

Join us for Ice Breaker 2022



Ice Breaker Rehearsal and Program Orientation May 21, 2022

Schedule of Events - Students

The day will begin at Tarpon Springs High School, with student check-in at the registration table near the gym. Incoming students will be escorted to the auditorium, where they will participate in a rehearsal for all students. Student schedule is as follows:

9:15 - 10:00 Student Registration and Instrument/Equipment Rentals
(Parents and Students Together)

10:00 - 3:00 Band and Guard Rehearsal (Auditorium)

Dress in comfortable summer clothes (shorts and light colors) & athletic shoes. Bring plenty to drink (a water jug), sunscreen, a hat, and a bagged lunch.

10:00 - 12:00 Sectionals

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 Ensemble

2:00 Show & Tell Performance

Schedule of Events - Parents/Families

10:00 - 11:00 Help Desk, Membership, Macy's Registration - TSHS Cafeteria

Are you registered in Cut Time and the Band App (TSLCA communication tools)? Do you have questions about membership? Are you registered for the 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade or have questions about the trip? Our Help Desk will be available to answer questions. Coffee and donuts provided.

11:00 - 1:00 New Families Orientation (Mandatory) - TSHS Cafeteria

An informational session to review program goals and plans, including: summer rehearsals, band camp, fees, trip plans, and more. Program information packets will be distributed. Light refreshments will be provided.

1:00 - 2:00 All Families Orientation/All Grades (Mandatory) - TSHS Cafeteria

2:00 - 3:00 Student Performance - TSHS Auditorium

See the unveiling of the 2022 fall show, and watch the students perform for the first time as an ensemble.

3:00 - 4:00 Hospitality Picnic/All Families (recommended)- TSHS Cafeteria

Our Hospitality committee will be hosting a picnic for all families. We are proud to welcome you with our traditional "Saturday Dinner" that the students get to experience during marching season.

We look forward to seeing you at this special season opener. If you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

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We would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to attend our “Ice Breaker” Rehearsal. At this important rehearsal, all of the 2022-2023 Marching Band/Color Guard members will meet and begin working on the new show production for the upcoming school year. We will discuss The Leadership Conservatory for the Arts curriculum and begin to distribute some of the pertinent information for the upcoming year. We are very eager to share our plans and goals with each of you. It is our goal to provide the very best educational opportunities for all of our students. This year is no exception. Your student will be able to participate in life-changing experiences this upcoming school year, including travel to competitions.

The Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts (TSLCA) is recognized as one of the finest music and performance education programs in the Southern United States and has gained national recognition for all aspects of its music and leadership education curriculum. Our wind Ensemble has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Lincoln Center in New York City, and Chicago Symphony Hall. The Jazz Ensemble has traveled to New York for Essentially Ellington Nationals, and to Savannah, GA for the Swing Central Jazz Competition. Our Scholastic World Guard performs throughout the United States, and attends the WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH. We are very proud of what we have accomplished.

“People forget how fast you did a job, but they remember how well you did it. The price of greatness is responsibility. We are continually faced by great opportunities brilliantly disguised as insoluble problems. Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence.”

Additionally, we are fortunate to have an incredible parent booster organization that supports the Tarpon Springs Leadership Conservatory for the Arts. The Tarpon Springs Band Boosters is one of the largest and most effective band booster organizations in our state. Contemporary in both its design and function, the booster organization’s practices extend beyond traditional models. Our boosters’ mission is to create a partnership with your student, and actively participate in an exciting mutual journey of success. Our program is truly a family affair!

Saturday, May 21st is the beginning of your journey. Students will receive music for the upcoming marching season, and the color guard will begin learning techniques for their role in our show. Please make plans to join us for the rehearsal, parent information sessions, and the picnic afterward. A schedule of the day’s events can be found on the next page. If you are unable to attend, please contact our Magnet Booster co-Presidents Sara Swierk and Jennifer McGrail, or Conservatory Operations Director Heather Shan (emails on next page) so they can get our information package to you. We are looking forward to sharing our program, our vision, and our future with you and your student.

Sincerely,
 Kevin M. Ford
 Conservatory Director
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2014 & 2016 WGI World Championships (Dayton, Ohio)
 World Champions
 Scholastic World



Bands of America Super Regional Grand Champions 25 times
 2014 Bands of America Grand Nationals Indianapolis, IN Grand National Champion
 2018 Director’s Hall of Fame Inductee



2014 FFCC Indoor Percussion State Championships Silver Medalist



2015-2016 National Band Association Programs of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award



2020 Scholastic World Champions



essentially ELLINGTON
 2019 & 2020 Finalist Essentially Ellington



2013 Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade Participant



Florida Bandmasters District Marching, Concert, and Jazz Festival Straight Superiors 27 Consecutive Years



2014 Pinellas County Schools Outstanding Educator of the Year Mr. Kevin Ford



2015 National Band Director of the Year Award



High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival