



Ryan Raider Band

2015 - 2016

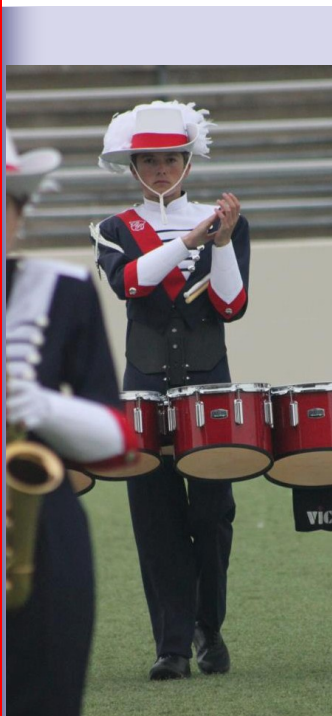
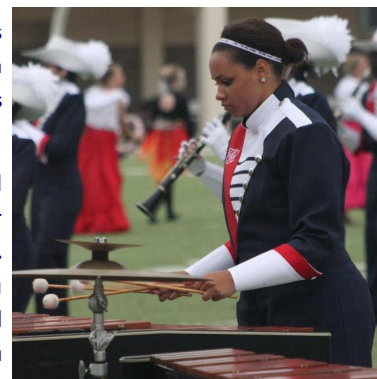
You as a Ryan Raider

Entering high school is an important step but one you are sure to enjoy because you are about to become a Ryan Raider. Students at RHS share lots of fun and exciting activities. Raiders also enjoy a strong tradition of excellence. Ryan High is called the "Home of Champions" because we have a championship caliber attitude in the classroom, the playing field, and the stage.

As a member of the Ryan Raider Band you will be in one of the largest organizations on campus. You will find Raider Band students are also active in a variety of sports, clubs, student council, and advanced health and technol-

ogy courses. Many of Ryan's top performing students are in band including valedictorians and salutatorians.

You have been prepared for high school band by your middle school band directors. We are thrilled about having you as a member of the band program at Ryan. There is a place for everyone, including you. It is our mission to maintain a program that you will enjoy and continue to develop your musical skills. Each student finds that there is a wide array of musical experiences in the Ryan band and various levels of challenge available in the program. Are you ready to be a Ryan Raider?



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Ryan High School
"Home of Champions"
5101 E. McKinney St.
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Award-winning Bands

The Raider Band proudly holds a tradition of excellence. Consistent UIL 1st Division ratings have been earned by the marching band, varsity bands, non-varsity bands, and a multitude of soloists and small ensembles. The Raider Marching Band is a consistent

UIL Area Finalist. All of our concert bands have won awards at festivals across the nation.

Raider Band members are also consistently selected for positions in the TMEA All-Region and All-State Bands.

What's In It for You?

Great Music... At middle school you have just begun to discover your musical capabilities. You will enjoy performing a wide variety of music at the high school level with a large number of student musicians just like you.

Friendships... You and your friends from 8th grade band will have around 180 friends in common at RHS. This is an

awesome network of people for friendship or help in the classroom and around campus.

Fun Trips... As a member of the Raider Band you will go on fun trips to Raider football games, band contests, and festivals at destinations such as Hollywood, Orlando, Cozumel, South Padre Island, Colorado, St. Louis, Indianapolis, and many more.

Unforgettable Experiences...

Raider Band graduates talk about their unforgettable memories they made together in rehearsals, trips, contests, and many fun events we have. As a member of the Raider Band, you can build friendships, skills, and character. We are looking forward to helping you create many memorable experiences at RHS.



In 2012,
students who
participated
in school music
organizations
scored **31**
points higher
on the SAT
than students
without music
course work.



"I grew up watching the Raider Band and couldn't wait to be a part of it. Being in the band is one of my favorite things about high school. I love it!"
- Emily Staniszewski,
Class of 2013

"What is different about High School Band?"

We realize that the move to high school can sometimes be an overwhelming experience for incoming 9th graders. We offer options that allow new Raider Band members to transition to high school band at a commitment level for which they feel prepared.

August-October is marching band season when we combine all the band classes to form one giant band. Students that want to be a part of the marching band contest show will follow the rehearsal schedule described below. 9th grad-

ers that want to be part of the contest show must be at all of the RHS pre-season band camp and be prepared to dedicate the amount of time required in order to hold a position in the show.

Students that do not attend the camp will be assigned as an alternate in the marching contest show but still have the option to earn a spot of their own.

Regardless of contest show status, every band student will have their own position in the

Spirit Show that we perform in pre-game and playoff games. All band students will also be a part of our halftime performance for the Strutters and perform music throughout the games in the bleachers.

During the school day, band students rehearse in separate classes: Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Percussion Class. Beginning in November and throughout the 2nd semester each of these classes has unique rehearsal requirements.

Scheduling

Ryan High School uses an A/B block schedule with some classes meeting 90 minutes every other day and some are 55 minutes every day. **9th grade woodwinds and brass sign up for Concert Band 1** that meets 5th period 3:15-4:10pm every day. **9th grade percussionists sign up for Percussion 1** that meets A-days, 2nd period.

August - October, all students in band classes are combined to form the Raider Marching Band. On game day, all students are required to meet at 7:00am to rehearse the pre-game and halftime shows. In order for students to maintain a position in the contest show they must attend all rehearsals Tue-Fri 7:00-8:30am and Mondays 4:30-6:30pm through the end of October.

In **December**, students will audition and have the opportunity to move up a band. Stu-

dents who advance to a higher band must be able to change their band class for the 2nd semester. All three concert bands will prepare music for the UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest and perform concerts during the 2nd semester.

During the 2nd semester, the **Wind Symphony (varsity)** meets A-days 7:30-8:40am and during 2nd period on B-days. The **Symphonic Band (non-varsity A)** meets 1st period every day. **Concert Band (non-varsity B)** meets 5th period every day.

The **Jazz Band** class meets during 4th period on A-days. Students who play the following instruments may audition for Jazz Band: saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, piano, bass, or drumset. Students must audition in May for final approval of membership



Rehearsal at the Bands of America National Festival

in the jazz band. The jazz band performs in a variety of concerts, jazz festivals, and local performances each year.

About half of our students take **private lessons**. Our excellent lesson teachers conveniently teach on campus during band classes and before or after school.

Many Raider Band members are also involved in sports and other fine arts activities.

The band directors work closely with the RHS coaches and sponsors to make it possible for students to participate in all the activities that interest them. Good communication between teachers, students, and parents helps alleviate potential schedule problems.

Trips

Raider Band students may be involved in overnight trips to Area and State level contests. Denton ISD provides all funds necessary for students to participate in UIL/TMEA contests when students advance beyond the Region level.

Marching Band members also enjoy many fun road trips in support of Raider varsity football games. The Raider Band is proud to be a part of the game atmosphere and winning tradition that is Ryan Raider football.

the 2nd semester. This trip is normally not a requirement for students but we like as many students as possible to go on the trip and enjoy the experience. Our booster club sponsors fundraisers that help lower the out-of-pocket cost of this trip each year. As long as there is an adequate number of participants, every Raider Band (varsity, non-varsity bands, and jazz) will have an opportunity to perform on the trip.

Every other year, the Raider Bands take a big trip to a music festival in



Performing in Cowboys Stadium



Performances and Contests

The Raider Marching Band performs at all varsity football games. All students perform at halftime and during the game in the bleachers. Students performing in the contest show will perform in 3-5 contests during October (contest schedule TBD).

The TMEA Region 2 Band Auditions take place early Dec. All varsity students participate in these auditions. Students that advance will audition at Area

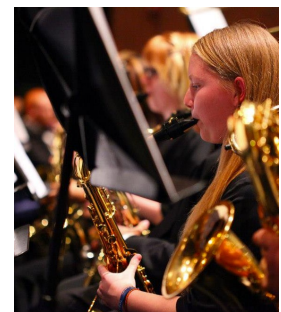
(Jan) and State (Feb).

UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest is in late Feb.-early March. DISD Solo and Ensemble Contest is in May. All eligible band students perform in a small ensemble or a solo or both.

The Raider Jazz Ensemble performs Fall and Spring Concerts and performs in various festivals each year including the annual Denton Arts and Jazz Fest in April.

The Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band will perform 4-5 concerts during the following months: December, Pre-UIL Concerts in March, UIL in April, and an end of the year Spring Concert. The Ryan band program is a consistent **UIL Sweepstakes** Award recipient for its 1st Division "Superior" ratings in concert, sight-reading, and marching band.

Students can receive money from colleges or universities by playing in college bands. Many Raider Band graduates perform in college bands, both as non-majors and music majors.



70% of the nation's major universities report that "**participation in a musical organization**" is a taken into higher consideration than standardized test scores for admission.



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Parents... We would love to have you involved as an active participant in your child's activities in band. The **RYAN RAIDER BAND BOOSTER CLUB** is one of the best support organizations in the community. A large number of band parents participate in a variety of ways through the booster club. Not only will you get to be a part of the Raider Band's activities, you will have a lot of fun too! Be a part of the parent team that supports the band on trips and special events. A large part of the Raider Band's success is due to the great support from the Booster Club parents. More information will be available at **New Student & Parent Orientation, March 26, 2015, 7:00 PM.**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

Fill out your RHS course card. All 9th graders sign up for these course numbers. Any changes after placement auditions will be made by the directors.

Woodwinds/Brass... 31116 CONCERT BAND 1

Percussion... 31110 PERCUSSION 1

Jazz Band... 31125 JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1

APRIL 27-28

Auditions are only required in the following cases. Audition materials will be provided at the middle school.

- All Percussionists
- Woodwinds and Brass that want to be considered for Symphonic Band or Wind Symphony
- Jazz Band

MAY 30 - SUPER SATURDAY

9:00am-12:00pm Band Registration Open

12:00-12:50pm Lunch

1:00-6:00pm Play all of our Fall 2015 music

JULY 30 - SUMMER BAND CAMP BEGINS

This camp is for all 2015-16 band members. Students must attend this camp to earn a position in the fall contest show. This camp is at RHS and is no additional cost. We will teach marching fundamentals, learn the 2015 contest show, assign uniforms, and much more. The complete camp schedule will be distributed at Super Saturday and posted on the Raider Band website:

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