



MARCHING COLONIALS ***Interest Meeting***

May 29, 2019

Thank you for attending the TJMC Interest Meeting! The information that will be presented tonight is intended to give you an overall view of how the Marching Colonials are run and let everyone know the expectations of what it means to be a member of this group. If at any point during the trial process you have any questions about the group, please feel free to get in touch with me (e-mail preferred).

Being a member of TJMC provides you and your student with a unique opportunity to be a part of something so much bigger than any individual. The amount of hours that the students, parents and staff put in to making our show come alive on the field is inspiring. When the final note has been played at our last competition, all of the members of this organization feel an incredible amount of pride and accomplishment at what they have achieved throughout the course of our season.

You should have received a Fee Schedule for the entire TJ Band Program along with a form packet that will talk about the marching band costs. The basics that I will share with you tonight are what it costs to run the marching band, and what the total fee will be for each student. Please be aware that the total cost can vary slightly depending on the size of the membership, so while the numbers I will give out tonight are very close estimates, they are not set in stone until after the commitment date.

The rest of tonight will be dedicated to allowing the students to work with the student staff and understand what it's like to be a member of TJMC. The Boosters will meet with the parents to talk about ways they can help and be involved with the organization, and also I will be speaking about how all parties involved can deal with the time commitments required by both TJHSST and TJMC. Because there will be a wealth of information given to you tonight I once again encourage you to get in touch with myself or any of the boosters or staff that you meet tonight to ask questions. We are more than happy to field your e-mails or phone calls.

If you have specific questions about drumline or colorguard, please direct them to our caption heads for those sections and cc me on the e-mail.

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In an effort to save paper our calendar and commitment forms are all on our website, www.tjbands.org. Please print the calendar as needed, and also print the forms to turn in by the June 13th commitment date. If you require a hard copy of either of these simply ask.

Thank you so much for taking the time to come tonight and see what our group is all about. I have no doubt that your student would enjoy being a part of this ensemble, and I hope they will attend at least one of the trial rehearsals to see what the full experience is like before they decide whether or not to commit.

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