



HOW TO RECEIVE UPDATES AND INFORMATION FROM THE CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, the Charlotte High School Bands will be using electronic communication via text messaging, email, and the band website as the primary means for communicating information to parents and students. We have discontinued the use of the *Remind* system used previously, and will be using the *RainedOut* system going forward. Please note the following important points:

- Messages can be viewed three different ways, depending on your preferences and available technology:
 1. Standard text messages by “opting in” on a mobile phone.
 2. Email by “opting in” through the band page on the RainedOut website.
 3. On the main page of the band web site at www.charlottebands.org
- ***Detailed instructions and options for “opting in” are on the reverse side of this page.***
- There is no “app” to install on your phone or computer.
- Users are not enrolled by the band program- you must “opt in” to receive the messages, and you can “opt out” at any time.
- Please note that there are three “subgroups” available to join for students, parents, and fans/friends of the band. You can choose one of these, or you can opt to receive messages from all groups. We try to avoid sending unnecessary messages, but by joining only a subgroup you can get only the messages that apply to you. It is not necessary to join more than one group- you will always get the important messages that we send to ALL groups.
- Documents such as schedules, itineraries, memos, and maps will be attached as links. It is often easier to view and print these documents from the message panel on the band website, and *there will always be backup paper copies available on the table just outside of Mr. Rose’s office in the CHS band room. These paper copies will not be distributed to all of the students, and parents or students will need to retrieve them from the table if this is your preferred format.*

“OPTING IN” TO THE CHS BAND TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM

Please remember that you will not be “automatically” added to the system- you must opt in to receive messages.

OPTION ONE- Receive standard SMS text messages on your phone. Just text one of the codes listed below to 84483 to subscribe. You can always stop the messages by texting STOP or UNSUBSCRIBE to the same number.

STUDENTS- text **CHSMBKID** to 84483

PARENTS- text **CHSMBPARENT** to 84483

FRIENDS/FANS of the Band- text **CHSBANDFAN** to 84483

TO RECEIVE ALL MESSAGES FOR ALL GROUPS- text **ORIOLEBAND** to 84483

Please note that it is not necessary to join more than one group- we will send important messages and updates to of the ALL groups.

OPTION TWO- Receive the messages by email at your preferred address. Type the following link into your web browser to start the subscription process. It’s easy and takes just 2-3 minutes.

https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=6c820cd4fed1ce670f5f

If you would rather not type in the link address above, you can find a clickable link at the bottom of the “Recent Updates from the CHS Bands” panel on the main page of the band web site at www.charlottebands.org

OPTION THREE- View the messages on the band website using any web browser (Firefox, Chrome, etc). Just go to www.charlottebands.org and look for the “Recent Updates from the CHS Bands” panel on the main page of the website. This is often a much more convenient place to scroll through to find past messages or print out documents even if you also receive the messages on your phone.

Next to the “Recent Updates” panel you will also find an “Upcoming Events” panel linked to the band Google calendar. *PRO TIP for students and other Gmail users-* If you click on the  button at the bottom of the calendar panel, you can subscribe to the band calendar to add all band events to your own calendar. As we add or change dates, they will also update automatically for you.

If you need assistance with subscribing to either the band text message system or the band Google calendar, please see Mr. Rose, email rosej@charlottenet.org, or call the CHS band office at 541-5693.