA Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade as
“The Featured Presentation”**

2010 Espirit De Corps Award at USSBA Nationals, Annapolis, MD

2010 Central Jersey Regional Champions – Group VI – TCNJ

Performed at the Giants Super Bowl Ticker Tape Parade

Performed as “Opening Act” for Boscov’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

Performed on “Today Show” for Conan O’Brien 10th Anniversary Special

Performed at “Ground Zero” for Re-Opening of Embassy Suites Plaza

Performed for the Opening of the Musical “42nd 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)

Marine Corps Invitational -Annapolis, Maryland – Group V – 1st place

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

2010 Band Awards:

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

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

***Best Overall Grand Champion – Seneca Band Competition

***Best Overall Grand Champion - Brick Memorial Band Competition

West Deptford Band Competition – 1st place – Group 6

Williamstown Band Competition - 1st place - Group 6

Toms River East Band Competition – 1st place - Group 6

Brick Township Band Competition - 1st place - Group 6

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 and Thursday evenings starting July 5th.

Summer Rehearsal will be: July 5,7, 12,14, 19,21, 26, 28 from 6-9pm

If you can NOT attend a summer rehearsal, please NOTIFY your Section Leader immediately, in case we need to reschedule you for a uniform fitting, etc.

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 15-18	Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August 22-24	Monday - Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
August 25	Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
August 25		7:00 p.m. - performance for parents

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 (soda 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.

BAND FORMS

All required band forms will be posted on the band website (www.jacksonjaguarband.com). All students are required to print the forms and return them to the July band parent meeting.

ASSESSMENT FEES

As a requirement for participation in the activity aspect of the marching band program, each member will be responsible for a \$275.00 assessment fee. This fee can be paid directly or earned through fundraising, detailed below.

This assessment fee 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, Sabers, Special Effects, Costumes, Consultants fees, Special Transportation, Feeding the students meals and snacks and other expenses associated with the running of the band program.

The assessment fee includes a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit for the yearly trip. If student does not attend trip, \$25 is deposited back into assessment account – trip deposits are not refundable if your child does not attend the trip.

The assessment fee also includes the \$25 activities fee charged by the Board of Education. The band parents will write one check to the Board of Education for all band members. If you qualify for reduction or elimination of this fee, please advise the band president so that your fee is returned to your assessment account. This information will remain confidential.

Students can fundraise beyond this amount to pay for the following (prices are approximate and are subject to change): band picnic (\$15), band banquet (\$45), band shirt (\$20), band shoes (\$30), band jacket (\$60), varsity jacket (\$200) and bandwear (various prices).

Student fundraising cannot 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 fundraise 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 \$100.00

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 \$75.00

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 the Winter and Spring Stage Concerts and all rehearsals 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 member must purchase 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).

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
- 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)
- **ATTITUDE and how you work are 15% of YOUR GRADE!**
 - Does you show up making excuses or do you come with a positive attitude?
- Are you on time? Is your instrument always in working condition?
 - 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.

2011-2012 JACKSON "JAGUAR BAND" Schedule
(*TENTATIVE)**

Summer Rehearsals: July 5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28
August 15-18, August 22-25 BAND CAMP - MANDATORY
Sept. 6 - Tues - 6-9pm Rehearsal
Sept. 8 - Thurs - Rosh Hashana
Sept. 9 - Fri - Manalapan HOME
Sept. 13 - Tues - 6-9pm
Sept. 15 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Sept. 16 - Fri - Brick Memorial AWAY
Sept. 17 - Sat - WEST DEPTFORD BAND COMPETITION
Sept. 20 - Tues - 6-9pm
Sept. 22 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Sept. 23 - Fri - Toms River North AWAY
Sept. 24 - Sat - SENECA and TOMS RIVER EAST COMPETITIONS
Sept. 27 - Tues - 6-9pm
Sept. 29 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Sept. 30 - Fri - HOME vs Toms River East
Oct. 1 - Sat - JACKSON MEMORIAL JAGUAR BAND COMPETITION
Oct. 4 - Tues 6-9pm
Oct. 6 - Thurs - Southern Regional AWAY
Oct. 8 - Sat - SHAWNEE, DELRAN or KINGSWAY COMPETITION
Oct. 11 - Tues - ALL SHORE BAND FESTIVAL at Jackson Liberty
Oct. 13 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Oct. 14 - Fri - Edison HOME
Oct. 15 - Sat - HAMILTON WEST and BRICK MEM. COMPETITIONS
Oct. 16 - Sun - YAMAHA CUP at TCNJ (Trenton, NJ)
Oct. 18 - Tues - 6-9pm
Oct. 20 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Oct. 21 - Fri - Toms River South AWAY
Oct. 22 - Sat - MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP BAND COMPETITION
Oct. 25 - Tues - 6-9pm
Oct. 27 - Thurs - 6-9pm
Oct. 28 - Fri - BYE WEEK
Oct. 29 - Sat - DEMOULIN CUP at RUTGERS, New Brunswick, NJ
Nov. 1 - Tues - 6-9pm
Nov. 3 - OFF
Nov. 4 - Fri - Freehold Township HOME
Nov. 5 or 6 - Sat or Sun - USSBA NEW JERSEY STATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
Nov. 11 - Friday (football consolation game)
Nov. 12 or 13 - Sat or Sun - USSBA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Allentown, Pa or Annapolis, Md
Nov. 23th - Wednesday night - Liberty Lions - HOME

**BAND/COLORGUARD CONTRACT FOR
2011-2012 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 I am responsible for my uniform, my instrument and my personal belongings. I may not hold the Jackson Memorial Band Parents, Inc. responsible for the loss of any of these items while at football games, competitions or trips. I am also responsible for any instrument or item belonging to the Jackson Memorial Band (rifles, flags, uniforms, instruments, etc.) If any such item is lost or damaged, I understand that I am responsible for the cost to repair and/or replace that item.

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

Print Name of Student _____ Signature of student _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____

Instrument _____ serial # _____

Guard _____

Student Cell # (for section leader) _____

Student Email (for section leader) _____

Parent Home Phone # _____ Parent Cell # _____
(Please indicate which number you prefer for phone chain: ___ HOME ___ CELL)

Parent e-mail _____

Home address _____