



**WIREGRASS RANCH HIGH  
SCHOOL BAND AND GUARD**

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Dear Wiregrass Ranch High School Band member,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as a member of the 2011-2012 Wiregrass Ranch High School Band Program. You have you decided to embark on a musical journey that will take you to heights that you'd never thought you could achieve.

As you strive for musical excellence throughout this year, you may notice a few things that have been made more streamlined and efficient. First is that we are providing a calendar of events very early this year. While there may some changes to the calendar throughout the course of the school year, most events will be as they are presented. Please make every effort to plan around band events. Every student is an extremely valuable and necessary part of the organization; absences negatively affect EVERYONE. A successful band is more than the sum of its parts. The second change this year is the use of the "Charms" online database and communications application.

Enclosed in this packet is an instruction page for the use of "Charms". Each student will have an account that can be accessed from any web enabled device. "Charms" will allow each individual student to see things such as account balances, inventory items checked out, volunteer opportunities (students and parents), forms that have been submitted, etc. Each student will also be using "Charms" to log practice minutes and to do their band "homework".

**As a communications database, "Charms" is only as good as the information it contains. Once your account is set up, the first thing you should do is fill in the personal information in the "personal info" section.**

**Your "Charms" account will be set up by June 3rd as long as we have a copy of the student's name and student ID number.**

All of the enclosed paperwork should be turned in during summer band rehearsals (beginning Aug 8). Please remember that the "Power of Attorney" form needs to be notarized.

The handbook signature page will need to be signed as well. The handbook itself can be found on [www.WRHSmusic.com](http://www.WRHSmusic.com) . If you would like a hard copy printed, please let me know and I'll get one to you ASAP.

Please continually check the website ([www.WRHSmusic.com](http://www.WRHSmusic.com)) over the summer as we will be updating it as new information becomes available. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

George DeGuzman