POWER of Creekside Instrumental Music Program

WELCOME to The **POWER** of Creekside! We are an organization of approximately 250 student performers that look to learn, grow and entertain at a variety of venues each year. Our organization includes 3 concert bands, 4 big band jazz ensembles, indoor guard ensemble, percussion ensembles, jazz combos and more! All student performers are part of the Marching Band. Those interested in Jazz Band must also take Band (*2 electives in daily school schedule*)

IF YOU play a Fall Sport – **Awesome**!! We will work to make it happen. You can participate in band and other activities; this simply takes communication and a little extra effort. We have numerous kids who participate in school athletic activities such as football, track, swimming, volleyball, weightlifting, lacrosse and more!

We want to provide you with a calendar for the **2024-2025 School Year, and plan to share that in late April**. Please know we do <u>NOT</u> meet as an ensemble during the summer months. It is our belief that the down time is just as important as the up time in life. There may be a few days where a section meets for some fundamentals, bonding, ice breakers, etc. These specific days are for officers and members to become more acquainted with one another.

As a marching ensemble, we will perform at *ALL* <u>Home</u> Football Games. We hope to take a pep band/percussion to away games. (The cost is \$10 for wind players to attend away games. We fill 2 full buses for these *AWAY* games.)

We do have a fair share fee of **\$325.00** for Instrumental/Colorguard members. This will be broken into payments: (additional colorguard fees will be required (TBA) as well as additional fee for percussion of \$40.00)

August 13th - \$175.00 – uniform fitting day

January 19th - \$150.00

We are also asking that wind/percussion purchase Marching Bibbers/Pants. Here are 2 options (These will be used all 4 years of band) **Please have these ordered prior to August 17th at the latest**

1 - <u>https://www.bandshoppe.com/shop/marching-band/marching-uniforms/in-stock-marching-uniforms/in-stock-deluxe-marching-band-bibbers-284065-28406/black/default.html</u>

2 - https://dshowcase.com/products/marching-band-2/wearables/

Below are some dates for the **2024-2025** School Year. Please put these in your calendar as performances are a required portion of our curriculum. In addition, we will have 6 or 7 rehearsals after school prior to concerts, assessment in the Winter/Spring. (See full calendar for specifics - 9th grade instrumentalists are in Concert Band – percussion will be placed in concert ensembles by October)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We will do our best to respond via email. You can always contact your section leader for any questions you may have as well – they can help steer you in the correct direction.

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BAND WEBSITE:

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CAMP DATES: (please bring personal water source and food for breaks)

Percussion and Guard	-	August 6^{th} - 7^{th} and 8^{th} 4pm to 8pm (Tue, Wed, Th)
Full Band	-	August 15 th 4-6 and August 16 th 4-830pm (Th, Fri)
UNIFORM Fitting Day	-	August 17 th 9am to 3pm (sign up for times at school) (Sat)

MARCHING REHEARSALS: (please bring personal water source)

Tuesdays August 20 th to October 22 nd	6-8pm

Thursday August 22nd to October 24th

HOME FOOTBALL GAMES: (please bring personal water source)

August 30 th	HOME	Nease HS
September 13 th	HOME	Bartram Trail HS
September 20 th	HOME	Winter Park HS (homecoming)
September 27 th	HOME	Sandalwood HS (band senior night)
October 18 th	HOME	Raines HS

All away games open to Pep Band, but not required. Cost is \$10 and we collect wee before game

4-5:30pm

OTHER FULL BAND EVENTS:

SATURDAY October 26 th	- (Saturda <u>)</u>	FBA Marching Music Performance Assessment at Bartram Trail HS y Event 1pm to 9pm)
TUESDAY December 10 th	-	WINTER Concert
THURSDAY December 12 th	-	Jazz 1 presents "Ellington Nutcracker Suite"
WED-THUR February 5 th and 6 th	-	Jazz MPA at Creekside
FRI-SAT February 7 th and 8 th	-	Solo Ensemble #1 (state qualifying) at Nease
SATURDAY March 1 st	-	Concert MPA at Flagler Palm Coast HS
FRI-SAT April 4^{th} and 5^{th}	-	Solo Ensemble #2 at Nease
FRIDAY April 11 th	-	APOPKA Jazz Festival
TUESDAY April 22 nd	-	SPRING Concert
FRIDAY April 25 th	-	LAKESIDE Jazz Festival

CHSBBA (Creekside High School Band Booster Association)

We have a very active and supportive Band Booster organization here at Creekside. They help with every facet of our program. From raising funds to chaperoning, from providing water to nurse stations – we have a place for everyone! If you are interested in finding out more about our CHSBBA, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Hoang, CHSBBA President. <u>Diane@gatorpilot.com</u>