

Using Twitter to Keep Up with the Chisholm Trail High School Ranger Regiment

Step 1 - Join Twitter

- Go to <http://www.twitter.com> and set up an account. You will need to enter your full name and an email address, and create a password in order to do this.

Step 2 - Create your Username

- After giving your name and email address, you will be asked to create a unique Username that will serve as your Twitter “handle” while accessing Twitter features.

Step 3 - Choose Whom to Follow

- There are plenty of interesting people to “follow” on Twitter, and Twitter will give you several suggestions. However, for the purposes of learning what is going on with the Chisholm Trail High School Band, you will want to follow the account @RangerRegiment. Search for the Username “RangerRegiment” (at the top of the page, click Connect, then enter the name Ranger Regiment in the search field), and you should find it easily. Click Follow. Also, if you would like to know what is going on specifically with percussion at CTHS, search for and follow @CTHSPercussion.

Step 4 - Turn on Mobile Notifications

- One of the best features of Twitter is that it allows you to choose to receive tweets (Twitter’s version of Facebook “status updates”) via your mobile phone. To do this, you’ll need to click on Settings, then Mobile. Enter your mobile phone number, and click “Activate Phone”. You will be asked to send a text message to Twitter in order to verify your phone; after doing this, you will be able to individually select which accounts you’re following you would like to receive tweets from **on your phone!**
- For example, if you follow both @RangerRegiment and @CTHSPercussion on Twitter, but you would only like to receive Mobile Notifications from @RangerRegiment, you can set that up individually by going to your “Home” page, clicking on the “Following” tab, then looking for the silhouette to the right of the blue “Following” button beside the account from which you wish to receive mobile tweets. Click on that silhouette and then click “Turn on mobile notifications”. You will then receive tweets from that account directly on your mobile phone. This is a **great** way to keep up with what’s going on with the band at Chisholm Trail High School!

Band - @RangerRegiment

Percussion - @CTHSPercussion

What If I Don't Want My Child to be on Twitter?

With concerns today about internet predators, this is a legitimate concern and one we take seriously. If you are in this boat, it is possible for you to sign up your child (and/or yourself) for Twitter and completely eliminate any exposure to other people outside of the @RangerRegiment and @CTHSPercussion accounts.

The best procedure to keep you safe online and minimize your Twitter exposure would be to do the following:

- 1) Sign up for a Twitter account
- 2) Immediately go to your **Account settings** (you can find this by clicking on the Gear at the top of the page and going to Settings), and make sure the checkbox beside **Tweet privacy** and **Password reset** are checked, and the checkbox beside **Tweet location** is unchecked.
- 3) **Follow only @RangerRegiment**, or both @RangerRegiment and @CTHSPercussion, if you need percussion information and announcements.
- 4) Go to **Mobile Notifications** and add your (or your child's) mobile phone number in order to get **selected** tweets sent to your phone. Then go to your "Home" page, click on the "Following" tab (just under your name at the top left of the page), and find @RangerRegiment (and @CTHSPercussion, if that applies to you) in your list. Click on the silhouette to the left of the blue "Following" button, and select "Turn on mobile notifications"
- 5) You will now get tweets **only from @RangerRegiment and @CTHSPercussion** sent **straight to your mobile phone** (in the form of a text message), and nobody else will be able to contact you (or vice versa) through Twitter.

One last bit of advice – If you are setting this up for your child to get these updates, but you don't want them "on Twitter", just set up an account for them, fix the privacy settings as listed above, and then don't ever give them the password or let them download a mobile Twitter app (such as Tweetdeck, Twitter for iPhone, Tweetbot, etc.) to their smartphone. They DO NOT NEED such an app on their phone (nor do they need a smartphone at all) in order to get mobile notifications from Twitter on their phone.