

Pike County High School Marching Band

2020-2021

PIRATE

PIKE COUNTY



PRIDE!

**Band Parents Association Officers
2019-2020**

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Pike County High School Pirate Regiment

(Please initial all areas with blanks to the left.)

Disclosure of Non-Discrimination

_____ The Pike County Pirate Regiment is an 8th through 12th grade marching band organization that does not discriminate against any individual based on economic status, gender, religion, race, age, sexual orientation, or any other factor. All members are given the same opportunities and privileges, and are subject to the same rules, regulations, and disciplinary actions. All members are treated fairly in terms of discipline, responsibilities, and expectations, as expressed, either directly or indirectly, in this handbook.

Code of Conduct

Being a member of the Pirate Regiment requires a high level of dedication and discipline in order to be a successful, meaningful and rewarding program. The following expectations are set in order to insure we have a successful season. Remember, discipline now, no regrets later!

Parents and Student please initial each part below stating that you have read and will comply with the Code of Conduct.

Rehearsal Atmosphere

_____ The marching field is sacred land! Once you step foot on the field, you are focused and ready to rehearse.

- Talking – none, except for questions to staff or very quick and minor observations from officers. Punishments will be assigned for this.
- No cell phones, music players, or other distractions. You either need to leave these items locked up in your car/locker/band room office or in the box provided on the field. Punishments will be assigned for this.
- The only tasks that matter when you are on the field are the ones directly related to the show (music, marching, visual, etc). Do not bring any extra “baggage” or “drama” out with you, leave it on the sidelines!
- When called to “attention” (or ‘set’), remain at this position until instructed to go to the “at ease” state. When we end a move, whether it’s one set or the entire show, please remain at attention until told to do otherwise. When not at attention, be at “stand-by” with feet at open first position and upper body relaxed. Failure to do these things will result in punishment.

_____ Indoor Music rehearsals are vital to our success. When a director (Mr. Ewing, staff member, drum major, officer, etc) is on the podium (or running a rehearsal in another part of the school or practice field), there will be no talking or individual playing. Questions can be asked by raising a hand and waiting to be called on. Nothing will be said from the podium that is not important. When the podium is empty, only then is it ok to talk, relax, etc., unless the one directing rehearsal is working with individuals on music. To be safe, wait until you are told you can talk. Punishments may be assigned.

_____ Playing when not in an ensemble situation is not allowed. Ensemble situations include sectionals (called by student leaders or director), music rehearsals inside, music rehearsals outside (warm-ups, concert set work), running sets on the field or running the entire show. You should not play in situations like moving to and from the rehearsal field, in the band room when we are not in a rehearsal situation, in the stands when we are not playing as a group, etc.

_____ Stay organized! Have your coordinate sheets, music, instrument/equipment, with you at every rehearsal. Keep track of the calendar and events/performances. These are all required.

_____ Keep current with your other school work as not to fall behind in your academic classes and have to worry about those things. Do not sign up or volunteer for meetings/other organization events that conflict with marching band rehearsals/performances (you can be part of other groups, no problem, but remember your first obligation is to the Regiment during the marching season).

_____ I will resolve issues properly, through the hierarchy of authority. If I have an issue with another student I will be mature and discuss it with that student. I will ask the Sergeant Major or Field Sergeant to moderate the discussion. If I go to Mr. Ewing prior to the discussion taking place, he will direct me to remember this guideline and go discuss with the other student, with the Sergeant Major or Field Sergeant as moderator. As a band we must respect each other enough to discuss our disagreements.

Rules and Consequences

In order to better establish guidelines, the officer candidates set into place a set of rules with appropriate consequences if the rules are broken. Obviously, common sense, self-integrity and dedication to the ensemble should prevail at all times; these are the common offenses that need to be dealt with. **Parents and Student please initial each part below stating that you have read and will comply with the Code of Conduct.**

_____ Rehearsal attendance/timeliness.

- Late to rehearsal (no excuse from teacher provided) less than 5 minutes –**1 Marching lap** (upon arrival to rehearsal)
- Late to rehearsal (no excuse from teacher provided) greater than 5 minutes –**2 Marching laps** (upon arrival to rehearsal)

_____ Cell Phone/Electronic Device use

- Use during rehearsals (inside or outside) – **3 Marching laps** immediately, with assigned officer running, as well. If this is chronic behavior, possible dismissal from band.

_____ Out of Attention position when not supposed to be – **10 push-ups**, immediately. 2nd offense, run 1 lap, immediately, with assigned officer running, as well.

_____ Talking on field without reason (only the band directors, or adult staff may talk on the field. All students must ask questions by raising hand) – **10 push-ups, then more if continued**

_____ Playing of instrument outside of appropriate time – **20 push-ups**, immediately. We play together or not at all.

_____ Late back to position after a break - **10 push-ups**, immediately

_____ Out of position on field – **10 push-ups**, immediately.

_____ Unexcused absence from rehearsal- silent dinner or bus ride.

_____ All rehearsal attire should be appropriate:

-Ladies-

Shirts: at least 1.5 inch width on straps...**no spaghetti straps**; Shirts must be long enough to cover mid-section when arms are fully extended straight up. Shirts must fit appropriately at the top.

-Shorts **MUST** be approximately to fingertips when arms hang naturally. Pants are fine, but jeans, denim, or corduroy are never allowed at practice. You simply can't properly march in them.

-Tennis shoes, Vans, Converse, or something similar (not sandals, flip-slops, or boots) and socks must always be worn at all rehearsals.

- **A hat is required**, and sunglasses highly recommended. (“The sun is in my face” is **NOT** an excuse to not be successful.) **Guard must wear hats during drill, but do not have to wear them while doing work. Front Ensemble must wear sunglasses.**

-Men-

Shirts: Shirts must be long enough to cover mid-section when arms are fully extended straight up. Shirts must fit appropriately at the top.

- Shorts **MUST** be approximately to fingertips when arms hang naturally. Pants are fine, but jeans, denim, or corduroy are never allowed at practice. You simply can't properly march in them.

-Tennis shoes (not sandals, flip-slops, or boots) and socks must always be worn at all rehearsals.

- **A hat is required**, and sunglasses highly recommended. (“The sun is in my face” is **NOT** an excuse to not be successful.) **Guard must wear hats during drill, but do not have to wear them while doing work. Front Ensemble must wear sunglasses.**

General

_____ No smoking, vaping, alcohol, or use of drugs or possession of any of these, or similar, items, will be ever permitted/tolerated. Dismissal from Regiment will likely occur for violations of this type.

_____ Members should treat all adults with respect at ALL times. Immediate punishment will occur.

_____ No member should not talk when instructions are being given

_____ Members should ALWAYS follow the instructions of the staff and chaperones.

_____ Members should be courteous toward each other, as well as toward other people (i.e. spectators, members of other bands, etc.)

_____ Profanity, vulgarity, and obscenity WILL NOT be tolerated. Immediate punishment will occur.

_____ No PDA! (Public Display of Affection) KEEP IT PG! Holding hands and brief hugs are o.k.

_____ Students should maintain passing grades. Failing 1-2 classes places student on probation until next progress report/report card and if student does not get the grades to passing, the student may be dismissed from the Regiment for 2 weeks. Failing more than 2 classes will cause the student to be dismissed from Regiment for 2 weeks without question. If grades do not improve the student will be dismissed indefinitely.

_____ If a student is dismissed or quits Regiment for any reason, no monies paid or fundraised will be refunded to the student.

Rehearsal

_____ Members should be attentive and refrain from talking.

_____ Members should remain still and silent when called to attention

Bus

_____ Members must remain seated when the bus is in motion.

_____ Silence must be maintained at all railroad crossings or when requested by the bus driver or band staff.

_____ Members must keep all appendages inside the bus at all times.

_____ When leaving a football game, all windows must be closed and uniforms stored properly.

Directors and chaperones will instruct you when windows may be opened.

_____ Audio/video equipment is prohibited on the bus unless it is used with a personal listening device (i.e. headphones). Anyone not following this rule will have his or her equipment confiscated. A parent/guardian may retrieve these items from the main office according to school policy.

_____ No disorderly conduct will be tolerated.

_____ Members must remain on the bus until instructed to exit by the staff.

_____ Members should remove all personal items and trash from the bus.

_____ There will be no changing of clothes in any capacity on the bus.

Stands

_____ Regiment members must sit as a group in the stands with staff and chaperones on the perimeter of the ensemble. All other persons are prohibited from sitting in the band set.

_____ Regiment members are placed in the band block for specific reasons. Students are prohibited from changing seating assignments.

_____ Members may not remove any portion of their uniform, including the hat, unless given permission to do so by the director or drum major. No exceptions.

_____ Letterman jackets and hoodies/guard jackets may be worn ONLY when it is very cold and announced BEFORE the game by the director that it is allowed. Otherwise, these items should not be taken to the game. Failure to comply may result in disallowance of this privilege altogether.

_____ Members may not play their individual instruments except when instructed to do so by a staff member or a drum major. **Individual playing is prohibited!**

_____ Non band members and parents may not bring food or drinks to band members while seated in the band block. Bottled water is always allowed.

_____ Following the half-time performance, members will be given time to visit the restrooms, concession stands, etc. They are expected to be back in their assigned seats, ready to play, with one minutes remaining in the third quarter. **Breaks are given at the discretion of the director; these breaks are privileges, not rights!**

_____ Spirit is great, but cheering should be done with the cheerleaders or as a group.

_____ After the game, each section leader should see that his/her squad has cleaned up their seating area; this includes music, folders, gloves, hats, etc.

Other Items:

_____ The Pirate Regiment page on FaceBook is the official means of mass communication to the Regiment as a whole. Announcements made here by Mr. Ewing, or the Executive Board, or announcements approved by Mr. Ewing, are considered official. Therefore, each member must be a member of this page, or have at least 1 parent/guardian who is a member of this page. "I didn't know" is not an excuse if it is posted to this page. Facebook is a free app and can be downloaded on the Google Play store or App Store.

_____ The Pirate County Color Guard page on FaceBook is the official means of mass communication to the Regiment as a whole. Announcements made here by Mr. Ewing, or the Executive Board, or announcements approved by Mr. Ewing, are considered official. Therefore, each Color Guard member must be a member of this page, or have at least 1 parent/guardian who is a member of this page, as well as be a member of the Regiment Page. "I didn't know" is not an excuse if it is posted to this page. Facebook is a free app and can be downloaded on the Google Play store or App Store.

_____ The Regiment only functions at 100% when each member functions at 100%. Therefore, each member is expected to give 100% at every rehearsal and performance, and to grow as a musician and visual marcher to their fullest capability. I understand that I will be expected to not let the Regiment down and it is my responsibility to not be the cause of low scores at competition.

_____ **ALLERGEN ALERT:** Some students have severe allergies to peanuts, including airborne particles. Therefore, the Regiment, until further notice, will be a PEANUT FREE ZONE. No student is ever to bring peanuts, peanut butter, or anything containing peanuts to a Regiment practice, performance or any event. Thank you, for your understanding.

Travel/Tips

_____ You are expected to conduct yourself properly at all times while traveling with the band. Please remember that you are representing not only yourself, but also your community, and your family. Conduct yourselves as young ladies and gentlemen so that you can be treated as such. While traveling with the band, you must remain with the group. All students must ride the bus to and from all band functions unless special permission has been acquired before the trip. Students may be checked out by a parent or guardian only, and both the student and parent must see Mr. Ewing to check out.

Uniforms

_____ The Pirate Regiment band uniform should provide each member with a spirit of unity and a sense of purpose and pride. You should therefore give the utmost care to the uniform and in no way become careless with it.

Each band member will be issued an official PCHS Band uniform. A parent volunteer (Uniform Manager) will make every effort to properly size and fit each member. Should you encounter problems with your uniform, report it immediately to the Uniform Manager. The time for repairs is not an hour before a

performance. The loss or destruction of the uniform, or any part thereof, will be financially assessed and charged to the student.

Each student is responsible for providing his/her own **black marching band** shoes, **black** socks, and **clean, black** gloves (at least 2 pair recommended).

Uniform Regulation

1. The quarter masters and uniform parent volunteers have the right to ensure you and your uniform are up to code. Their instructions in regard to uniform are the law.
2. Uniforms are to be properly hung after each use. See quarter master with questions.
3. Uniforms may only be worn to official band performances and personal pictures.
4. Members should wear the uniform with PRIDE. When wearing the uniform:
 - a. Always have it buttoned up and zipped up
 - b. No wrinkles.
 - c. Shoes cleaned
 - d. Band unity shirt must be worn, unless otherwise said by Mr. Ewing.
5. No items will be attached to the uniform, such as pins or tape/glue/ect.
6. Hair should be neat, well groomed, and kept out of the face.
7. Jewelry is limited to a watch, one ring, and simple stud earrings. No other visible jewelry or clothing articles are allowed, unless specifically stated by Mr. Ewing.
8. In situations where the band is traveling and the uniform is not being worn, you are to properly hang and cover the uniform in your garment bag.
9. When jackets are taken off in the stands, the jacket **MUST** be turned inside out, so that no outside fabric is touching the stands.
10. NEVER put part of your uniform on the ground.
11. No student should ever eat while wearing the Uniform Jacket. If the weather is below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, then the student should bring an alternative jacket to eat in, if desired.
12. If you are not in full uniform, including black socks and gloves, the student will be assigned a seat on the bus away from other students and required to be silent. This punishment will remain for the season.
13. The Regiment stays in uniform together. If one person forgets their unity shirt, we all keep our jackets on. Guard must all wear same outerwear when cold weather happens, such as guard jackets. No mixing and matching.
14. Infractions of the above rules will be punished in a manner that Mr. Ewing deems appropriate. These punishments may include silent bus rides, laps, push-ups, spinning the punishment wheel, or if needed, paying for damages to the uniform. This goes for the guard uniforms, as well.

_____ **I understand the Uniform Rules and travel Tips and will abide by them. If I do not, I accept the any consequences deemed appropriate by Mr. Ewing.**

Equipment/Instruments

1. Each member is responsible for the maintenance and care of his/her instrument.
2. All school-owned band equipment must be checked out through the band director. Once issued, school owned instruments become the responsibility of the student for proper care, maintenance, and protection from damage. Students using school-owned instruments will be responsible for and charged for any damages beyond normal wear and tear.
3. All appropriate marching instruments must be equipped with a lyre, or the student must have the ability to hold the music while playing. Memorizing stands tunes is NOT an alternative to this.
4. The rehearsal room and instrument storage areas are not for your personal storage. Use your school locker for personal items. ONLY instruments and music may be stored in your band locker. The music must be kept in a folder or binder. Other items found in these lockers will be removed by Mr. Ewing or an officer, and the student must see Mr. Ewing to retrieve them, and shall be punished accordingly. Flip folders will be returned after each game.

_____ **I understand the Equipment/Instrument Rules and will abide by them. If I do not, I accept the above consequences.**

General Disclaimer:

The Director of Bands (Mr. Ewing) has the final say on all matters relating to the Pirate Regiment, including, but not limited to, discipline, show and uniform selection, competitions, and student participation. For a successful Regiment all stakeholders (students and parents) should understand and respect this authority of the Director of Bands.

_____ **I understand the authority of the Director of Bands (Mr. Ewing) and will respect any decisions made by him/her.**

Officers

Pike County High School Band members have an excellent opportunity to develop and expand their leadership abilities. Band officers have many important responsibilities ranging from welcoming visiting bands to aiding in maintaining order and discipline. An officer's responsibilities will be valid only at Regiment functions and rehearsals (including immediately after school), unless specifically dictated or orated by Mr. Ewing.

Section Leaders

These positions will be filled on playing and leadership abilities. The duties and responsibilities are:

- In charge of uniformity in each section.
- Responsible for requesting and conducting section rehearsals when appropriate.
- Assist in maintaining order and assigning discipline when a section member does not abide by this handbook.
- Is a member of the "Leadership"
- Inspecting all section members prior to each performance.

- Making sure his/her section area of the rehearsal and performance is kept clean and orderly.
- May make reasonable requests to any Regiment member, regardless of section.
- May discuss with Mr. Ewing, any discipline issues for any Regiment member, regardless of section. Mr. Ewing will then discuss that student with their section leader (according to the hierarchy) to determine proper discipline.

Drum Major

The Drum Major will be chosen through an audition procedure in the Spring of every year. Students that audition must be an instrumentalist and have completed at least two years in Regiment, have an exemplary academic record; possess band enthusiasm, musical talent, and leadership abilities. The duties and responsibilities are:

- Conduct the band at all rehearsals and performances, as directed by Mr. Ewing
- Maintain band discipline and be vigilant in enforcement of this handbook
- Assist the director of bands and section leaders in sectional rehearsals
- Represent the Band at all functions

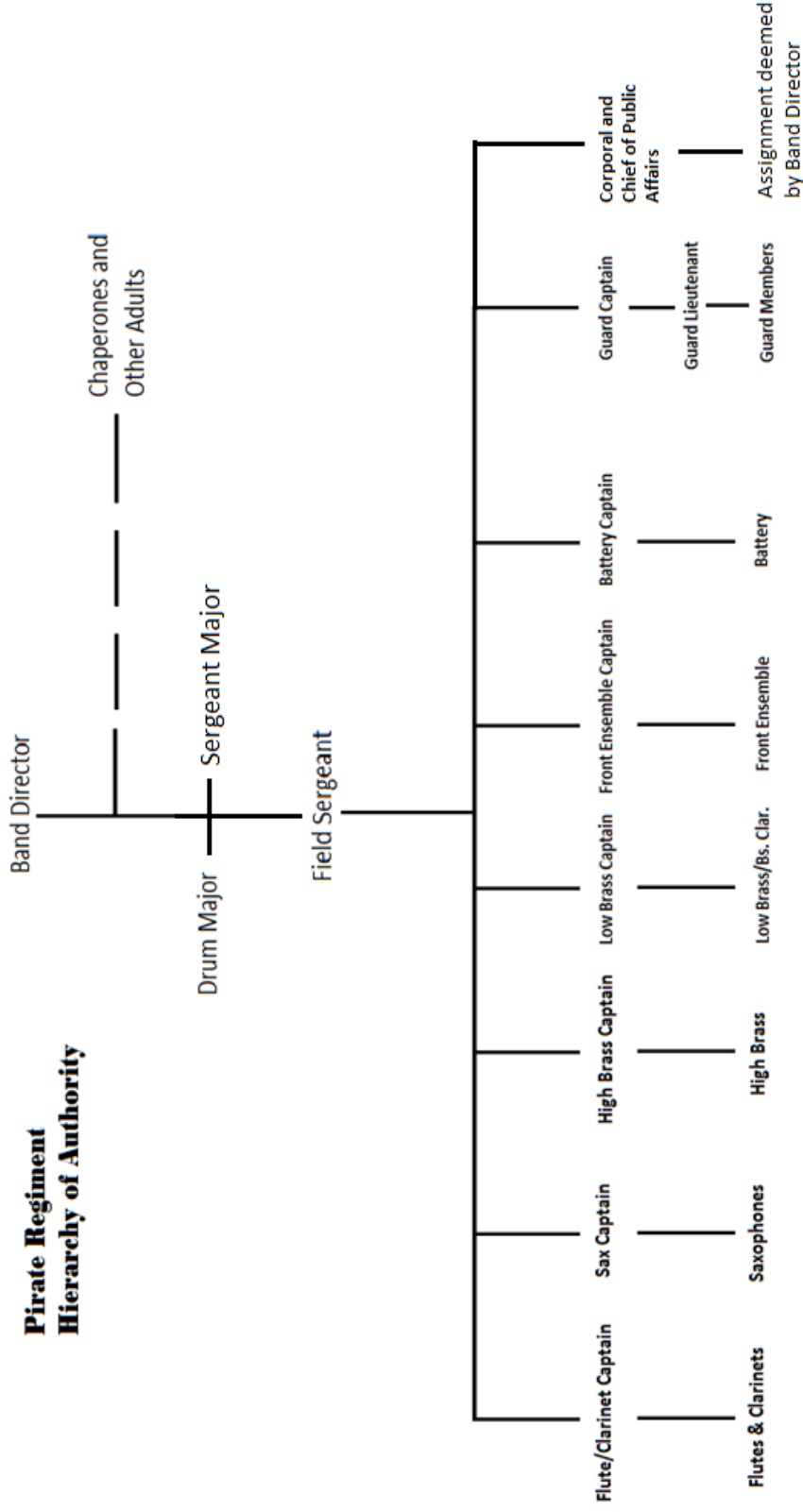
PLEASE SEE THE PIRATE REGIMENT HIERARCHY OF AUTHORITY ON THE NEXT PAGE:

_____ I understand and will respect the Regiment Hierarchy of Authority, the officers and their duties, as well as all rules and disciplines set forth by Mr. Ewing and the Officers (Leadership).

_____ In addition to the leadership listed on the hierarchy of authority, 1 non-leadership position will be voted on by the students each week of the Fall season. The Sergeant Major will set up the blind vote and announce the winner each Monday morning on the Regiment FaceBook Page. This position can be any member of the Regiment and will be the weekly “President” of the Regiment and will have the following duties and privileges:

1. Be the #1 Regiment “cheerleader” for that week.
2. Be the first in line for dinner for their appropriate years of service
3. Be the first to water breaks for that week.
4. “President” cannot be awarded to the same person twice in a 4 week span

**Pirate Regiment
Hierarchy of Authority**



* Any reasonable request from any officer should be honored without question.

PCHS Pirate Regiment Commitment to Schedule

I, _____, the parent/guardian of Pirate Regiment Member _____, agree to abide by the calendar presented to me, with the understanding that small alterations may occur throughout the year. These alterations will be posted to the Face Book Regiment page, and/or announced in rehearsal. This agreement includes adhering to the payment schedule for dues, trips, and other expenses, whether present on the calendar or otherwise.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

**Pike County Board of Education
Medical Release Form
Treatment Authorization**

P.O Box 901 ♦ Zebulon, GA 30295

To Whom It May Concern:

By reason of _____ participating in a group activity sponsored by
(student's name)

Pike County Board of Education and because he/she is traveling with that group as a student representative of Pike County Schools, I as parent and/or legal guardian of him/her hereby authorize any emergency medical treatment by a physician or surgeon attached to the staff of an accredited hospital, if such treatment be deemed necessary.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

(Parent/Guardian)

This ____ day of _____, 20____.

I give permission for my son/daughter to receive a pain relief medicine such as Tylenol, Aspirin, or Ibuprofen in the strict dose prescribe on the container, from the band medical kit as needed on band functions.

Notary Public, _____, County, Georgia

My commission expires _____.

(Parent/Guardian)

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

_____ Zip _____ _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Name of Insurance Company _____

Address _____

Insured's Name _____

Policy Number _____

Student's Name _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone Number _____

**PLEASE LIST ANY CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND/OR
MEDICATIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM!!!**

PIKE COUNTY PIRATE REGIMENT

Permission to Travel

I, _____, parent/guardian of the following student of Pike County High School, _____, give permission for my child to travel with the Pike County High School Band to marching band activities including football games, marching competitions, and parades as scheduled throughout the 2018-2019 marching band “season”, which encompasses July-December. In addition, I give my child permission to attend band camp at Pike County High School, Zebulon, GA.

Signed this day, _____.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Printed Name _____

Student Printed Name _____

PCHS Pirate Regiment Marching Band
Student & Family Information Sheet

Student's First Name M.I. Last Name

Student's E-mail address Instrument Marching with or Guard

Home Mailing Address City State, Zip

Student's Home Phone Cell Phone

Student Is: Male Female Birth date _____

Student Is: New to Marching Band Returning Member

Graduation Year: 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Shoe Size will be in September _____

Parent information

Mother's First Name Last Name

Mother's Cell Phone Work Phone email address

Mother's Occupation

Father's First Name Last Name

Father's Cell Phone Work Phone email address

Father's Occupation

Please note that information given by the Mr. Ewing and the Band Boosters will be done through Facebook or by email, if email is not available please circle the number above that is to be called.

Marching Band Fees, Colorguard Fees and Refund Policy

(Summer payments should be mailed to Pike County Band Boosters, P.O. Box 901, Zebulon, Ga 30295. When school is in session, other payments can be mailed in or submitted in person to the band room box.)

Band Fees include Unity Shirt & Show Shirt, Meals every Friday night during game season, gloves, uniform rental and maintenance fee, Band Camp fees and instructor fees. For New students, they will also receive a Poncho and marching shoes.

MARCHING BAND FEES \$600 Total

- July 1, 2020.....\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit
- August 1, 2020.....\$150
- September 1, 2020.....\$100
- October 1, 2020.....\$100
- November 1, 2020.....\$150

All Guard Fees include Unity Shirt & Show Shirt, new Guard Uniform, gloves, shoes, make-up, flag/sabre rental, instructor fee, Meals every Friday night during game season, and Band Camp fees For new students they will also receive a Warm up suit and Poncho.

COLORGUARD FEES \$700 Total

- July 1, 2020.....\$100 Non-Refundable Deposit
- August 1, 2020.....\$200
- September 1, 2020.....\$200
- October 1, 2020.....\$100
- November 1, 2020.....\$100

Potential TOTAL MARCHING FEES (if all fees are paid Volunteer Credits are completed) \$450 for Band \$550 for Colorguard

If no Volunteer Credits are completed, then you owe the ENTIRE AMOUNT of \$600 for Band or \$700 for Color Guard by the **November 1** Final Payment date. Non-payment will result in student not being allowed to attend End of Season Awards Banquet, participating the following year and turning the amount owed over to the Pike County High School Account, and must be collected by graduation.

REVISED VOLUNTEER CREDIT PROCEDURES:

ALL CANCELLATIONS:

Before July 15th, 2020 – PCHS Band Boosters will keep the \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit and will refund any additional fees paid (not fundraised) up to that date. Funds raised will go to the general fund.

After July 15th, 2020 – PCHS Band Boosters will keep the \$100 Non-Refundable Deposit and any additional fees paid or fundraised: no refunds.

Payment and Participation Agreement

By signing this form, you are agreeing to participate in the Pike County High School Marching Band Program for the 2020 Fall season. As a student member of this performing ensemble, it will be **your**

responsibility to attend ALL scheduled camps, rehearsals, parades, football games, community performances and competitions. Please understand this is a co-curricular activity outside of the public school funded programs and your monetary support is necessary for the success of the program. In addition to participation, you are agreeing to pay the fees associated with this activity, which are outlined above, and fully understand the Pike County High School Marching Band Booster Credit, Refund and Cancellation policy.

Parent Printed Name_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Printed Name_____

Student Signature

Date

Pirate Regiment Handbook Agreement

I, along with my son/daughter have read the handbook, agree to the handbook, and will abide by the handbook, in its entirety.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____