Hello everyone! My name is Mr. Phillips, I am the Assistant Band Director here at Santa Fe High School and I can’t wait to meet you all!

We will be starting this school year online and then transitioning to face-to-face learning on September 8th (for those opting to return to campus). Even though we are starting the school year a little differently than what we are all used to, I know we will still have a great year and I look forward to getting to know each of you!

**OBJECTIVE:**

The Color Guard is a section in the marching band that uses choreography, flags, ‘tossing’ rifles, props, and often much more! The Color Guard increases the overall visual appeal to the marching band as they play and march around in formation. The Color Guard is often referred to as the ‘story tellers’ of the marching halftime show!

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS:**

My expectations for our class are for you to:

* Complete all lessons/assignments each week.
* Show up to all rehearsals on time and ready to go.
* Be supportive of one another and the program.
* Have a positive, can-do attitude!
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**EXPECTATIONS FOR ONLINE LEARNING:**

* **Be on time**. Join the class/meeting 5 minutes before it begins.
* **Pick a quiet spot** at home that has little to no distractions.
* **Turn off other devices** such as your TV, cell phone, iPad, and any other gadgets that you do not need for class.
* **Be prepared**. Make sure your laptop is fully charged.
* **Mute yourself**. Mute yourself while I am explaining lessons, activities, skills, etc. Unmute if it is your turn to talk or if you are called on.
* **Do your best to learn**. Focus on the lesson/activity. Listen. Think. TRY! Don’t be afraid to ask questions. You may use the chat feature to ask questions and help each other out.
* **Be respectful** to the teacher and fellow classmates. Listen to the teacher or whoever is allowed to talk. Raise your hand to talk.
* **Wear the proper attire.** Please dress school appropriate. Refer to normal school attire expectations.
* **Stay** online and present for the duration of the class period.

**EXPECTATIONS FOR FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING:**

* **Be on time**.
* **NO** cell phones during class and rehearsal times. Put them away in a bag or backpack.
* **Be prepared.** Dress out daily and fully participate in class/rehearsal.
* **NO** chewing gum.
* **Be respectful** to the teacher and fellow classmates. Listen to the teacher or whoever is allowed to talk. Raise your hand to talk.
* **Wear the proper attire.** Please dress appropriately for class and rehearsal (appropriate athletic wear for rehearsals).
* **Follow** all classroom/rehearsal procedures.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Each week you will have 2 assignments to complete and submit on CANVAS for a grade. Assignments may consist of, but are not limited to:

* Class participation
* Dressing correctly for class/rehearsal
* Group Discussions
* Definitions
* Question/Answer
* Journal Entry Responses
* Video submissions for skills/technique
* Quizzes

All assignments will be found under the Assignments tab in CANVAS.

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Each of the weekly assignments will be due by Friday of that week by 11:59pm

**GRADING:**

**Daily – 20%**

* Vocabulary, Journal Entries, Questions, Observations
	+ DAILY – 20 point participation grade – calculated every week

**Minor – 30%**

* Quizzes
* Small projects/video assignments

**Major – 50%**

* Performance and/or Written Tests
* Research Projects and/or major video assignments.

**MAKE-UP WORK and LATE ASSIGNMENTS:**

It is the student’s responsibility to get any information or work that they may have been missed due to an absence.

Late work – There will be 20 points deducted from the grade on all assignments that are submitted late. Late work will not be accepted after 3 days from the assigned due date.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

* **Athletic Wear** for rehearsals. (tennis shoes required to prevent injury)
* **Flags and Rifles** (will be provided by the band program)
* **Water Jug** (half gallon or larger would be preferable, it gets HOT!)

**OFFICE HOURS and TUTORIALS:**

I am available upon request. Please reach out to me through CANVAS, or through my school email maxim.phillips@sfisd.org. I will work with you to work out a time to help you with any questions you may have!