



EXCELLENCE TRADITION LEADERSHIP

# 2024 – 2025 Handbook

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**[waltripramband.org](http://waltripramband.org)**

# GET CONNECTED

- Band updates are sent in **Band App** to give practice and weekly information.
- This system is also used to remind parents and students about the upcoming weekly practice schedule, payments, and events.

Band App 
Band Parent Band App 
Student Band App 
Facebook: “Waltrip Ram Band”
Instagram: @waltripramband
Youtube: @WaltripRamBand

# IMPORTANT DATES

- Stay tuned to [waltripramband.org/calendar](http://waltripramband.org/calendar) & **Band App** for all Ram Band events.
- Events marked with a **(P)** need volunteer support from parents. Please click those events to sign-up to help.

## FOOTBALL SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM	
Friday	August 30	Episcopal	7:00 pm	Episcopal HS
Friday	September 6	Chavez	7:00 pm	Barnett
Thursday	September 12 - HC	Milby	7:00 pm	Barnett
Friday	September 20	Spring Woods	7:00 pm	Tully
Saturday	October 5	Sharpstown	12:00 pm	Butler
Friday	October 11	Galena Park	7:00 pm	Galena Park
Thursday	October 17	Westbury	7:00 pm	Butler
Thursday	October 24	Austin	7:00 pm	Barnett
Saturday	November 2	Madison	12:00 pm	Butler
Saturday	November 9 - SN	Sterling	6:00 pm	Barnett

HC-HOMECOMING SN-SENIOR PARENT GAME

September 28<sup>th</sup> – US Bands Marching Contest

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Katy Marching Contest

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – UIL Marching Contest**

**October 26<sup>th</sup> – AREA Marching Contest**

November 15<sup>th</sup> – Annual BBQ Dinner @ 4:30 – 9pm

November 28<sup>th</sup> – HEB Thanksgiving Parade

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Winter Concert @ 7pm**

## BAND OFFICERS

NAME	RANK
Aida Lopez	Head Drum Major
Paola Arce	Asst. Drum Major
Jacob Gamez	Field Captain
Melanie Landeros	President
Ava Durfor	Vice President/Treasurer

## BAND BOOSTER OFFICERS

NAME	RANK	PHONE #
Sherry Chavez	President	713-927-6051
Valerie Mendoza	Vice President	281-750-6944
Tameika Reese	Parliamentarian	832-656-3700
Victoria Landeros	Secretary/Treasurer	713-393-9120

- ★ **Band Officers** - The Band Officers have different responsibilities assigned to them based on their position they hold. The Band Officers will stay later and arrive earlier than the other band members as well as have separate practices due to their leadership responsibilities.
  
- ★ **Band Booster Officers** - The purpose of the band booster officers is to organize and support the Waltrip Ram Band, parents, and volunteers at the director's discretion.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## PRACTICES

- ‡ All practices and football games are mandatory. If a band member is missing, it affects their grade and everyone in that performance. It causes spacing, counts, and formation problems. We cannot just place another person in that spot at temporarily or at the last minute. Last minute adjustments cause stress and anxiety on other members of that section.
- ‡ **Practice Days**-As a general rule, the band practice schedule can be found on the Ram Band calendar – [waltripramband.org/calendar](http://waltripramband.org/calendar)
- ‡ **Marching Practice Attire** - Students will be required to wear comfortable, climate-friendly bottoms, a white t-shirt, and marching shoes. (Hats and sunglasses are encouraged.)
- ‡ **Missing a rehearsal requires documentation. Missing the last practice before a scheduled performance may result in the student being completely removed from the performance without warning. All rehearsals must be made up in order to receive participation credit.**

## PERFORMANCES

- ‡ **Performance Attire**- Students will be required to wear the black band shorts, black spirit shirt, black long socks, and marching shoes.
- ‡ Performances are a privilege not a right.
- ‡ Some performances will be a group requirement or earned through auditions.
- ‡ Every student will have an opportunity to perform at performances, and competitions based on their attendance at rehearsals.

## PICK UP POLICY

- ‡ Please pick up your student **no later than 30 minutes** after the event is completed or after we return to the school.
- ‡ At times the **leadership team** is expected to arrive before or leave after the band members have departed.

# BAND EXPENSES

All payments can be made in cash, money order, Zelle, or Cash App

## ↳ Annual Expenses:

- General Band - \$50
- Uniform Rental Fee - \$15
- Instrument Rental/Equipment Fee (*Any School-Owned/Percussion instrument*) - \$50
  
- Marching Show - \$50
- Band Shirt (Black Spirit Dry-fit style shirt) - \$20
- Band Shoes - \$60
- Contest T-Shirt - \$12
- Band Shorts - \$15
- Band Cap - \$20 (*optional*)
- Band Backpack - \$40 (*optional*)

## ↳ Colorguard Expenses:

- Equipment Fee - \$50
- Competition Fee - \$60
- Amazon Uniform List
  - Guys: \$135
  - Girls: \$240

## ↳ Individual/Team Expenses:

- Region Auditions Entry Fee - \$25
- Region Jazz Auditions Entry Fee - \$25
- UIL Solo and Ensemble Fee - \$12

## ★ Parent/Guardian Obligations:

- Parents and guardians are encouraged to volunteer or donate in some capacity in all Band Booster Events.
- Donations of water and concession items are greatly appreciated.

# GRADING POLICY

Grades will be based on the following:

- ✓ **Uniform Return**-Uniforms are due at the end of the season.
- ✓ **Class Participation**- Rehearsals count as participation.
- ✓ **Class Preparation**- Having required equipment and materials
- ✓ **Required Performances**- Performance and competitions
- ✓ **Fall Final Exam**- 25% Fall concert and written exam
- ✓ **Spring Final**- 25% Spring Concert and written exam

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Members of the Ram Band are expected to follow and uphold the band guidelines, rules and regulations always as stated in the Ram Band Creed.
- ✓ Members of the Ram Band must turn in their Physical, Media Form, and Permission Slip
- ✓ **Social Media Policy**: No inappropriate content (pictures, videos, statements). Everything online represents everyone in the band.
- ✓ Band Members will not fail any classes; or skip any classes.
- ✓ Must not receive Poor or Unsatisfactory marks in citizenship in any grading period.
- ✓ Band Members must remain in good standing with our campus and do not have any Level 2 violations or higher. If there is a violation, the student's membership will be up for director's review.
- ✓ Band members must maintain a 2.5 GPA. If a member is unable to reach a 2.5 GPA, that member will be placed on academic probation for the succeeding grading period.
- ✓ A Band Member may hold a job, but it cannot conflict/interfere with Ram Band Activities.

# RAM BAND CREED

I will respect myself and others.

I will do my personal best.

I will make good decisions.

I will honor myself, my family,  
and my school.

I will graduate prepared for the college or  
career of my choice.

Together we can, whatever it takes. No excuses.

**#ForTheChildren #UpwardAndForward #RiseAbove**

## BAND CLASSES

Period	Class Title	Credit
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	Marching Band ( <i>Woodwind</i> )	PE/Fine Arts Credit
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	Marching Band ( <i>Brass</i> )	PE/Fine Arts Credit
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	Marching Band ( <i>Colorguard &amp; Percussion</i> )	PE/Fine Arts Credit
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	Jazz Ensemble	Fine Arts Credit
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	Mariachi	Fine Arts Credit
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	Guitar/Senior Lab	Fine Arts Credit
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	Applied Music/Senior Lab	Fine Arts Credit



## BAND CLASSES

- ★ **Marching Band -** (*All Levels*) This class is for the wind players that are in the Marching Band. They are required to attend all Football Games, Marching Contest, and Performances.
- ★ **Percussion-** (*All Percussion Levels*) This class is for all percussion players that are in the Marching band and Concert UIL bands. They are required to attend all Football Games, Marching Contest, Band Performances, and Winter drumline.
- ★ **Wind Ensemble -** (*Advanced Level*) This class is for the wind players in the Marching Band and in Wind Ensemble for Concert UIL band. They are required to attend all Football Games, Marching Contest, and Band Performances.  
(**Selected by Audition Only**)
- ★ **Symphonic Band-** (*Intermediate Level*) This class is for the wind players in the Marching Band and in Symphonic Band for Concert UIL band. They are required to attend all Football Games, Marching Contest, and Band Performances. (**Selected by Audition Only**)
- ★ **Concert Band-** (*Beginners*) This class is for the students that are interested in learning how to play a wind instrument. This class is for students with little to no experience.
- ★ **Jazz Band-** (*Advanced Level*) Students will perform at invited events and Jazz Festivals that are scheduled for the year. This is an advanced class that is not intended for beginner players. (**Selected by Audition Only**)
- ★ **Mariachi Ensemble-** (*Advanced Level*) Students will perform at invited events and performances that are scheduled for the year. This is an advanced class that is not intended for beginner players. (**Selected by Audition Only**)