



**Mandatory Informational meeting - February 8, 2012 7pm in the Reagan auditorium**

*This packet contains helpful information about the Reagan Band program. We hope to answer any questions you may have about the Reagan Band by the time this meeting is over. We are so excited that you are interested in the nationally recognized Reagan Band program and can't wait to get to know you better! At this informational meeting, we hope to discuss travel plans for the fall semester, costs involved with the marching band, a tentative calendar and important Spring semester and Summer events. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to ask! We are all looking forward to meeting you and to share the excitement for the 2012-2013 Reagan Band!*

**Reagan Band Directors**

*Levi Chavis: Head Director lchavi@neisd.net  
Dan Morrison: Assistant Director dmorri13@neisd.net  
Greg White: Assistant Director gwhite@neisd.net  
Ray Ulibarri: Percussion raybeatstoo@mac.com  
Christy Tench: Color Guard christytench@gmail.com*

**Frequently asked questions:**

*Q: Can I do band and sports?*

*A: Yes! Many of our current band members also play a sport. The coaches and directors work together to ensure the students can share their time.*

*Q: Can I afford to be in the Reagan Band?*

*A: YES!! There are countless fundraising opportunities provided by the Band Parent Association. It is possible to have all expenses paid for from profits made through fundraising.*

*Q: What about Healthy Lifestyles?*

*A: Starting in the 2012-2013 school year, students can delay taking Healthy Lifestyles to any semester during their four years of high school if they are unable to fit it in their freshman or sophomore years due to Fine Arts, Athletics, or another elective.*

*Q: How much time does marching band take up?*

*A: During the school year, the marching band is only allowed to rehearse 8 hours a week. This is a mandate given by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). We will typically rehearse 2 ½-3 hours 3 nights a week. We keep Wednesdays clear as often as possible to allow students to attend Church and other out of school activities.*

*Q: Do I have to audition to be in band? Does anyone get cut?*

*A: All current members and incoming freshman will play an audition for one of the directors, but EVERYONE makes a band. Absolutely no one is cut from the Reagan Band program.*

*Q: Do we take trips in band? How often?*

*A: Yes, every year the competitive marching band travels to various competitions in Texas and out-of-state every few years. The Winterguard and Concert Bands also perform at locations across the state of Texas each year and out-of-state every few years at national competitions and festivals.*

### The Student Perspective

**How has your experience in the Reagan Band been so far?**

“My overall experience in band was/is EXTREMELY POSITIVE! I have learned so much about myself, life, and how to be a better person because of this band program.”

Roxanna Maiberger, 12th (Flute)

“The Reagan Band is my family. All my experiences here have been positive, and I know for a fact that I would never quit. I will be in band until the day I graduate.”

Hunter Stockton, 10th (Trombone)

“I just love playing my instrument and to play with such an amazing group of students and directors is an honor.”

Kaitlin Landen, 10th (Flute)

What has been your best experience this year?

“...The stadium rehearsals because we would always get so much work done while having a lot of fun.”

Isaiah Hall, 9th (Clarinet)

“The crowd cheering for us after performances was a great feeling”

Frida Von Rossum, 9th (Percussion)

**How is the Reagan Band different than you expected as an 8th grader?**

“When I was an 8th grader I expected the Reagan Band to be big and scary and I wasn’t sure if the people would be nice. But when I arrived, everyone was happy and friendly and very nice.”

Tristan Torres, 10th (Saxophone)

“As an 8th grader I had no idea how much I would enjoy marching band. The people, the atmosphere, and the intensity really took me by surprise.”

Gordy Rogers, 10th (Percussion)

“I didn’t think it would be as fun as it turned out to be.”

Kyle Popovec, 9th (Bass Clarinet)

“When I was in 8th grade, I honestly didn’t think I would have nearly as much fun as I do now.”

Brian Jimenez, 11th (Trombone)

“At first I didn’t know if I wanted to be in band and I thought that it’d be really boring but it’s not. Being in band is one of the best decisions I’ve made.”

Katie Hamilton, 9th (Clarinet)

### **Final Thoughts?**

“The Reagan Band is the best band in the world, and our shows are the coolest.”

Greg Spies, 11<sup>th</sup> (Saxophone)

“Soon this band will be ‘blow your minds away’ good.”

Satah Landel, 12<sup>th</sup> (Saxophone)

## The Adult Perspective

### Our Parents:

"I have a college freshman who is a former band student and a junior. Both kids have had very positive experiences in the band. Kids who are freshman all the way to seniors are part of a band family which gives them such a wonderful sense of belonging. They form lasting friendships making part of their high school experience very positive and memorable." Suzanne Wiersig, junior parent

"The Reagan Band program has provided my son a safe environment to learn, grow and be challenged to excel. The program has given him opportunities to develop leadership skills and quality friendships and a place to belong and feel valued." , Laurie J., parent of a junior

"I could have in no way predicted the inspiration my daughter would receive from the music presented by the directors and performed by the marching band these last 2 seasons. We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization." , Lisa D., Sophomore Parent

"The Reagan Band gave my sons an instant family of kids with similar interests...a love for music and a love for marching. Because of mini band camp in June, the first day of school was not scary. Even lunchtime was easy, the band students seek each other out, and can sit together, regardless of grade level." Cheri S, junior parent.  
"My freshman student quickly went from being a shy, quiet, average student....to being an outgoing, extremely motivated, hardworking student AND has a huge group of friends! We are all proud to be part of the Reagan Band program!"—Stacie McClure, freshman parent

"I tell my girls all the time that they are making life-long friends in band! ", Julie T. parent of a freshman and sophomore :)

"My son Eric Azpeitia joined Reagan Band starting his sophomore year. He didn't know anyone but they took him under their wing and made him feel like he's been part of the band family for years!"

"Band is the best! Your student will make friends for a lifetime. Although Reagan High School is huge, your student will never feel like "a little fish in a big pond". The band hall is a place the kids can always feel at home. The directors, parents and students are wonderful and it is such a positive environment. " Tracy S., parent of a sophomore

"Our son has found a second home in the Reagan band program. As parents, the band has also provided us access to know all of his friends and their parents." Diana and David Ely, parents of a sophomore

"The Reagan Band program has given my son a place to feel welcome and at home at school. He loves to go to school because of all his band events. As a new band parent I felt overwhelmed with all the new information but the 'veteran' band parents turned out to be a great and never-ending source of information and - most importantly - wonderful new like-minded friends I could not wait to hang out with " Bettina J.

"I appreciate the Reagan Band because it is like a family, and a home away from home for our kids - especially when they first start high school. The sense of community and shared goals are a solid foundation for great friendships to grow for students and parents alike. Go Band! " Missy S., parent of a junior and two incoming freshmen

### Our Faculty:

"The Reagan Band is quite simply the best high school band in the entire state of Texas. Not only because they compete at the very highest levels in state and national competitions, but because of the atmosphere they help create on campus and off. School spirit is not just a phrase at Reagan High School, it is something you can really feel at every football and basketball game—and it is tangible in a small part because of the Reagan Band! We're the envy of every basketball program in the city because of what our Band does for us!" John Hirst, Reagan Head Basketball Coach

"The Reagan Band is so amazing! The dancers and band members have a great relationship and work so well with each other. We feel very fortunate to have the BEST BAND in all of San Antonio here at Reagan!" Val Sisson, Reagan Dance Director

## Reagan Band Monthly Calendar

*Below, you will see a VERY general description of what the band program is involved in on a monthly basis.*

***Year-round activities:*** *Private Lessons, Full Orchestra rehearsals, Homework!!!! ☺*

***August:*** *Band Camp, Pool Party, School Starts and Football season begins!*

***September:*** *Football season continues, Stadium Rehearsals begin, Region Jazz auditions*

***October:*** *NEISD Fall Marching Festival, UIL Region Marching Contest, Area Marching Contest (on even years), Bands of America competitions (Houston/Dallas), Homecoming*

***November:*** *Bands of America competitions (San Antonio/Grand Nationals), District and Region Band Auditions, UIL State Marching Contest (on even years), Football playoffs*

***December:*** *Winter Concert, Orchestra Concert, Region Orchestra Clinic/Concert, Auditions for Spring semester Concert Bands and Jazz Band, Stone Oak Winter Festival Parade, Winter Guard rehearsals begin*

***January:*** *Area Auditions (All-State qualifier), Region Band Clinic/Concert, Region Jazz Band Clinic/Concert, Winterguard rehearsals/contests, School Musical Concert Band sectionals, Basketball Pep Band and Jazz Band rehearsal begins*

***February:*** *All-State Convention, Mid-Winter Concert, Solo and Ensemble Dinner, UIL Solo and Ensemble, UIL Full Orchestra, UIL Twirling Band sectionals, Jazz Band rehearsals, Basketball Pep Band and Winterguard Rehearsals/Contests continue*

***March:*** *Winterguard State Championships, TAKS/STAAR Band sectionals, Jazz Band rehearsals, Percussion Ensemble rehearsals and Basketball Pep Band continue*

***April:*** *Pre-UIL Concert, UIL Concert and Sightreading, Lock-In at Lifetime Fitness, Fiesta Parade and Battle of the Bands (on even years)*

***May:*** *Jazz Concert, Full Orchestra Concert, Spring Concert Bands Concert, Percussion Concert, UIL State Solo and Ensemble, Fall Band placement auditions, Leadership auditions, Marching and Percussion clinics for next year begin!*

***June:*** *Graduation, Mini-Band Camp, Competitive Marching auditions*

***July:*** *Voluntary Music rehearsals, Percussion and Color Guard camp, Registration Breakfast, Uniform Fittings*

**RONALD REAGAN HIGH SCHOOL  
BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011-2012**

Co-Presidents	Allan Brent	<a href="mailto:ABrent3135@aol.com">ABrent3135@aol.com</a>	210-455-6058
	Kelly Lepeska	<a href="mailto:kalepeska@yahoo.com">kalepeska@yahoo.com</a>	210-497-0815
Co-1st Vice Presidents (Student Fundraising)	Liz Grady	<a href="mailto:lizgrady2009@yahoo.com">lizgrady2009@yahoo.com</a>	210-275-2886
	Melissa Reyes	<a href="mailto:thereyes6@hotmail.com">thereyes6@hotmail.com</a>	210-831-0395
Co-2nd Vice Presidents (Association Fundraising)	Paul Brown	<a href="mailto:pbrown@esaAmerica.com">pbrown@esaAmerica.com</a>	216-403-3183
	Ron Sandoval	<a href="mailto:bsandoval1@satx.rr.com">bsandoval1@satx.rr.com</a>	210-652-8215
Co-3rd Vice Presidents (Crew and Equipment)	Mark Napier	<a href="mailto:mnapier2727@yahoo.com">mnapier2727@yahoo.com</a>	210-867-3369
	Chris Well	<a href="mailto:chris.well@att.net">chris.well@att.net</a>	210-291-8726
Co-4th Vice Presidents (Chaperones)	Tonya Cowger	<a href="mailto:jcowger@satx.rr.com">jcowger@satx.rr.com</a>	210-857-0564
	Shirley Williams	<a href="mailto:swilliams@swisd.net">swilliams@swisd.net</a>	210-413-5350
Secretary	Sharon Houghton	<a href="mailto:shahou@sbcglobal.net">shahou@sbcglobal.net</a>	210-499-0288
Treasurer	Jill Smith	<a href="mailto:jillsmith3@sbcglobal.net">jillsmith3@sbcglobal.net</a>	210-497-7246
Band Director	Levi Chavis	<a href="mailto:lchavi@neisd.net">lchavi@neisd.net</a>	210-482-2200 ext. 363

## Reagan Band 2011-2012 Student Leadership Team Contact List

Name	Position	Email Address
Roxanna Maiberger	President	<a href="mailto:roxanna@satx.rr.com">roxanna@satx.rr.com</a>
Eliza Grady	VP of Public Affairs	<a href="mailto:eigsmilesandgiggles@gmail.com">eigsmilesandgiggles@gmail.com</a>
Karen Mena	VP of Aesthetics	<a href="mailto:littleKangel@gmail.com">littleKangel@gmail.com</a>
Anisha Maheshwari	VP of Music	<a href="mailto:anisha_maheshwari@hotmail.com">anisha_maheshwari@hotmail.com</a>
Cailey Buck	Drum Major	<a href="mailto:classiceliteuno@yahoo.com">classiceliteuno@yahoo.com</a>
Rachel DeSantis	Drum Major	<a href="mailto:racheldesantis@gmail.com">racheldesantis@gmail.com</a>
Alan Kosub	Drum Major	<a href="mailto:silverawk@sbcglobal.net">silverawk@sbcglobal.net</a>
Andrew Swallows	Drum Major	<a href="mailto:andrewband@sbcglobal.net">andrewband@sbcglobal.net</a>
Johanna Villareal	Flute Line Leader	<a href="mailto:jovilla42@yahoo.com">jovilla42@yahoo.com</a>
Jennifer LeVasseur	Flute Line Leader	<a href="mailto:fifesforeverjl@aol.com">fifesforeverjl@aol.com</a>
Christin Houghton	Flute Line Leader	<a href="mailto:chough44@yahoo.com">chough44@yahoo.com</a>
Anthony Quesada	Clarinet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:ant_2424@yahoo.com">ant_2424@yahoo.com</a>
Andre Chen	Clarinet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:andrechen2012@gmail.com">andrechen2012@gmail.com</a>
Alexander Oh	Clarinet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:alexoh515@yahoo.com">alexoh515@yahoo.com</a>
Justin Crawford	Alto Saxophone Line Leader	<a href="mailto:justincrawford7@yahoo.com">justincrawford7@yahoo.com</a>
Greg Spies	Tenor Sax Line Leader	<a href="mailto:gstotx@hotmail.com">gstotx@hotmail.com</a>
Rachel Kane	Bass Clarinet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:raykaybckrew@yahoo.com">raykaybckrew@yahoo.com</a>
Ryan Thornberg	Trumpet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:septo03@aol.com">septo03@aol.com</a>
Lauren Well	Trumpet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:406trumpetgirl@sbcglobal.net">406trumpetgirl@sbcglobal.net</a>
Josh Shook	Trumpet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:joshuashook@gmail.com">joshuashook@gmail.com</a>
Skyler Day	Trumpet Line Leader	<a href="mailto:ssday95@yahoo.com">ssday95@yahoo.com</a>
Alex Napier	French Horn Line Leader	<a href="mailto:anapier2727@gmail.com">anapier2727@gmail.com</a>
Reilly Sample	French Horn Line Leader	<a href="mailto:reillysample@yahoo.com">reillysample@yahoo.com</a>
Joshua Bedsole	French Horn Line Leader	<a href="mailto:bedsole@yahoo.com">bedsole@yahoo.com</a>
Adam Gonzalez	Trombone Line Leader	<a href="mailto:adamg01@sbcglobal.net">adamg01@sbcglobal.net</a>
Ryan Pearson	Trombone Line Leader	<a href="mailto:skacpearson@hotmail.com">skacpearson@hotmail.com</a>
Dominic DeSantis	Euphonium/Tuba Line Leader	<a href="mailto:domdesantis3@gmail.com">domdesantis3@gmail.com</a>
Anthony Brendel	Euphonium Line Leader	<a href="mailto:ajbrendel@gmail.com">ajbrendel@gmail.com</a>
Viane Briones	Bass Line Leader	<a href="mailto:spidermansgyrl_25@yahoo.com">spidermansgyrl_25@yahoo.com</a>
Collin Stacy	Snare Line Leader	<a href="mailto:cstacy1218@yahoo.com">cstacy1218@yahoo.com</a>
Nathan Urushima	Pit Line Leader	<a href="mailto:ndu94@yahoo.com">ndu94@yahoo.com</a>
Caitlin Gamez	Pit Line Leader	<a href="mailto:cateyig@yahoo.com">cateyig@yahoo.com</a>
Camille Crawford	Guard Captain	<a href="mailto:Camillecrawford@sbcglobal.net">Camillecrawford@sbcglobal.net</a>
Meagan Gibbs	Guard Co-Captain	<a href="mailto:gibbs_meagan@yahoo.com">gibbs_meagan@yahoo.com</a>
Joanna Lin	Guard Co-Captain	<a href="mailto:joannalin@yahoo.com">joannalin@yahoo.com</a>
Kyle Hausenfluke	SCORE Leader	<a href="mailto:kyleh@satx.rr.com">kyleh@satx.rr.com</a>
Grant Williams	SCORE Member	<a href="mailto:granttrocks@yahoo.com">granttrocks@yahoo.com</a>
Joey Thornberg	SCORE Member	<a href="mailto:septe03@aol.com">septe03@aol.com</a>
Chris Garza	SCORE Member	<a href="mailto:topherz@prodigy.net">topherz@prodigy.net</a>
Troy Yelig	SCORE Member	<a href="mailto:thunter94@yahoo.com">thunter94@yahoo.com</a>

*Get Involved!*



*For More Information contact:*

*Kelly Lepeska  
RRHS BPA Co-President  
[kaleska@yahoo.com](mailto:kaleska@yahoo.com)  
(330)354-1587*

The Reagan Band  
Parents Association

(RRHS BPA)

Welcomes You!!

***Have a Special Talent?  
Want to Meet Other  
Parents?***

***Looking for “Acceptable  
Ways” to hang out with  
your kids?***

***Get Involved with the RRHS  
BPA!!***

# Student Info Sheet

Student Name

Student Email Address

Student Home Address

I have interest in being a part of the following section in marching band (please circle)

Flute

Clarinet

Bass Clarinet

Saxophone

Trumpet

French Horn/Mellophone

Trombone

Baritone/Euphonium

Tuba

Percussion

Color Guard

Parent Name

Parent Email

Parent Phone Number