



**2011 Stellar Evolution**

**Tuscola Marching Mountaineers**

Dear Band Parents,

On behalf of the entire Tuscola High School Band staff, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2011 marching band season. This promises to be a great season filled with wonderful experiences for both you and your child.

Tuscola High School has a long and proud tradition of having one of the finest band programs anywhere. Starting with the great bands of Charlie Isely at Waynesville Township High School through the long tenures of Jim Crocker, Sandy Boone and Winford Franklin, this program is one of the oldest and proudest in the state. Your present band staff continues that tradition through our mission and purpose:

*To create a comprehensive music program designed to guide our students in the pursuit of excellence. Secondly, it is our mission to produce superior level ensembles that will establish unparalleled pride from our parents, school, and community.*

In the following pages of this handbook you will find useful information concerning the operations of this band program. We have tried to answer as many questions as possible ranging from our schedule to where your money goes. Please keep this handbook handy and refer to it often. Remember to also check our website [www.tuscolaband.org](http://www.tuscolaband.org) often for regular updates and announcements.

Again, welcome to the Tuscola High School Band. We all look forward to working with each of you in our “*pursuit of excellence*”.

Sincerely,

Tim Wise  
Director of Bands

Ashley Cooper  
Assistant Director of Bands

## **Tuscola High School Band**

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## 2011 Tuscola High School Marching Mountaineers Season Schedule

### August:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Band Camp Week 1 9:00am – 5:00pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	Uniform Fittings (Seniors and Juniors A-L) 6:00 – 8:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Uniform Fittings (Juniors M-Z – Sophomores) 6:00 – 8:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Uniform Fittings (New Marchers) 6:00 – 8:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day 5:00pm/Picnic 6:00pm – 8:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Full Band Camp Week 2 9:00am – 8:40pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Band Camp Picnic/Performance 5:00pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Full Band Rehearsal 5:15 – 8:40 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Band Rehearsal All Winds 3:30 – 5:00
18 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of School
	Regular Band Rehearsal 5:15 – 8:40 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Away Football Polk County
24 <sup>th</sup>	Band Rehearsal All Winds 3:30 – 5:00pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	All-Day Practice at Stadium 9:30am – 6:30pm

### September:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Home Football Asheville
5 <sup>th</sup>	Canton Labor Day Parade
9 <sup>th</sup>	Home Football Elizabethton
10 <sup>th</sup>	Band Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Band Night
16 <sup>th</sup>	Home Football Smoky Mtn
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Away Football Brevard
24 <sup>th</sup>	Contest Enka
30 <sup>th</sup>	Home North Henderson

### October:

1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wando Contest/Charleston Trip
7 <sup>th</sup>	Home Football Pisgah
14 <sup>th</sup>	Away Football West Henderson
15 <sup>th</sup>	Contest Western Carolina University
21 <sup>st</sup>	Away Football East Henderson
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Contest TBA
28 <sup>th</sup>	Home Football Franklin <i>Senior Night</i>

### November:

4 <sup>th</sup>	Playoff Game TBA
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### December:

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maggie Valley Christmas Parade 6:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Waynesville Christmas Parade 6:00 pm

# TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MOUNTAINEERS REQUIRED EXPENSES

## Veteran Winds and Percussion Marching Band Fees

<i>Includes:</i>	Uniform Fee	\$400.00
	Meals	
	Band Shirts	
	Liability Insurance	
	Charleston Trip	
<i>**special note: if you need replacement shoes please add \$27.00 due at registration</i>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$400.00</b>

## Veteran Color Guard and New Member Marching Band Fees (wind or percussion)

<i>Includes:</i>	Uniform Fee	\$400.00
	Meals	
	Band Shirts	
	Liability Insurance	
	Charleston Trip	
Shoes (required)		\$27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$427.00</b>

## New Color Guard Band Fees

<i>Includes:</i>	Uniform Fee	\$400.00
	Meals	
	Band Shirts	
	Liability Insurance	
	Charleston Trip	
Wind Suit (required)		\$50.00
Shoes (required)		\$27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$477.00</b>

## **Tuscola High School Marching Mountaineers Payments/Fundraisers**

We realize the costs outlined might be more than you can handle at registration. Therefore, we have outlined a payment structure to assist you as well as allowing us to meet our obligations. There are choices for new members, new color guard members, and returning veterans. However, we insist that you stick to one of the options below.

Also, we have outlined some of the fundraiser opportunities we will be having throughout the year. Please encourage your child to participate as a percentage of all profits go directly back to you to help defray the outlined costs. **\*\*See fundraiser options\*\***

### **Payment Option #1 (lump sum all members)**

All monies are due at registration. This will earn you a \$10.00 total discount

### **Payment Option #2 (Veteran Members monthly payments)**

Payment #1	Registration	\$50.00
Payment #2	July 15	\$75.00
Payment #3	August 15	\$75.00
Payment #4	September 15	\$100.00
Payment #5	October 15	\$50.00
Payment #6	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00

(following citrus sale)

### **Payment Option #3 (New Marcher wind or percussion monthly payments)**

Payment #1	Registration	\$50.00
Payment #2	July 15	\$75.00
Payment #3	August 15	\$75.00
Payment #4	September 15	\$100.00
Payment #5	October 15	\$50.00
Payment #6	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$77.00

(following citrus sale)

### **Payment Option #4 (Color Guard monthly payments)**

Payment #1	Registration	\$50.00
Payment #2	July 15	\$75.00
Payment #3	August 15	\$75.00
Payment #4	September 15	\$100.00
Payment #5	October 15	\$50.00
Payment #6	December 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$127.00

(following citrus sale)

## **Tuscola High School Marching Mountaineers Payments/Fundraisers pg. 2**

We will have many opportunities to assist you to defray the cost as much as possible. It is very possible for you to raise *all* fees (as many students have done in the past) through these opportunities. All monies earned will be placed in your child's account to be used to make payments and alleviate fees.

### **Fundraiser #1          Banner Sales (begins June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends August 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Each year the band places business advertisement banners at the football stadium. The sale and/or renewal of these banners can earn your child between \$50.00 and \$75.00 per banner sold. There is however limited space so if you are interested please email Cindy Simson at [president@tuscolaband.org](mailto:president@tuscolaband.org) or Kelly Vreeland at [kvreeland67@yahoo.com](mailto:kvreeland67@yahoo.com) You can also call Kelly Vreeland at 828-777-1815 and she will provide the necessary paperwork and information. This is a very easy sale for a very large return. You may also call the band room at 456-3783 for information.

### **Fundraiser #2          Student Carwashes (begins May and ends mid August)**

On many Saturdays throughout these months, your student will be contacted with the opportunity to participate in many of the bands annual free carwashes. We ask for donations only as we have found this raises more revenue than if we charge per car. All monies are then divided by the students that work the event. Students in the past have made better than \$25.00 per person for only a couple hours of work.

### **Fundraiser #3          Win/Win Card (begins mid August and ends mid September)**

This is a sale of discount cards that sell for \$8.00 each and are good for one year. The businesses are great and the discounts are excellent. For each card sold your child receives \$4.00.

### **Fundraiser #4          Citrus Sale (begins mid October and ends in November)**

Our most popular fundraiser, we always do very well on citrus and many students earn large profits. At this time cost for the product has not been released. Student profit will be a percentage of that total cost but can be more than \$10.00 per box!

### **Fundraiser #5          Flower Bulb Sale**

Sold in April this allows you to get a jump on 2011 expenses. Typically sold for \$5.00 a package, \$2.50 goes toward your child's expenses

## Booster Budget

	Seq	Description	2011/12
<b>Income</b>			
	1	Marching Band Fees	<b>36000</b>
	2	Booster Trip Income	<b>4000</b>
	3	Citrus Sale	<b>19000</b>
	4	Downtown Events	<b>2000</b>
	5	Win/Win Cards	<b>2500</b>
	7	Booster Gear Income	<b>500</b>
	8	Sprit Items	<b>2000</b>
	9	Banquet Income	<b>1700</b>
	10	Student Supplies	<b>2500</b>
	11	Spring Sale	<b>1000</b>
	12	Band Day	<b>5000</b>
	13	Band Night	<b>2000</b>
	14	All-District Concessions	<b>2500</b>
	15	Winter Guard Fees	<b>1500</b>
	16	Parking/Tickets	<b>7400</b>
	17	Color Guard Supplies Sale	<b>200</b>
	18	Student Clinics Income	<b>3000</b>
	19	Donations	<b>1000</b>
	20	Banners	<b>5000</b>
	21	Misc Fundraiser	<b>1500</b>
	22	Surplus 10-11	<b>2200</b>
		<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>102500</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
	1	Band Camp Staff	<b>5000</b>
	2	Color Guard Staff	<b>6500</b>
	3	Percussion Staff	<b>6000</b>
	4	Other Staff	<b>2000</b>
	5	Band Camp/Marching Band Ex	<b>1000</b>
	6	Color Guard Equipment	<b>1500</b>
	7	Booster Gear Expense	<b>500</b>
	8	Fundraiser Expense	<b>23000</b>
	9	Director Expenses	<b>2000</b>
	10	Student Uniform Parts	<b>6000</b>
	11	Trip Expense	<b>18500</b>
	12	Props	<b>1500</b>
	13	Color Guard Uniforms	<b>2500</b>
	14	Color Guard Design	<b>3300</b>
	15	Marching Drill	<b>4500</b>
	16	Wind Arrangements	<b>2500</b>
	17	Office Supplies	<b>800</b>
	18	Student Clinics	<b>3000</b>
	19	Hospitality	<b>500</b>
	20	Entry Fees	<b>800</b>
	21	Uniform Cleaning	<b>1000</b>
	22	Equipment/Instruments	<b>1000</b>

	23	Student Meals	<b>4000</b>
	24	Music	<b>200</b>
	25	Transportation	<b>1000</b>
	26	Banquet	<b>2000</b>
	27	Recordings	<b>100</b>
	28	Clinicians	<b>1000</b>
	29	Insurance	<b>800</b>
		Expense Totals	<b>102500</b>

## Student Accounts

Like all other organizations, survival and success depend to an extent upon financial resources. We ask you, the parents, to help us with this necessity through your payment of fees and assisting us with various fundraisers. In order to help manage this influx of money we have devised an accounting system known as the student account.

The student accounts serve very much like a savings account at the bank. Each child has a separate account where you can deposit and withdraw money. Each account is kept separate from the other band funds and is accounted for individually by student name. Any monies collected in this account can be used for any fees you accumulate. You or your child can also use this money to pay for items such as all-district registration, instrument needs such as reeds, or any other item directly related to band.

### **Deposits:**

Deposits are made to your account in two ways. The first is any money you directly add to your account. For instance, if your fees at registration were \$100 you could pay \$110 and the extra \$10 would be placed in your account to be used for items at a later date. The second way to add money is through the various fundraising opportunities. With the beginning of each fundraiser, you will be informed of the exact profit that you will receive for each item sold. This money goes directly into your student account.

### **Withdrawals:**

Withdrawals are also made in two ways. The first is through an automatic withdrawal by the student account manager. If you have outstanding fees any money in your account is automatically withdrawn and transferred to the band booster general fund. The second withdrawal option is through a manual withdrawal made by your child. Your child can fill out a form on the lock box located in the band library. This form is to be used when your child would like to withdraw money from their account to pay for extra items such as reeds, registration, etc. Money can be withdrawn for these items *only* if the account has a positive balance.

### **Payments:**

Payments on your account can be made by mailing them to the Tuscola Band, by dropping them directly in the lock box, or by using Pay Pal through the Charms Office Assistant. When making payments to the lock box please use the envelopes located adjacent to the lock box. Please fill out all information including child's complete name, full amount paid, and reason (such as for an account payment) for deposit. When mailing payments to the band, please fill out the same information and place it with the payment. Also, avoid sending cash when possible.

**Positive Balances:**

One of the real positives of this system is the flexibility it gives you. You can make payments easily and participate in the fundraisers with the confidence that your money is well accounted for. Another positive is that the money stays with you throughout your band career. Your hard-earned fundraiser dollar does not “disappear” when the school year ends. For instance, if you earn more money on fundraisers than you owe in fees in one school year (as many people do), that money transfers to the next year so you start with a positive balance. Also, if your child graduates with a positive account balance, that money is transferred to a younger brother or sister. If they do not have a younger brother or sister, any extra money is transferred to our scholarship fund.

**Accounting:**

Your account may be accessed through Charms Office Assistant which is linked from our website, [www.tuscolaband.org](http://www.tuscolaband.org), at any time. To login you need to access Charms and in the Parent/Student login field type **tuscolahsband**. On the next screen you type in your student password. For your initial login type your student ID number which will be given to you at our first meeting. You can then change the password to one of your choosing. If you do not have access to the web, we can access your account in the band room. You will also be sent periodic written statements. If you have any questions concerning your account please contact the student account manager.

## **Trips and Travel**

Taking trips and traveling with the band has always been one of the more enjoyable parts of being in the band. We travel extensively and over the past twelve years have traveled to 15 different states including much of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Traveling with such a large group is very rewarding and enjoyable but can at times be of concern if everyone is not on the same page. Students will be provided with travel expectations in their handbook. We work very hard to keep you informed at all times and provide multiple chaperones and staff to look after all members.

### **Contests and Day Trips:**

Each student will know all report and return times at least one week before departure. Detailed itineraries are passed out on the Thursday night rehearsal prior to the event. This itinerary will include all details of the trip including times, places, items to bring, and expected spending monies needed. All detailed itineraries are also posted on the web at [www.tuscolaband.org](http://www.tuscolaband.org) no later than the prior Wednesday evening. Most trips of this nature are taken by Haywood County activity buses. All students are expected to ride the bus both to and home from the event unless written permission from a *parent* is received.

### **Overnight Trips:**

Students will receive written detailed itineraries several weeks prior to departure. These itineraries will include our specific travel plans and emergency contact information for each minute of our trip. Like other trips this itinerary will include all details of the trip including times, places, items to bring, and expected spending monies to provide. It will also include information on dress and expected behaviors. Again, all itineraries are provided on our website.

If you have any questions about a specific trip please do not hesitate to contact either the chaperone chairman or band directors.

## **Band Booster Organization**

The band booster organization is a non-profit organization that exists to support the Tuscola Band program and its activities. It is an integral part to our continued success. They provide the necessary support both financially and in the form of our #1 cheering section. Meetings are typically once a month at 7:00 pm in the band room. Exact meeting times will be on the web and you will also receive an email reminder. We hope each of you will become involved.

### **Membership:**

Membership is open to anyone interested in the band program. To become an active member simply attend band booster meetings on a regular basis. Official booster shirts, buttons, and other items will be available for purchase at the first booster meeting in August.

## **Chaperones**

It is simply impossible for this band to do any function without the help of our parents serving as chaperones. Chaperoning is an event that is very simple and requires little effort on your part. You are not expected to act as disciplinarians. That is the role of the band staff. Your job is to make sure that everything runs smoothly. The students know how to behave and, with the rare exception, they do what is expected. We would like as many of you to assist as possible.

### **Sign-ups:**

All events require chaperones. Sign up sheets will be on Charms. You may also receive a call requesting your assistance. We like for as many different people to be involved as opposed to the burden being placed upon a very few.

### **Duties:**

Before each event, we will meet as a group to discuss the schedule and any pertinent information. At this time we will go over bus assignments, assign role takers, and discuss any special needs we will have. Again, there is little real responsibility other than act as supporters and assist where necessary. *All* problems and concerns will be handled through the band staff.

## Uniform Procedures

We are very excited to have great looking uniforms that are only 2 years old. They must last for several more years to come so you are expected to keep them in great shape! You will be asked to sign a uniform agreement at registration. Please refer to the guidelines below and please help your child to follow them.

### **Distribution and Storage:**

Uniforms are to be kept in the uniform room at all times. Uniforms will be passed out immediately prior to all away games and contests by the uniform staff. For all home games, uniforms can be picked up after Friday's rehearsal at the WMS band room. All uniforms *must* be returned to the uniform room or to the storage racks (home games only) *before* students go home. We will take care of all uniform cleaning.

### **Upkeep:**

Uniforms are to be treated with the utmost care. Students will be given details of how to care for the uniform, what they can and cannot do while in uniform, and the consequences of abuse before the first game. Remember you are responsible for damage so help remind them of what is expected.

### **Uniform Parts:**

Along with the issued uniform each student will be asked to provide band shoes, gloves, and socks (color guard excluded). Shoes and gloves can be purchased at the beginning of the year through the band while any crew length *black* socks will do. Students are to be responsible for having all items at each performance. Replacement costs for lost or damaged items are as follows:

Jacket: \$200.00	Trousers: \$100.00	Gauntlets: \$35.00	Sash: \$40.00
Hat: \$40.00	Hat Box: \$20.00	Plume: \$20.00	Socks: \$2.00
Gloves: \$2.00	Shoes: \$25.00	Band Shirt: \$10.00	

## Football Games

Football games are and always will be an important part of the Tuscola Marching Mountaineer experience. Therefore it is expected for all students to attend *every* game.

### **Home Games:**

Before each home game we rehearse at C.E. Weatherby stadium at promptly 4:00 pm. Students are expected to provide their own transportation to the stadium. They are expected to bring all uniform materials with them. We do not leave following rehearsal but remain at WMS. Dinner is provided for your child. This has been a very positive policy as it eliminates that mad dash to get food and to return to the stadium on time.

### **Away Games:**

We depart for away games by bus from Tuscola at the time posted. An approximate return time will be given but telephones will be available for your child to call home. Students must ride home on the bus unless *written permission* from a *parent* is received.

## Frequently Asked Questions

- *What is the “normal rehearsal schedule”? Where do I pick up and drop off my child?*
  - Normal rehearsal is Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:15 – 8:40 pm for everyone and occasionally on Wednesday from 3:30pm-5:00pm for winds and percussion. On occasion, rehearsal may start at 5:00pm especially on contest weeks. The specific Wednesday schedule will be given out at band camp. Other time changes will be posted at least one week prior. While it is fine to drop students off at the band room door before rehearsal, I would not recommend picking them up there when rehearsal ends. Park in the lower parking lot and have your students walk to meet you. It will save you time and eliminate the extreme amounts of congestion near the band room as people are trying to move equipment and leave at the same time.
  
- *What is Band Day?*
  - Band Day is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. For many, many years the band has gone out in the community on this day and asked them for their support through donations, bake sales, and car washes. It has always been met with great success. We will be asking many of you to help your students on this day. All events are centered at the county courthouse and the day concludes with a performance there by the entire band.
  
- *What uniform items must I provide?*
  - Wind and percussion parents are expected to provide black socks, black shoes, and a band shirt. Wind players must also provide a pair of gloves (shoes, gloves and shirts are purchased through the band). Color Guard varies from year to year and you will be informed of those minimum requirements.
  
- *When do the band boosters meet?*
  - Once every month at 7:00 pm in the band room.
  
- *I want to help but do not want to be in charge or committed every Friday and Saturday, what can I do to assist?*
  - We need everyone’s help. You can assist in a variety of ways including selling tickets on one or two nights, sewing, helping to feed the students on Friday nights, or chaperoning on one or two occasions. There will be sign up sheets at registration and you will be called to help in functions.
  
- *Can I travel with my child during games and contests?*
  - We always encourage parent participation. You may travel as a chaperone or simply follow us to the locations. Maps and schedules will be available in the band room and on the website to all events.

- *If I have a general question about being a band parent whom can I call?*
  - The best source of information would be to call or email the band booster president or other officer and they can direct your question to the correct source.
  
- *Please tell me about rules and discipline.*
  - The Band Handbook will be discussed with your child in detail once school begins. All rules and procedures will be listed in the handbook and posted on the web in early June for you to read through
  
- *How can I CONFIRM anything my child tells me? I notice hardly anything gets home.*
  - The most comprehensive area is the band website at [www.tuscolaband.org](http://www.tuscolaband.org). It will contain all information in one convenient location. If you do not have access to this site or if it does not answer your questions fully, you may call the band room and talk to a staff member at anytime.
  
- *How will my child's medical concerns be addressed?*
  - It is imperative that you fill out the Health and Medical form as completely as possible. This allows us to have your child treated at a hospital in case of an emergency. We also carry a comprehensive medical bag with us to provide immediate assistance in the case of a problem. You will ALWAYS be contacted immediately in relation to a medical concern of your child.
  
- *What is the best way to pick up my child following ball games and contests? I have noticed that it tends to be very congested by the band room.*
  - The best place to park is in the main parking lot (around front) or behind the cafeteria. This will cut down on congestion, make it safer for everyone, and allow you to leave faster as you are not waiting in traffic.