

BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

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TO: All BBHHS Marching Band Members and Parents
FROM: Ryan Nowlin
RE: 2009 BAND CAMP

Greetings, and welcome to the 2009 BBHHS Marching Bees!

I am pleased that you will be a member of the Marching Bees for the coming year and am sure you share my excitement and anticipation of the upcoming season! It is anticipated that we will have a landmark **300 members** in the band this fall! While this is truly a blessing, we also understand that with increasing membership comes an increased need for personal accountability with regards to instruments, uniforms, facilities, and behavior. We expect every student to adhere to the strong tradition of **respect, professionalism, and personal responsibility** that has defined and sustained the BBHHS Band Program for many years.

This letter deals with important band camp information, policies, and procedures. Please peruse carefully!

This year, camp will once again be held on the BBHHS Campus. Please find the camp schedule enclosed in this missive. (We will stay very close to past camp schedules.) **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT STUDENTS AND PARENTS DO NOT SCHEDULE CONFLICTING EVENTS (e.g., work, doctor appointments, vacations, underwater basket-weaving tournaments, babysitting, etc.)**

PRE-CAMP – August 10-14 (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

- August 10th – *Leadership only*
- August 11th – *New marchers and Leadership*
 - Please note – “new marchers” are all incoming freshmen *as well as* any student 10-12 new to the Marching Bees!
- August 12, 13 - **ALL BAND MEMBERS**
- August 14 – Picture Day (All Band Members) CT: 8a.m. Students will be released after pictures. (approx. 10a.m. – rest up for the BIG week ahead!!!)

BAND CAMP – August 11-15 (*Mandatory for all members*)

- August 17-20: 8 a.m. – 3p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Friday, August 21: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - There will be no evening rehearsal on August 21th
- Our first performance is at Cedar Point on August 22th!

PLEASE NOTE: Students will not be permitted to leave the BBHHS campus during lunch. **Students should plan to bring their own lunch from home.** There are serious safety concerns involved with students *rushing* out and back. Therefore, we will be adamant about following this policy.

This year, Students will again be able to go home on the dinner break from 3p.m. – 6p.m. Students are encouraged to go home, nap, and eat dinner! Camp will resume again at 6p.m. sharp for the evening (hopefully cool and dry)!! *Please do not plan on staying through – go home and get rest!*

Traditionally, the officers have arranged for optional evening activities (from 9p.m. – 10:30p.m.) on selected band camp nights. Information regarding these evening activities will be disseminated by the officers during pre-camp and band camp – stay tuned! I can say for certain that Monday, August 17th we will have our annual pool party at the Brecksville Recreation Center from 9 – 11p.m. All Band Members are welcome!

Note: Compromises and concessions are made to accommodate athletic schedules and try-outs during band camp. Please note that these compromises are made on both ends (the band end and the athletic end.) Please inform Mr. Nowlin or Mr. Wyse directly with any athletic conflicts.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Please consider the following list: Instrument (in good playing condition), WATER, instrument lyre (except percussion), AGUA, flip folder (you may purchase this at any music store – all students *must have a flip folder*. We will have flip folders on hand for purchase during uniform fittings), H₂O, pencils, WATER, **tennis shoes** and socks, camera, an open mind, and a whole lot of energy!! **NOTE: (absolutely NO sandals or flip-flops for marching rehearsals, trust me on this one) Students without proper footwear will be benched until appropriate shoes are acquired.**

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

1. Step One: Check the Weather
2. Step Two: Dress for the weather ☺
3. Bring Rain Gear (unless you like to get wet!)
4. **Sandals, flip-flops, open-toed shoes, etc. are not permitted during marching rehearsals. They will give you nasty blisters, cause you to march with poor technique, and will lead to injury!**
5. Socks and Tennis Shoes. (See #4)
6. A smile backed by a positive attitude.
7. Sunscreen and Bug Spray.
8. Sunglasses and a Hat. (No, you can't borrow my *new* rain hat...)
9. **BRING/DRINK A LOT OF WATER.**

GENERAL RULES

The BBHHS Band operates on tradition and pride. We strive to operate on the idea that everyone will do his/her best. Proper social interaction is encouraged and expected. **Life is too short and time too precious to behave in any other manner.** Please be a contributor to our *class act* reputation.

In order to have a safe and successful year, we will follow a set of rules and regulations. The following list of rules and regulations combine Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School and Band policies. *Please refer to the Band Handbook for greater detail.*

- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No Smoking
- No Illegal Substances
- No Fireworks
- No Weapons
- **NO HAZING** of any kind

- No Harassment of any kind
- No Physical Abuse of any kind
- **It must be understood that in addition to the immediate dismissal from camp, any violator(s) would face legal consequences as well as BBHHS consequences including suspension from school and/or legal action.**
- Abusive language will not be tolerated
- Everyone **MUST** be present for all of lunch.
- There is to be no “horseplay” (playing with or wasting food) in the cafeteria during lunch.
- Directors, staff members, and students will all be responsible for cleaning tables and the floor after lunch. Leaders, we will count on you to make sure this is done to satisfaction. We all must work together to take care of our beautiful facilities.
- **BE ON TIME!** To be on time is to arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled rehearsal time or call time for a performance. Remember, to be early is to be on time, to be on time is to be late, and to be late is to be... (use your imagination.)
- Please make sure you are picked up at the designated time after rehearsals and/or activities.
- Be responsible. Take care of your music, your instrument, your drill charts, and each other. It’s the beauty of being in a band. Drill charts and music will be available for print online with a password.

These rules and regulations are in everyone’s best interest, and we must work together to see that they are followed!

ATTENDANCE

By virtue of being a member of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Band, you have placed upon yourself an obligation not only to yourself but to the entire organization. Attendance at all rehearsals is **mandatory**. There are few excused absences, and these should be cleared with the directors in advance. *See Band Handbook for Absence Request Forms.* Parents and students, please understand that in order to plan effectively and continue to give credibility to instrumental music, **all students must be in attendance at all times.** Plan your schedule!

DRUG & ALCOHOL POLICY

Every student participating in any extra or co-curricular activity **MUST read, understand, sign, and return** the Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School Drug and Alcohol Policy. Enclosed you will find a copy of this policy. Please return the signed copy when you pick up your uniform. **It must be signed before camp!**

PAY TO PARTICIPATE

This is different than the fee you paid/will pay in June/August to the Band Boosters. This fee comes from the High School office. Take time to look over all the fees from the school. For your convenience, I’ve included the form students receive in their homeroom classes in August in this mailing. Also, I have written a memo on the other side of the form to help explain exactly how to use this form for any new members. Further explanation is on the back of to the *green* form later in this mailing.

MEDICAL FORMS

Enclosed you will find several Medical Forms. We carry these forms wherever we go throughout the school year. Students must have these forms filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian. **These forms must be turned in when you pick up your uniform.**

PICTURE DAY – Friday, August 14

Please find the *Picture Form* included in this mailing. This form needs to be brought back on picture day, August 14th. Please do not send this form in early, or bring it to the fitting. These forms are handed directly to the photographer on Picture Day and do not go through the band office.

CEDAR POINT – Saturday, August 22

This trip, though optional, offers students an exciting opportunity for both performance and recreation, and attendance is highly encouraged. Call time is 7:30a.m. and we will be returning approximately 10:00 p.m. The band will march throughout the park, stopping to play one or two selections at two different locations. After the performance the students will have the remainder of the day to enjoy the park's many attractions. Chaperones will be on duty at a central location (Picnic Pavilion) throughout the day should any student need anything or in case of an emergency. The discounted price for the Cedar Point trip will be **\$29.00** for performing members. If a student has a Cedar Point Season Pass, they do not need to pay the \$29.00 but need to bring their pass on the day of the trip. Payment will be collected on your uniform fitting day. *If you have a season pass, please tell us at uniform fitting!*

UNIFORMS

Please find the Uniform Committee Letter and Fitting Schedule enclosed. Proper care, maintenance, and cleaning of uniforms are essential. Please take time to note the individual cost of each uniform part. This listing is to display the replacement value of the uniform – ***take care of your uniform!***

Also, please note the parts of the uniform that members must supply. These parts will be available for purchase if necessary at the uniform fitting. If you are a new marcher, this purchase is necessary. If you are returning, you already have these additional parts – purchase of new parts is optional. Please take time to thank these wonderful volunteers that donate their time so freely to ensure the quality look and success of our band.

DISNEY WORLD

We have been accepted and approved to participate in **Disney Magic Music Days**. A detailed letter will come under separate cover in early September. At this point, I can tell you that the trip will be departing from the band room on Monday, April 5th and will return the evening of Saturday, April 10th.

For your planning purposes, it looking like the approximate cost of the trip will be close to \$600. This is in no way a final number and I believe this number is on the high end of the eventual cost. Again, details regarding included parks, events, hotel, meals, etc. will be sent in September.

Payment for the Disney trip is made in installments, and off-set by fundraising throughout the year (Citrus Fruit Sales) Payment deadlines are: November 20, January 22, and February 26.

WEBSITE – www.bbhcsc.org/high/band

The password for the downloads area for the 2009-2010 school year is **iloveband** (note all lowercase and no spaces!)

CHECKLIST – These must be brought and collected at the uniform fitting

- ◇ **\$40 Band Fee** (if you paid the full \$80 in June, this does not apply to you!)
- ◇ **Additional Uniform Parts Charges** (see *salmon* Uniform letter)
- ◇ **Emergency Medical Authorization Form** (*white*)
- ◇ **Prescription Medication Authorization Form** (*blue*)
- ◇ **Non-Prescription Medication Form** (*purple*)
- ◇ **Over The Counter Stock Medication Form** (*green*)
- ◇ **Prescribed Asthma Inhaler Form** (*goldenrod*)
- ◇ **Prescribed Epipen Authorization** (*pink*)
- ◇ **Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug Policy Form** (*goldenrod*)
- ◇ **BAND HANDBOOK Contract / Transportation Form** (*white*)
- ◇ **Participation Fee and Form** (separate check payable to BBHHS) (*green*)
- ◇ **Patron Drive** (*purple*)
- ◇ **Spirit Wear Order** (*pink*)
- ◇ **Band Boosters Volunteer Form**
- ◇ **\$29 Cedar Point Fee**

Well, you have successfully made it to the last paragraph of my portion of this mailing. If you skipped to this paragraph without reading the above information, return to the first paragraph, do not pass go, do not collect two-hundred dollars. Once again I would like to express my **EXCITEMENT** for the upcoming year. I look forward seeing you all again!

Respectfully,
Ryan Nowlin