



Marching Band Information

2020 - 2021

Director – Mr. Chris Revett

School: 813-272-3006 x 265

Emergency cell: 716-880-5493

christopher.revett@sdhc.k12.fl.us (BEST WAY!)

Much of our schedule/activities depends on COVID19 guidelines. Flexibility will be essential to our success.

STAY INFORMED

www.robsonknightsband.weebly.com

Visit this site for links to complete registration forms and “Home Campus” forms. **MUST be completed before participation.**

Band REMIND for Students (required): @rhsknights to 81010

Band REMIND for Parents: @rhsbandbg to 81010

Facebook pages

RHS Band Boosters

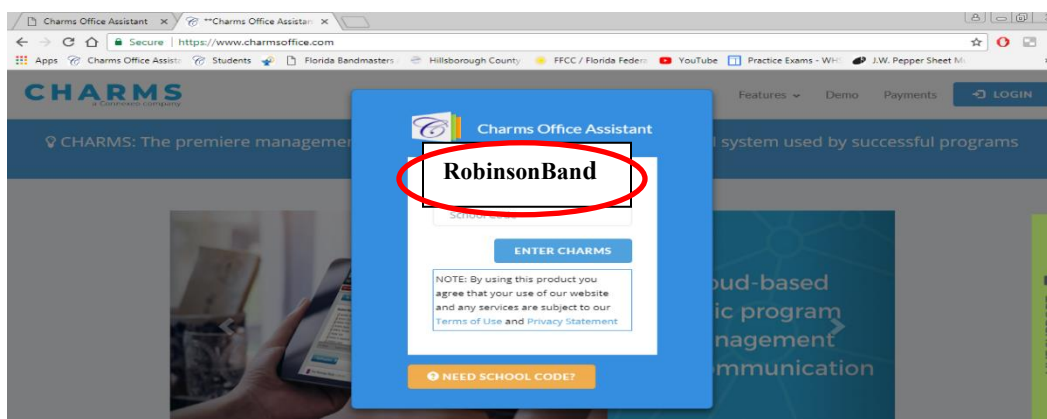
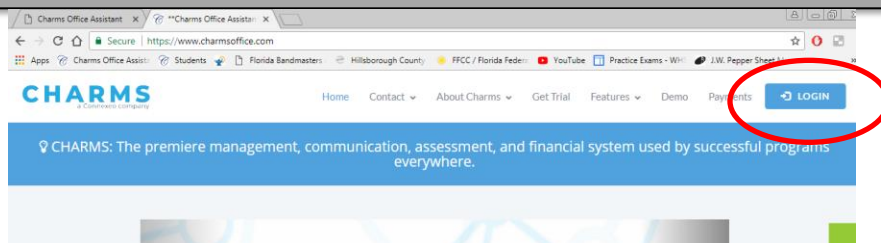
RHS Band

Robinson Starlets

YouTube: helpful videos search Robinson High School Knights Band

*****CHARMSOFFICE.COM*****

**Students and Parents – if you don't have an email, please create one even if it is only used to get Band emails.*



For **personal information, financial statements, etc.** you will need to put in a “**Student Area Password**”.
This password will be your **Student ID #**. (**You can change it in your profile**)
Once you enter this area you can change address, phone #, email, etc.

CHARMS “BLUE” is also available as an APP!

Philosophy

The philosophy of Robinson High School Band program is to promote and foster commitment, discipline, unselfishness, pride, and the dignity of each member as musical ambassadors of Robinson High School and the community.

The basic goal is to strive for excellence through hard work, dedication, and team work. Our success is measured by the ability of our group to fulfill the goals we value.

It is the responsibility of the staff, students, parents, and community to provide a unique and rewarding experience for these students through the continual growth and development of the band program.

*****The single most important factor in the continued growth and high morale of our band is your consistent attendance. Without your presence, we cannot teach you and you cannot learn. Commitment and dedication are not taken lightly in this band.***

Membership

The Knights Band is open to all interested students who demonstrate the desire, ability, and proper attitude to be a member of the group. Students desiring membership into the Band must audition at various levels in order to maintain status as a Knights Band member.

Students are placed at the discretion of the Director and will have a fair opportunity for Band participation. Dismissals will only occur when the appropriate policies are not met.

Grade point averages are important. Any student with less than a 2.0 G.P.A. will be asked to re-evaluate their continuance in the Knights Band. Students who do not meet such requirements will not be allowed to participate in local, state, or national events until the 2.0 G.P.A. is met. Continued ineligibility will result in dismissal from the Program.

All members are required to be in Marching Band. The only exceptions will be at the discretion of the Director.

***Parents/Guardians – before pulling your student out of a performance or rehearsal as a punishment, please speak with the director.**

Respect

Students will show respect to the physical space, instruments, and all other students within the class, all other music students within our school, and music students attending other schools. All students are expected to show the highest level of respect for their band director, Robinson teachers, staff members, and all parent volunteers.

Band Room and Facility Expectations

All students will be held to the highest standard while in the band room. When entering the room, all personal belongings should be in a bag and placed at the front of the room. The band room may not be a 100% secure place for personal belongings, so please take care of them.

The use of band facilities before, after and during school hours is a privilege. Students who abuse the facilities and its contents will be disciplined accordingly. Any abuse or damage will be considered vandalism and will be subject to Hillsborough County School District and T.R. Robinson High School policy.

Marching Band Performances

All marching band performances are mandatory. Students will perform pre-game, stands music, and the half-time show at each football game. Other mandatory marching performances will include any marching festivals, competitions, and parades we participate in, as well as the FBA District VII Marching Performance Assessment.

There are very few, if any, excuses for missing a performance. Every student is a vital member of the team effort and absences not only affect the person missing but also those around him/her, causing a drop in performance standards.

Special Events

Many times throughout the year a special event will arise in addition to normal school activities and appearances. Participation in special events not previously scheduled will be at the discretion of the Director and school officials, after conferring with the Knights Band regarding the feasibility of the event. The Knights Band cannot accept all invitations for obvious reasons and is not able to do instant performances many times. It is the policy of the Knights Band to cooperate as much as possible with special requests for performance.

Special Trips

For special trips, only those students that have earned the privilege of going will be allowed to attend. Criteria for each special trip will be set forth by the Director in advance. The following are basic criteria for permission granted status:

1. Student must be an active member of the Program, and meet fundraising goals.
2. The student must have a good record of attendance, behavior and dependability.
3. Any academically ineligible student is prohibited from participating in any special trip.
4. Any student who drops the program prior to a trip will not be eligible under any circumstances to attend.

Excused Absences

Filing for an Excused Absence

In order to obtain an excused absence, the following procedure must be followed by both the student and the parent/guardians:

Students should fill out the Request for Excused Absence Form, with at least **three school days' notice**, and submit this with proper documentation attached (form is located on website or in the Band room).

Excused absence = make-up assignment (practice time – complete form)

Unexcused absence = zero for that grade

Follow-up is the sole responsibility of the student.

After School Jobs

If you have a job or other activity that will conflict with any dates of the schedule, please don't put the band in a situation of having you miss rehearsal time. Give your employer your schedule and stay on top of them. Most employers are very happy to work with you as long as you explain to them in detail your 'class' situation. If they can't work around our after school schedule, then you'll have to make a choice.

Fall Sports

It is extremely hard to do a fall sport as well as marching band. Both activities require tremendous amounts of time and energy in addition to maintaining your grades. Recommendation: Participate in a winter and spring sport!

**A detailed plan must be discussed and agreed upon with the director and coach if you are on a team.*

Fundraising

is a very vital element in the success of the Knights Band. Fundraising will give students an opportunity to raise money for the band and their individual account. Students are expected to participate in all band booster fundraisers.

Transportation Policy

Students are required to use school transportation to and from Marching Band events. Students wishing to leave with parent(s) or guardian(s) must present a written permission slip to the director. Insofar as possible this should be cleared BEFORE the trip begins. The parent must take the student from the event in the presence of the Band Director. No students shall be left unsupervised at any event. **** As per county policy, at NO time will a student be transported to or from an event by another student.**

Knights Band Members Responsibility to the Band

When a student decides to become a part of the Knights Band they must remember that there are responsibilities that come along with membership. The student now represents T.R. Robinson High School and the Knights Band to fellow students and the community. For the Band to be successful, every student must have regular attendance and must account for any absences. Every member must work to improve a little every single day. Each student must work within a team framework with fellow students and the Director. If everyone follows these guidelines, success in the Knights Band will result.

Parents/Guardians Responsibility to the Band

It is the responsibility of every parent and guardian to see that the policies outlined in this handbook are followed. Each parent/guardian is responsible for the attendance of their child at all Band functions. Parents/Guardians must also see that their child practices their instrument regularly. Keep your privately owned instrument and equipment in good condition. The Knights Band will only be as strong as its weakest member. Support your child in all Knights Band activities as well as individual Band activities. The most active support system is the Band Booster organization. Your involvement can make a very positive impact on your student's success...we appreciate your support.

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Robinson Band Fees

It is very important that student registration, uniform rental, and instrument rental are paid at the start of band camp. You may drop off payment in the office over the summer or any rehearsal.

Should financial difficulties arise; installments or other alternative payment plans can be arranged through the Band Boosters (before the season starts) Please contact the director for more information. **No student has been or will ever be excluded from participation in required band events for a legitimate hardship. You may be in jeopardy of not receiving your diploma or being allowed to walk at graduation if you owe money to the band and have not communicated.**

WIND PLAYERS

Due by Band Camp OR start in June.

General Band Fee: \$150

**Stands Only Band Fee - \$50*

Marching Shoes: \$30 Returning members as needed.

Total: \$180

Cash/money order/check to Robinson HS Band Boosters

(Credit card payment will hopefully become available)

PERCUSSION PLAYERS

Due by Band Camp OR start in June.

General Band Fee: \$150

Instructor Fee for the year: \$100

Marching Shoes: \$30 Returning members as needed.

Total: \$280

Cash/money order/check to Robinson HS Band Boosters

(Credit card payment will hopefully become available)

STARLETS

**\$100 on the 1st of each month
July-October. December-March.**

(Marching \$400)

(Winterguard \$400)

Cash/money order/check to Robinson HS Starlets Boosters

(Credit card payment will hopefully become available)

IMPORTANT NOTES

Payments may be given to the Booster Treasurer or placed in the **BAND OFFICE black box** in a labeled envelope.
Please include **student name and payment details on the memo line** on each check throughout the year.

RENTAL FEES

NOT BOOSTERS. NO CHECKS

Payment do at the time of use.

Preferred Payment Method: Mypaymentsplus

Or Cash/Money Order.

Uniform Rental: \$37.98 ALL BAND MEMBERS.

***School Instrument Rental: \$43.40 If you need to use a school instrument. Includes ALL percussion.**

***SUMMER Instrument Rental - \$21.70: If you have a school instrument at home for the summer. NOT percussion.**

Apparel

Band Store (*begins late July*)

DO NOT Combine into other payments.

CASH(Check) and Carry

payable to RHS Band Boosters

- ***Hat - \$15**
- ***Band Shorts - \$20**
- **Extra Show Shirt - \$10 (\$12 for 2XLup)**
1 free shirt included in fees.
- **Extra Uniform Shirt - \$10 (\$12 for 2XLup)**
1 free shirt included in fees.
- **Band Lanyard - \$5**
- **Band Bag - \$10**
- **Band Hoodie - \$30**

****Required***

2020 Knights Staff

Instructional Staff

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“Starlets” Color Guard Director – Ms. Siara Espejo (USF)

Guard Instructor – Mr. EJ Deleon (USF)

Drumline Instructor – Mr. James Wilson (USF)

Drum Major Instructor – Mr. Jermaine Chapel (FSU)

Percussion Instructor – Mr. Mike Garcia (USF)

Percussion Instructor – Mr. Nicholas Gigante (USF)

Band Booster Officers

President –

Vice President –

Secretary –

Treasurer –

Starlets Treasurer –

Starlets Liaison –

VP Fundraising –

***There will be many opportunities for parents to assist in coordinator roles.
PLEASE attend our meetings.**

**The BEST way to be involved with
your students, VOLUNTEER!!!!**

Complete the SDHC online volunteer application

Must be completed EVERY year. “Y.E.S.”

CONFESSIONS OF A FOUR-YEAR BAND PARENT

Involvement in the Robinson High School Band has been a worthy experience and fun adventure. We are glad our child is in band at Robinson High School; and, we are glad we volunteered in the Band Boosters.

Band is a good influence:

High school is challenging for most kids. It helps having activities that interest the student, inspire them and offer a 'community' of friends. Band offers this. Yes band is a big commitment of time and effort, but well worth it. Our son made friends and had experiences that will follow him throughout life. Music will be forevermore part of his life.

Band can build a better student:

As parents we also discovered that adding the commitment of band (believe it or not) helped our son in his academics. Not only does success in one area breed success in other areas; but, you may have heard the old expression: "If you need a job done, give it to a busy man." A busy schedule encourages that same positive work ethic in areas like academics. Bottom line, when our son felt success in music it lifted him; and, when he was busy he did better in other aspects of school with less time to let things 'slide'. He even balanced band with sports and clubs. We quickly realized that time management, communication skills and setting priorities were always being challenged and learned.

Good for the family:

As parents, we too got involved in the band experience. Parents should support their student by attending performances, however there is so much more available and needed. For four years, we volunteered.

There are so many small jobs required to put this musical 'army' into battle; and, "many hands make light work". Selfishly, aside from whatever value the band or school may have received from the volunteering, we benefited by: making friends; supporting our son; and, we better appreciate the complicated enterprise that is the Robinson High School band.

In summary:

Our son benefited from band. He learned: music; teamwork; leadership skills, 'follower' skills; that he can succeed; he can survive challenges; and, he has made lifelong friends.

We as parents benefited by: learning about our child, learning about music; developing a true respect for the band's leadership (thank you Mr. Revett and staff); helping the process; supporting our son (even though no doubt our presence embarrassed him from time to time, we think he was truly glad we cared and contributed).

Students, as an RHS Band member you will have an opportunity to grow and benefit in many ways. **Parents**, pitch in at whatever level you can and make the experience richer (and possible) for all involved.

Our entire family is very glad to have had the Robinson High School band experience!!

Rich and Nancy Holder (aka Tim's parents)

Marching Band Rehearsals

Put your name on everything.

Be prepared:

Eat BREAKFAST!!!!

Water Bottle/Cooler/Camelbak!!!! MANDATORY

Instrument, pencil, music, reeds, valve oil, etc.

Positive Mental Attitude. Work your hardest and have fun doing it!

Required Attire:

Shorts and T-Shirt. *Too-Hot for pants.*

Athletic sneakers and socks. (“Skater” shoes are not effective.)

We are standing. Protect your feet.

Highly Recommended:

Sun Block, sun glasses and HAT (makes a big difference)

(We may rehearse in a sprinkle. Thunder or lightning – WE STOP!)

Change of clothes. Extra socks / t-shirt

You do NOT need to bring:

Anything expensive.....Don’t take the chance!

Complaining.....WE KNOW IT IS HOT!! Be Prepared for that.

NO Soda – Bring water, juice, or sports drinks

*****VOLUNTEERS –water station, cool-down station, fruit breaks.**

(Sign-up on CHARMS calendar)



Big cooler
OR
CamelBak

Getting Ready - Marching Band is a physically demanding discipline. You need to be in healthy and in shape! We will stretch, we will run, we will do push-ups, and more! I recommend getting 30 minutes of exercise a day leading up to camp. You need to have strong shoulders, back, and core for us to look our very best! Go outside to be prepared for the heat. **STAY HEALTHY!!!!**

*If you have an injury or medical condition that forces you to sit out or not complete physical exercises please **turn in a doctor’s note** with dates