



Apopka High School  
2026-2027



# Blue Darter Bands

Work Hard. Play Hard. All Day. All Blue.  
#iegyb

**Band Parent Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 19th, 2026**  
**Welcome New Members & Parents!**

# Fall 2026 Blue Darter Marching Band



*Dance With Me*



Let The Journey Begin!



The Fall 2026 Blue Darter Marching Band  
will proudly present...

Dance With Me





# Welcome! JL

- What Do I Need To Know To Get Started?
- Mr. Langford, Director
  - [jeremy.langford@ocps.net](mailto:jeremy.langford@ocps.net)
- Mr. Langston, Associate Director
  - [thomas.langston@ocps.net](mailto:thomas.langston@ocps.net)
- All Teacher Email = [first.last@ocps.net](mailto:first.last@ocps.net)



# Staying Connected... TL

- [www.apopkabands.com](http://www.apopkabands.com)
- Band App (Use QR below!)
- Cuttime
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram)



# ✨ Band App - QR Code ✨





# The Schedule... TL

- Stay up-to-date: [www.apopkabands.com](http://www.apopkabands.com)
  - Calendar Page
  - Weekly Updates
- Band Camp: July 20th - 31st
- BDMB Season: Tuesday's & Friday's (2 Saturdays)
  - Halloween is last day of BMDDB
- Prism Weeks (2)
- Spring Concert Rehearsals (45 Minutes/1 Day Per Week)



# Band Camp... JL

- Two Weeks Of Prep
- Yep, gotta be there.
- Schedule posted soon to know which days to plan on... Depends on your area: Leadership, Percussion, Guard, Winds, Rookies, etc.
  - Will not be two full weeks for everyone.
  - Premier Show on Friday, July 31st 6:30 PM
- Provide lunch and snack.
- \$50 Band Camp Fee - New For 2026!
  - Paid prior to camp. Covers staff costs.
  - Payment Links provided soon via website.



# The Classes... TL

- 5 Concert Classes
- 2 Jazz Classes
- Next year...
- Class attendance is essential. If you are part-time attendee, plan for part-time growth.



# The Finances... JL

- \$250.00 Fair Share
  - Covers music/visual purchases, instructors, administrative costs, etc.
- \$50.00 Band Camp
  - Paid PRIOR to camp.
- \$100.00 School-Owned Instrument Usage Fee
  - Percussion, Low Brass, Low Reeds, etc.
- Uniform Costs (TBD)
  - Purchased in advance prior to pick up (via GoFan)
  - Shorts, Ball Cap, Concert Uniform
  - Show Tshirt, Jersey, Practice Shirt included in Fair Share, replacements are not.
- Possible Trip?
  - Costs would be above and beyond. Info would during summer if proceeding.



# The Fundraising... JL

- We offer multiple opportunities for students to earn their Fair Share costs throughout the year.
- Biggies:
  - Instaraise (Band Camp)
  - Papa Johns Cards (Nifty 50) September(ish)
  - More to come!



# The Boosters... JL

- How Can I Help Serve To Make This Experience Possible?
  - Chaperones
  - Concessions (Fall Football)
  - Uniforms
  - Finance
  - Travel/Logistics
  - Hospitality
  - Media (Photography/Videography)
  - Social Media
  - Coordination/Project Management
  - Got other talents that can benefit the kiddos? Let us know!



# ECG & Physicals...

- ECG & Physicals
  - [www.apopkabands.com](http://www.apopkabands.com)
- The Process
  - ECG: One Time Only (Baseline)
  - Physical: Yearly
- Mrs. Janice Pedroza



# Uniforms...

- Many parts!
- Jersey, Tshirts (Show, Practice), Concert, Shorts, Ballcaps
- GoFan
  - Paid in advance
- Mrs. Erika Novak & Mrs. Janice Pedroza



# Finance...

- Finance Page
  - [www.apopkabands.com](http://www.apopkabands.com)
  - What do I need to be aware of?
    - SchoolCashOnline
    - GoFan
    - TeachTix
    - Cuttime
    - [apkbandfinance@gmail.com](mailto:apkbandfinance@gmail.com)
- Our Finance Team
  - Mrs. Laura Hurst
  - Mrs. Kim Weyland



# So I'm New...

- What Do I Need To Know That I Do Not Know?
- Mrs. Adrienne Maynard

# Plan For Success... Updated Handbook



- Coming Summer 2026!



# Abbreviations JL

- IEGYB: In Everything, \_\_\_\_\_!
- GPDGT: Good People, \_\_\_\_\_!
- APK: Apopka!
- MPA: Music Performance Assessment
- FBA: Florida Bandmasters Association
- PMA: Progress Monitoring Assessment
- CFE: Common Final Exam
- ???



# What Do I Need To Know... JL

- Straight shooter. So...
  - Comparison is the thief of joy.
  - Success takes effort.
  - Showing up is literally half of the battle.
    - Engagement is the other half.
    - Keep the phone put away... “but I need to get in touch with my child...” :)
  - Anything worth doing is worth doing right.
    - If you don't have time to do it right, when will you find the time to do it over?
  - Let them do it.
    - Getting brazen in my old age - but - it is on behalf of students. Let the learning be their experience. Guide them, and let them fail. Leads to tremendous learning.
  - Band is NOT life. Only part of it...



# When Will We See Each Other Again?...

**TL**

- July! Band Camp!
- Updates:
  - [www.apopkabands.com](http://www.apopkabands.com)
  - Band App
  - Social Media

# Got Questions... JL/TL

- Ask away!

