



DEAR PARENTS AND BAND MEMBER:

We hope you are having a great summer! It's time to get back into shape, and put your talent to great use for your school, community, and this fall's marching band season. The Coral Gables High School Band of Distinction welcomes you to band camp 2011. Please pick up your horn and blow the cobwebs out before camp!

This letter contains important information regarding the 2011 marching band season. We have an exciting show planned for this year, and we are looking forward to getting started. **Band Camp is MANDATORY for every members of the Band of Distinction. DON'T BE LATE.**

The following is a summary of our Band Camp practice schedule.

- August 1-2:** Officer Camp (officers only).....8am-3pm
- August 2:** Band Parent Meeting.....7pm-8pm
- August 3-4:** Rookie Camp (all new members).....8am-4pm
- August 5:** B.O.D. Basics (All Members).....8am-4pm
- August 8-12:** Drill/Music (all members).....8am-4pm

**All members are required to attend camps and rehearsals. If there is a conflict with dates, please contact Mr. Muncy at least two weeks prior to the conflicting date. Any missed band camp time must be made up.*

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A BAG LUNCH FOR EACH DAY OF CAMP. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE CAMPUS DURING CAMP FOR SAFETY REASONS.

We urge all parents, friends and families to come to the performance and Barbeque on Friday, August 12th at 5:45pm. This is the first time the students will have the opportunity to perform and we would love to have a big audience!

If you have any immediate questions please feel free to contact Mr. Muncy. The staff and I look forward to your membership in the Band of Distinction, and beginning a new year together!

Sincerely yours,

Kevin Muncy
Director of Bands

Contact Information

CGHS Band Phone:
e-mail: info@bandofdistinction.com

What do I need to bring?

Mandatory items:

1. YOUR INSTRUMENT (make sure it still works)
2. MUSIC FLIP FOLIO
3. DRILL BOOK (music/drill included with 35 - 40 transparent plastic pages)
4. WATER BOTTLE
5. LUNCH IN A COOLER
6. PENCIL, HIGHLIGHTER, (Sharpened with an eraser)
7. T-SHIRT (light colored)
8. SHORTS (comfortable, board shorts are ok, no jeans or long pants.)
9. SOCKS AND SNEAKERS (no sandals, flip flops, or any other shoes inappropriate for marching on the field.)
10. SUNGLASSES and a HAT
11. SUNSCREEN (lots!)
12. BUG SPRAY (optional)

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

EXPECT TO **WORK**, AND **WORK REALLY HARD**. EXPECT A SUN TAN OR SUNBURN, WITH TAN LINES FROM YOUR SHIRT AND SOCKS. EXPECT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR WORK. EXPECT TO GET BOSSED AROUND BY OTHERS. EXPECT SOME PERSONAL GROWTH. EXPECT TO MAKE FRIENDS. But also expect to learn the majority of this year's show and expect to be proud of the hard work you will put into making the band of Distinction one of the best bands around! There is nothing to fear about the camp experience. Returning members look forward to camp as one of the highlights of their summer. The staff and upperclassman work hard to provide a nurturing environment for first time members of the marching band. I am excited about this year's marching Season and i look forward to getting to know all of you!

Band Camp Dues

Unfortunately, the Band of Distinction has some overhead costs involved in order for it to run successfully. Band Camp fees cover:

- * Staff instruction
- * Uniform Rental
- * Drill and Music costs
- * Field maintenance
- * Band Tee Shirt and Polo Shirt
- * Band Shoes
- * Band Bag
- * Poncho
- * Lyre
- * Hand Towel

Total amount per student: \$320 (first year band member)
Band camp fee is due no later than August 5.

If all fees cannot be paid at once, A payment plan can be arranged. Payment plans must be coordinated in a timely fashion; DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY

BEFORE FEES ARE DUE TO ASK FOR A PAYMENT PLAN. Also, Fundraising opportunities will be scheduled to help subsidize fees.

BAND OF DISTINCTION
Necessities order Form

Name _____ Grade _____ I.D. _____

Instrument _____

Please Note: Some items carry over from the year before. For example if you already own a poncho, or shirt from last year you do not need to purchase a new one.

Quantity	Item	Size	Price	Total
	Band Camp		\$190	
	Tee Shirt		\$7	
	Polo Shirt		\$20	
	Band Bag		\$35	
	Poncho		\$5	
	Lyre/Folio		\$8	
	Uniform Rental		\$20	
	Marching Shoes		\$35	
			Total:	

Every student must complete an order form and turn it in by the first day of band camp.

Events Schedule:

(Members must be at EVERY performance)

July 30: Band/Guard Car Wash 8am

August 12: Parent Barbeque 5:45

August 16: Freshman Orientation CGHS 7am

Coral Gables Varsity Football 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Friday August 26	American High	Gables	4:00 p.m.	
Thursday September 1	HML	HML	4:00 p.m.	
Friday September 9	Palmetto High	Tropical Park	7:30 p.m.	
Thursday September 15	Northwestern High	Traz Powell Stadium	7:00 p.m.	
Friday September 23	Braddock High	Gables	3:30 p.m.	Pep-Rally
Thursday October 6	South Miami High	Tropical Park	4:00 p.m.	Senior Pep-Rally
Saturday October 15	Ferguson High	Tropical Park	7:00 p.m.	
Friday October 21	Columbus High	F.I.U.	7:30 p.m.	Pep-Rally
Saturday October 29	Miami High	Curtis Park	7:00 p.m.	Homecoming Game
Friday November 4	Coral Park High	Gables	3:00 p.m.	
Thursday November 10	Southwest High	Tropical Park	7:00 p.m.	Pep-Rally

October 29: FBA Competition (all day)

Any changes or new Performance Dates will be posted on:

- * The Events board in the Band Room
- * Our website: bandofdistinction.com
- * Our facebook page: Band of Distinction, 2011-2012

