

**PEARL CITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MUSIC PERFORMING ARTS LEARNING CENTER**

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Hi Charger Band Family,

We have a bunch of new updates for the school year for our band program. Thank you all for your patience and flexibility during this time. We are trying to find the safest method for your child to participate in band and return to school.

Here are a few updates for our members:

- 1) Marching Band – We have been closely following the situation with football and sports programs. Unfortunately with the current decision to push football to the spring semester, our fall marching band season will be on hold and we will reassess if there is a possibility for a short spring season. We hope to have more information by the end of the year.
  
- 2) All Member Meeting for PCHS Band 2020-2021 School Year – This will occur virtually. Date TBA.
  
- 3) Instrument check-outs – If you DO NOT have an instrument currently and need one to practice on, please email me at [chadwickkamei@icloud.com](mailto:chadwickkamei@icloud.com) and we can set up a time for pickup.
  
- 4) **Band Classes** – This year, our school has decided to change to a BLOCK schedule for the year. Similar to college, each course is completed in one semester. You will have 3 courses in the Fall, and 4 courses in the Spring. All band classes will be held during school in the Fall (Period 1, 2, & 3) and AFTERSCHOOL in the Spring. All band students will receive TWO (2) credits this year for participating in band. One credit will be awarded in the Fall and the second credit in the Spring. Spring band classes will be held afterschool so we are able to maintain continued instruction for future opportunities. Optimistically, if we are able to return to ALL students on campus during the Spring semester we hope these afterschool rehearsals will result in an Aloha Concert and showcase of our resilient musicians
  
- 5) **Band Class Procedures** – This summer saw several scientific studies by various colleges on the rates of airborne particles in music programs. We are using this data to create the safest environment for our members and their families. The main study can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3kh6Q2w>

Using these studies, here are some of the things of note for the upcoming year:

1. With the divisions of students, most of the bands are 12-15 students in one class. Our largest classes occurs on Tuesdays (18-20 students).
2. We will be utilizing the auditorium for all band classes and using the entire space (audience, stage, walkways) to spread out our students.
3. The auditorium will be cleaned daily, however students must also disinfect their space before leaving class. Disinfecting solutions will be provided.
4. Students will be distanced at LEAST 6 feet away from each other during classes.
5. Students will NOT be sharing instruments (except percussionists). Percussionists will need their own sticks and mallets, but will need to share keyboard instruments and drums.
6. We are ordering specialized face masks for instrumentalists & instrument coverings to reduce aerosols. The Pearl City HS Band Association has graciously assisted in subsidizing a large portion of this cost.
7. We will be coming out with a procedural video to show how students should enter & exit the building, how to set up their space, how to disinfect their space, and how to utilize the PPE for playing. We should have this created in a few weeks.
8. We will be using several computer programs for the online classes.

Lastly, if you have decided to do distance learning for your child this upcoming year, please let me know. Your child is important to our program and I would like to see how we might be able to support their band studies through this year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are looking forward to working with everyone again soon!

Please email me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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