

HS Band 101

You're about to join one of the
BEST Programs at Chisholm
Trail High School

The Ranger Regiment Band

Meet Your Directors

Derrick Doyle

Director of Bands

- Grew up on a dairy farm in Arkansas
- I've been teaching in EMS ISD for 17 years
- I've been at CTHS since it opened in 2012
- I love reading, running, and the Arkansas Razorbacks



Emily Rivers

Assistant Band Director/Woodwind Specialist

- Has been working in EMS ISD for four years
- Went to TCU (Go Frogs!)
- Can Moonwalk
- Loves swimming, playing Nintendo Switch, and spending time with her family
- Has 5-month old baby!



Ryan Miller

Assistant Band Director/Percussion Specialist

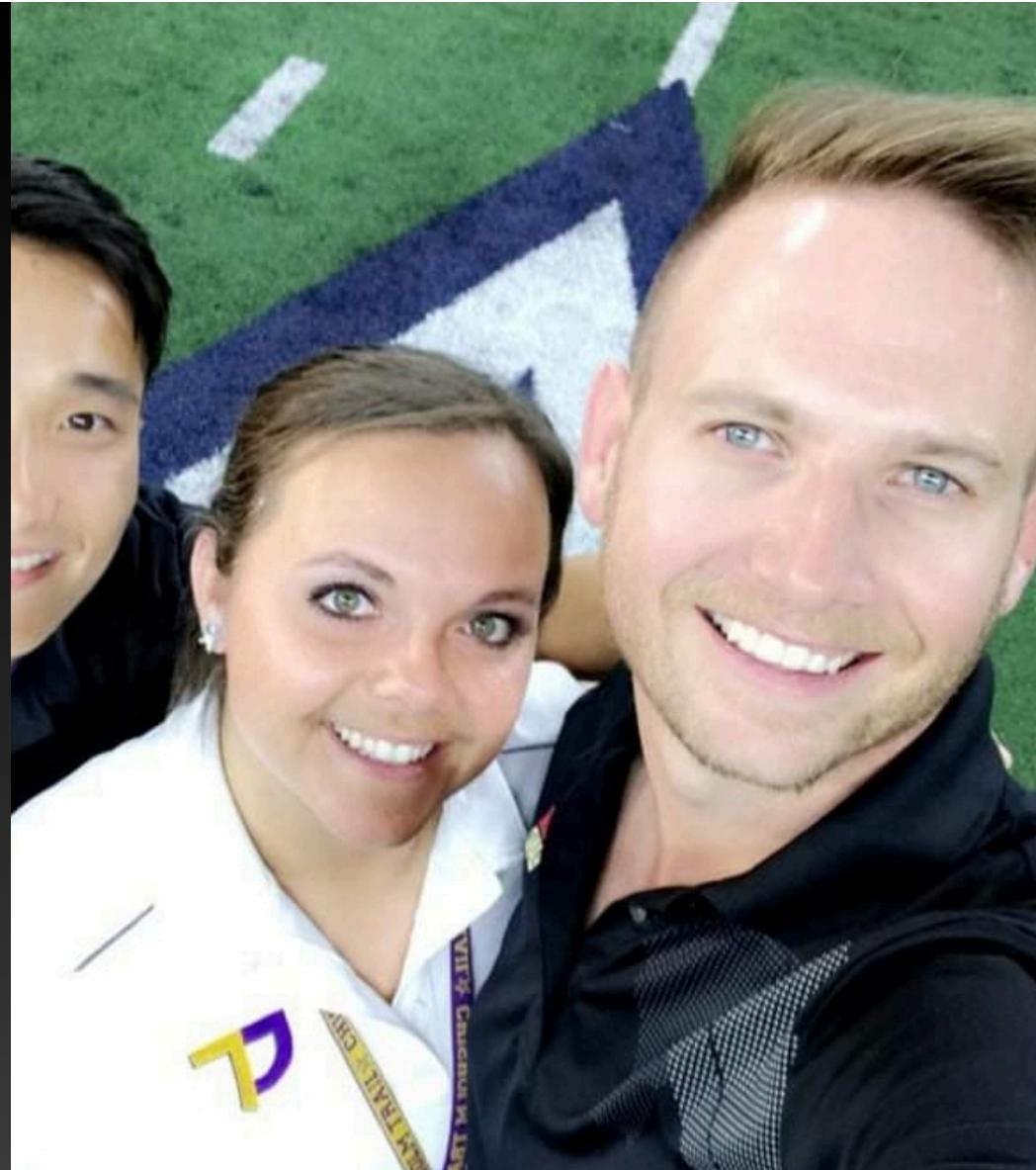
- Grew up in the Houston area
- Went to UT-Arlington
- Love smoking meats
- Has a 7-year old and a 1-year old (almost!)



Molly Owen

Colorguard Director

- Grew up in Groesbeck, TX
- Has had the misfortune of teaching with Mr. Doyle for the past 17 years
- Has multiple cats
- Has thirty nieces and nephews





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Bye, Students!

Your leaders will take you next door and tell you more about high school band



Communication

How do I make sure I get the right information?

- Remind (we use this for MOST communication)
 - New Members (that's you!) - @rrnm2023
 - Ranger Regiment (the entire band and parents) - @ctregiment
 - Percussion (students and parents) - @ctperc
 - Colorguard (students and parents) - @cthsguard
- Email (this is one reason Band Registration is so important!)
- Websites
 - Band Website (Chisholm Trail High School website → Departments → Fine Arts → Band)
 - Band Boosters website (<http://www.cthsrangerregiment.org>)



Placement Auditions for 2023

- If you play an instrument (woodwind, brass, or percussion) and you sign up for the class, audition, and attend Band Registration, you WILL be in the 2023 Ranger Regiment.
- The placement auditions are about finding the right spot for your child.
- Woodwind and brass students will be placed into one of three concert band classes based on this audition
- Percussion students will be placed in either Battery or Front Ensemble
- There is no guarantee of making the Colorguard. If your student is planning on trying out for Colorguard and also plays an instrument, they should plan on auditioning on their instrument as well.



Audition Dates

When does my child audition?

- Woodwind/Brass Auditions - Saturday, March 25th
- Percussion Auditions - April 25th, 28th, May 2nd, May 5th-6th (5-6:30pm)
- Colorguard Auditions - TBD

After your audition, we will communicate scheduling needs to the CTHS Counseling Office.



Concert Ensembles

What are the possibilities?

- Concert Band
 - This is the third band at Chisholm Trail High School. It typically includes the youngest, least experienced musicians.
- Symphonic Band
 - This is the second band at Chisholm Trail High School. There is a wide variety of ages in the group. Many of these students are in private lessons.
- Wind Ensemble
 - This is the top band at Chisholm Trail High School. These are mostly older students (right now this group is 78% juniors and seniors). Most of these students are in private lessons.

All of these students will still participate in the Ranger Regiment marching band, and all are still important to the success of the program.

Percussion Auditions

- There are two possibilities for which group your student will end up in:
 - Battery (these are the students that march around the field while playing: snares, tenor drums, bass drums)
 - Front Ensemble (these are the larger percussion instruments that are parked at the front of the field: marimba, vibraphone, xylophone, timpani, drum set, etc.)
 - These groupings will determine which class period your student will be in.



Band Class Scheduling

- 1st Period - Wind Ensemble & Battery Percussion (Snares & Quads)
- 2nd Period - Symphonic Band & Front Ensemble Percussion
- 3rd Period - Concert Band & Battery Percussion (Bass Drums)
- 5th Period - Jazz Band
- 8th Period - Colorguard & AP Music Theory

Arena Scheduling

What is Arena Scheduling?

Arena Scheduling is the process by which your child will select his/her course schedule for the 2023-2024 school year, down to the class period they are taking each course.

When do Students Select their Schedule?

Arena Scheduling will begin the week of April 24th.

This is why we have started doing our concert band auditions earlier in the semester for our woodwind and brass students. If your student has not auditioned yet, please talk to me after the meeting to schedule an audition, or email me at ddoyle@ems-isd.net



Required Summer Camps

- **Colorguard Mini-Camp** - May 22nd-25th (5-7pm)
- **Colorguard Camp** - TBA
- **Percussion Mini-Camp** - TBA
- **Percussion Camp** - July 17th-21st (8am-5pm)
- **SUMMER BAND (*this is for everybody*)** - Will start on Monday, July 24th. Exact times TBA. Once we start, we basically have Marching Band rehearsals every weekday until school begins.

Fall Rehearsal Schedule

- Monday - 6-9pm
- Wednesday - 7-8:30am
- Thursday - 7-8:30am
- Friday - 7-8:30am
- The schedule gets adjusted as needed; when this happens we will communicate it through Remind and email.

Varsity/Shadows

- EVERYONE IS A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE CTHS RANGER REGIMENT!!!
- ALL learn basic marching and drill fundamentals.
- ALL participate in the stands at ALL football games and pep rallies.
- VARSITY group competes at marching contests and performs at ALL halftime performances for football games.
- Varsity spots are limited and open to audition ONLY during the first few days of summer band.
- Shadows may participate in some halftime performances, and some members may be utilized for props, equipment help, or any other position within the varsity group deemed necessary for that season. Participation and attendance will factor into selecting individuals to participate with the varsity group.
- Shadows MAY be assigned a separate rehearsal schedule based on the responsibilities they are assigned.
- Eligibility, attendance, preparation, etc. can also affect Varsity status.

Football Games

- Held every Thursday, Friday, or Saturday every week during September, October, and the first two weeks in November (our last game is typically the first weekend in November).
- REQUIRED attendance for ALL CTHS Band Members.
- Our primary focus is to provide entertainment for our fans and support for our team and our school.
- We will be involved during all four quarters of the game, and we will either march at Halftime or Postgame.

Marching Contests

- Late September through early November is Marching Contest Season!
- Attendance REQUIRED for all CTHS Band Members
- Parents are encouraged to attend all contest performances, and to cheer on ALL bands
- We will also need A LOT of parent volunteers on contest days
- The only marching contest date that is set in stone for this year is:
- **UIL 6A Area B Marching Contest** - Saturday, October 21st

Eligibility

- No Pass, No Play applies to any competitive activity ALL year. This includes Marching Band, All-Region auditions, Solo & Ensemble Contest, Winter Guard, Indoor Drumline, etc.
- It does NOT apply to our concerts that we hold here on our campus (Christmas concert, Spring concert, etc.), nor does it apply to UIL Region Concert & Sightreading (this is seen as an assessment, not a competition).
- EVERYONE who passed the previous grade is eligible until end of 1st 6 Weeks.
- Students must pass ALL CLASSES the FIRST 6 weeks in order to participate with the marching band at contests in October.

Attendance

- Good attendance is necessary for the band to be successful.
- Rehearsals start at indicated time; students must be READY TO PLAY/MARCH at that time.
- Absences need to be communicated to the band director 24 hours in advance when possible. Please call or email.
- Examples of an excused absence: illness, injury, doctors' appointment (with a note), death in the family, etc...
- Examples of unexcused absences: birthday, shopping, hair appointment, drivers license testing, etc...
- Please plan ahead for any appointments, extensive dental work, SAT, ACT, etc.

Equipment

- WOODWINDS and BRASS

- For most instruments, it is best to have 2 instruments: one for marching, one for concert, if possible.
- Students who play school-owned instruments will be issued one for each season.
- Detailed equipment recommendations are found in the CTHS Band Handbook (available on the CTHS Band website)

- PERCUSSION

Details are available in the CTHS Band Handbook; for further questions, ask Mr. Miller (rmiller@ems-isd.net)

Private Lessons

- Provides one-on-one expert instruction.
- Provides the MAXIMUM opportunity for musical growth.
- Highly necessary in order to be successful in All-Region, All-Area, All-State, and Solo & Ensemble contests.
- Available during the summer.
- \$19 per half hour lesson
- Highly encouraged for ALL members!
- Specific contact information will be provided online. SUMMER LESSONS AVAILABLE!

Band Boosters

Who are they and what do they do?

- The Chisholm Trail Ranger Regiment Band Boosters are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that exists to coordinate fundraising and volunteer efforts on behalf of the band.
- They make it possible for us as directors to focus on music, marching, etc. so all students in our organization can have a positive experience.
- They handle sales, concessions, fundraising, feeding the students, and many, MANY other things!
- Booster membership is \$10 per person, and this conveys voting rights at our monthly booster meetings

Band Booster Officers & Committee Chairs

- President - Julie Reed
- Vice President - Crystal Velasquez
- Secretary - Lisa Quorstrup
- Treasurer - Bill Davis
- Hospitality Chairs - Ashley Blaha & Amanda Zarbock
- Equipment Crew Chair - Curt Kennedy
- Sales Chair - Kristy Swaim
- Fundraising Chair - Tina Winchester
- Concessions Chair - Cory Newby
- Percussion Liaison - Jesse Kersten
- Colorguard Liaison - Diana Nava



Band Registration/Regiment Roundup

- We are changing how we do band registration this year!
- Saturday, April 29th (8am-12pm)
 - All students will learn basic movement fundamentals
 - Students wishing to audition for color guard will spin with returning guard members
 - We will learn and play music together!
 - While students are doing this, parents/guardians will fill out necessary forms, pay at least a deposit on band fees, order additional merchandise, etc.

Band Registration & Band Fees

- What do Band Fees provide?
 - Food (this is one of the MAJOR expenses - every time we keep the kids through a mealtime, we feed them)
 - Football games, marching contests, summer band, etc.
 - Truck Rental for Equipment Trailer
 - Colorguard Staff Salaries
 - Summer Band Sectional Instruction
 - Marching Band Techs (additional instructors that help teach the band)
 - Marching Band Show Design (Music, Drill, Electronics, etc.)
 - Marching Band Visual Elements (Props, Flags, Colorguard Uniforms)
 - Show Shirts, Luggage Tags

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Payment Options

- First things first: We **never** want financial concerns to be the reason that a person decides not to do High School Band. We will find a way!
- Payment Plans Available
- Rangers Helping Rangers
- If you pay in full on the day of Registration, there is a \$25 discount
- Finally, I will never claim that band is cheap, but I can guarantee you that it is worth it.

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How Much Do the Fees Cost?

- There are two parts to what you will pay:
 - Band Fees (the same for everybody)
 - The cost of additional items depending on which part of the band you are in and whether you are a new or returning student
- Band Fees - \$736
- Cost of Additional Uniform Items for New Students - \$205
 - School-Owned Instrument Maintenance Fee - \$50
 - Additional Colorguard Fee - \$150
 - Additional Percussion Fee - \$300

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How Much Do the Fees Cost?

- Returning Band Student (Wind Player their own instrument) - \$736
- Returning Band Student (Wind Player with School-Owned Instrument) - \$786
- New Band Student (Wind Player with their own instrument) - \$941
- New Band Student (Wind Player with School-Owned Instrument) - \$991
- Returning Colorguard Student - \$886
- New Colorguard Student - \$1056
- Returning Percussion Student - \$1036
- New Percussion Student - \$1241

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