



Summer 2017 Update

We hope that you are enjoying your summer with family and friends. It's hard to believe we are about a month away from the full band arriving for summer band rehearsals. The 2017-2018 season is promising to be very exciting. If you are new to the Escadrille, WELCOME! Do your best to understand the information enclosed in the following documents. If you are a vet, we're glad you're back; please read everything as there may be some new information for you. Here are a few highlights regarding the 2017-2018 season:

Faculty Changes

As many of you know, Mr. Eric Gilley has taken a position in New York City. We are excited for Mr. Gilley and family as they begin their new adventure this summer. This is an exciting opportunity and wish him the very best.

We have hired a new Director of Bands at the Lowery Freshman Center! While technically official, there are a few more steps that need to be completed before we can announce the name. The new director has over 13 years teaching experience in the DFW area as a high school band director. As soon as it's 100% official, we'll send everybody an announcement.

While Dr. Philip Obado started as Director of Bands at Allen ISD on May 15th, he will begin his first full season this summer. Dr. Obado was previously Assistant Director of Bands at Baylor University, Associate Director of Bands at Illinois State University, and has taught high school band for over 12 years in the Florida public schools.

Summer Band Calendar (slightly different than past years)

Please keep up with the calendar at www.allenband.com. Percussion and Color Guard have summer rehearsals scheduled prior to the full band report time. In addition, hours and days have been redistributed based on previous year calendars due to an Allen High School academic program this summer (*Eagles Prepare to Soar* for 10th-12th graders). **FULL BAND begins on Thursday, July 27**. In addition, there is an SLT Workshop scheduled July 20-21 from 9am-4pm on both days (SLTs only, no freshmen). Details were verbally communicated in late May and an e-mail reminder went out this summer.

Spring Trip

We are planning a spring trip in late April. Included on the trip may be a possible music workshop/clinic-rehearsal and campus tour at a major university on the way. We will announce the trip once it becomes official and AISD approved this summer. The first deposit will be due at registration. We hope everyone can attend!

Fees

We are asking families to begin saving now. All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. We will not be able to offer payment plans for the 2017-18 school year.

Listed below are the documents you need to start the season well. While some are attached, other documents will be available on the homepage of www.allenband.com by early July.

- Important Information Sheet (Attached)
- Summer Band Calendar (Attached)
- Registration Day (Attached)
- Drop Off Diagram for morning rehearsals
- Summer Band Necessities (attached)
- Spring Trip Contract
- Allen ISD Release and Medical Forms



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

9th Grade Parent Meeting & General Parent Meeting – Tuesday, July 25th

Allen High School Band Hall

The freshman parent meeting will be held from 7:00-8:00p in the Allen High School Band Hall. The freshman parent meeting is specifically for parents of incoming 9th graders or any other student who is new to Allen I.S.D. and our band program. We cover rehearsal schedules, football game procedures, how to care for uniforms, U.I.L. eligibility, financial commitments, and much more. We look forward to seeing you all there!

STUDENT LEADERS ONLY – July 20-21 (9a-4p), July 24-26 (8a-4p)

All Student Leadership Team members will be trained on these five days. Jeremy Spicer from SASI: The Leadership People (www.studensleading.org) will lead a seminar for all SLTs on July 20-21 (9a-4p). These two days were mentioned verbally at the end of the school year. Attendance is expected; please contact Dr. Obado if you have any issues. We will finish up our leadership training with the directors July 24-26 (8a-4p). We will combine leadership sessions, teaching workshops, and work sessions to prepare for the full band on July 27th.

FULL BAND SUMMER REHEARSALS – Thursday, July 27th – Friday, August 18th

All rehearsals will take place at Allen High School

Attendance at summer rehearsals is required of all members. The schedule from July 27-August 8 is 7:00a-4:00p each day with lunch between 11:00a-12:00p. For the most part, we will be marching outdoors in the morning and will be indoors after lunch. The schedule from August 9-August 18 is 4:00p-8:00p. Please follow the attached calendar for your specific report days and times. Please bring your lunch during summer band. Because the physical nature of our activity, students must adhere to the following guidelines: wear lightweight comfortable clothing, tennis shoes w/socks (refrain from no-show socks to avoid blisters), sunscreen, baseball caps/visors, and above all bring plenty of WATER every day. **You will be expected to have and carry your own ½ gallon water jug to all band activities including football games and band contests.** These jugs can be purchased at various retail stores. Please go to www.allenband.com for information regarding Summer Band Necessities/Requirements for specific size and colors.

If you see an **UNAVOIDABLE** situation that will cause you to miss a session, you **MUST LET US KNOW.**

Communication is vital to our success. For band absences please send an email to: philip_obado@allenisd.org

ESCADRILLE REGISTRATION DAY – Saturday, August 5th

Allen High School

Registration Day is intended for all members of the Band and Color Guard. It is designed as a “One-Stop-Shop” for students and parents participating in the Escadrille. Uniforms, music, instruments, and equipment will be issued at this time. Permission slips and contact information will be completed and all required fees collected. Garment bags, yard signs, and other optional spirit items will also be available. Parents are encouraged to join the Allen Band Booster Association and to sign up as volunteers for many band events. Parent support plays a vital role in the success of our students so please make plans to join us on this important day. **Please refer to the registration day document for further details.**

MARCH-A-THON – Saturday, August 12th

Kicks off from Allen High School and ends at Green Elementary

This annual Escadrille event has become a celebrated community event signaling the beginning of another school year and rallying support for another great season for the Allen Eagle Escadrille and Allen Eagle Football. This fundraiser provides an opportunity to help all members of the Escadrille with their spring trip expenses.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL GENERAL INFO

When school starts August 21st, all daily marching rehearsals will be at **7:00 a.m. each morning at the AHS Track Stadium**. Freshmen will be dismissed and bused to Lowery at 7:55 a.m. each morning. Monday night rehearsals will also begin on the first day. **We will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the AHS Track Stadium**. Work schedules, Monday evening activities, and other school activities, etc., need to accommodate these rehearsals during the marching season. This is **REQUIRED**. Parents and family are always invited and encouraged to come out and watch.

ATHLETICS

Athletes, we have had great success working and scheduling with coaches to give you the opportunity to participate in both marching band and athletics. We will continue tweaking this project on an individual basis, with regards to the sport in which each student is participating.

Your student leaders are planning fun social activities scattered throughout summer band. Take some time to get acclimated to the heat and exercise by getting off the couch and into the great outdoors once in a while. It's going to be another GREAT YEAR!

ESCADRILLE WEBSTORE: APPAREL, ACCESSORIES, & MEMBERSHIP – JULY 10 DEADLINE

The ABBA (Allen Band Booster Association) web store has a lot going on for spirit wear and membership right now. It's important that you order what you need or want at www.allenband.com by July 10th to guarantee items, sizes and delivery before school starts.

There are many new shirts and designs, along with hats and handy bags for students and parents. There are fun items for summer band, and necessities for marching season. The popular garment bags used for uniforms and the fun car decals you see around town are only available for purchase through the ABBA web store.

Membership is a whole new program this year! We are offering many new and exciting levels with a little bit of something for everyone. This year, for the first time ever, ABBA is offering a letter jacket patch for the show theme! There are many more amazing incentives. The only way to get a coveted yard sign is to become a member. The biggest bonus is that your Membership dues are 100% tax deductible. Membership funds are used to provide for a variety of events, programs, and other items to support all of the students in the band and colorguard programs. Membership also allows you to attend general meetings, vote on items such as the annual budget and learn about things important to the group. Become a member today!

<http://www.allenband.com/membership.html>

ABBA is trying something new this year and taking pre-orders through our web store (www.allenband.com/store). This will help in two ways--1. Give you the opportunity to spread out money spent, not spend it all on the day of Registration, so close to Back-To-School shopping; 2. Give us the opportunity to purchase inventory wisely, based on needs and wants and not on guesses.

We will be taking these pre-orders on the web store through July 10th. Those pre-orders will be guaranteed the size and quantity you are looking for, and allow for customization as available. You'll be able to pick up your items on Registration Day, August 5th.

In the event your order is not complete online by July 10th, we'll do our absolute best to fulfill from our inventory, but cannot guarantee size and quantity. Any items not pre-ordered and left in stock will be available to purchase at Registration.

Here's what to do:

1. Go to **www.allenband.com**
2. Click on "**Store**" (membership can be purchased through the store and membership page)
3. Order everything you need or want by July 10th.
4. Pick up your order at the PAC on Registration Day August 5th.

Allen Eagle Band

Summer Band 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>July 23</p> <p>***SLT Workshop*** July 20-21 (9am-4pm)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Student Leadership Team (SLT)</p> <p>Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Student Leadership Team (SLT)</p> <p>Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>9th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. Band Hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Student Leadership Team (SLT)</p> <p>Training/Work Day 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Lunch is from 11-12 each day of camp. Students may leave for lunch or bring it with them to eat on site.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>August 1</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sock Hop – FUN! 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Commons</p>	<p>2</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Escadrille Registration</p> <p>AHS-PAC All Day</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Please note that ALL rehearsals and performances are considered required unless otherwise noted.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Allen Band Booster Association Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Escalympics Celebration Park 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Eagles: Prepare to Soar All 10th-12th Graders 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Picture Day-Full Uniform 1:00 p.m. AHS Gym</p> <p>EVERYONE – New Time Band & CG Camp 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>March-A-Thon</p> <p>AHS 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NO REHEARSAL TODAY</p>	<p>17</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Anderson Parade Selected Band Members 8:30-9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>EVERYONE Band & CG Camp 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Watermelon Bust AHS Track Stadium 7:00 p.m. (First performance)</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Don't forget to visit: www.allenband.com for the latest calendar and updates.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Start of School</p> <p>Morning Practices Begin 7:00 a.m. Sharp!</p> <p>Monday Night Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>

2017-2018 Allen Band Registration Day

Saturday, August 5th

During registration, there are a number of items each student must purchase, as well as several documents that must be collected. The fees for the school year are listed in the box to the right. **Please note that Registration Day is the only tax-free day!** Normally, registration takes approximately 2-3 hours from check in to check out. Please mark your calendars for this important date. **It is very important that we collect all the fees for the upcoming school year on this day.** Please begin preparing. We ask that all fees be collected on this day. We expect 100% participation on this day. See you on Saturday, August 5th at the Allen High School PAC!

Registration Schedule:

Seniors	9:00 a.m.
Juniors	10:30 a.m.
Sophomores	12:30 p.m.
Freshmen (last name A - K)	2:30 p.m.
Freshmen (last name L - Z)	4:00 p.m.

Registration Checklist:

- Completed A.I.S.D. Performing Arts Permission and Emergency Release/Authorization (enclosed)
- Review the Band Handbook at www.allenband.com and be prepared to sign the acknowledgement form
- Forms of Payment: Credit Card, Check, or Cash**

Band Polo:

The band polo shirt is worn when the full uniform is not necessary or appropriate. Students will be asked to wear their band polo with blue jeans or shorts (khaki shorts preferred). **All band members are required to purchase a polo for the 2017-2018 school year.** (The polo shirt is updated every two years.)

Black Marching Athletic Shirt and Shorts:

This athletic wear is to be worn under the marching band uniform at all times.

UIL/Game Day Refreshments:

To provide snacks and meals throughout the marching season.

Uniform Cleaning:

To provide end of the season cleaning for marching uniform and concert attire.

Ultimate Drill Book & App:

Students will be provided a drill book specifically for their spot as well as a license for an online app.

School Owned Instrument Rental:

The following AISD owned instruments *require* a usage fee: Percussion, Oboe, Bassoon, Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Bari Saxophone, Horn/Mellophone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium & Tuba. The current instrument usage fee is \$125.00 per year and covers only *part* of the yearly cleaning each instrument receives or in the case of percussion, general upkeep and drumhead replacement.

Music & Arts:

Representatives from Music & Arts will be on site to provide students with general supply needs for purchase (flip folders, extra flip folder windows, valve oil, reeds, lyres etc). Students who do not own a flip folder should purchase one (along with extra pages) on or before registration day. **Payment for these purchases should be made payable directly to Music & Arts.**

REGISTRATION FEES

Payable to AISD:

Band polo shirt	\$30.00
Black athletic shirt	\$10.00
Black athletic shorts	\$10.00
Black Gloves	\$5.00
Black Marching Shoes	\$37.00
UIL/Gameday Refreshments	\$50.00
Uniform Cleaning	\$18.00
Ultimate Drill Book & App	\$25.00
School-Owned Instrument Rental	\$125.00
Optional	
Spring Trip Deposit*	\$50

Payable to ABBA:

- *Booster Membership
- *Garment Bag with name
- *Yard Sign
- *Additional Spirit Items (apparel)
(*indicates optional)

Costs vary. You can make any ABBA purchases on www.allenband.com. Go to the webstore on the site.

Summer Band Necessities/Requirements

- Instrument w/ Mouthpiece, reeds, etc...
- All Music
- Lyre and Flip Folder
- Drill Charts
- Tennis shoes that lace tightly with socks (No loose shoes allowed)
- Weather appropriate clothing (please do not wear all black)
- Sun Screen, Hats, Sunglasses
- NO SANDALS OR BOOTS OF ANY KIND FOR YOUR SAFETY!

ACCEPTABLE Shoes: (Running Shoes or Cross Trainers)



NON-ACCEPTABLE Shoes: (Vans, Converse, Skaters shoes, boots, flip-flops, sandals)



- Water Jug: $\frac{1}{2}$ **Gallon** in black, red, blue, or grey. (no specific brand)



- This year you will need to have your water jug with you at all fall band activities including football games and contests.
- Be sure to have your name written on top of your jug for easy identification.