



Parent Information Packet Broadneck Marching Bruins

2019 Marching Season

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Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all new and returning members to the Broadneck High School Marching Band Program! As many of you are aware, we are a highly competitive band with many accomplishments over the years.

Competition is not the reason we do what we do, rather it is the extreme pleasure and excitement that the students and staff receive from designing, perfecting, and performing the show to a high standard of excellence.

Marching band is a valuable activity not only musically but also for teaching life lessons such as commitment, dedication, and consistently striving for excellence. Our belief as an organization is that band is not about the trophies or coming in first place, but it is about the process we go through to succeed. **It is about teamwork!**

I believe your child will benefit from being a part of our prestigious organization and in addition, I encourage you to become an active part of our music booster group and our fall activities. We are always in need of parent support and assistance at the football games, band competitions, parades, and exhibitions. I believe the energy from our families always make a positive impact on the organization.

Thank you for giving our staff and myself the opportunity to work with your child. We are extremely appreciative to the Broadneck community for your continuing support of the music programs on the peninsula. I look forward to getting to know you and your child. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Broadneck High School Music Office 410.626.8362 or through my email mheist@aacps.org.

Also, you will likely be hearing from Tia Titgemeyer. She will help serve as a parent liaison for marching band to answer your questions, communicate important information, and solicit your assistance throughout the season and the entire year. You can contact Tia Titgemeyer at gigglesandgrins@mac.com.

Musically yours,

Matthew Heist

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Director of Bands
Broadneck High School

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2019 Marching Band Spring & Summer Rehearsals (Please refer to the monthly calendar)

We understand the importance of family vacations and other opportunities that the summer has to offer but **if you are in town, you are expected to be at the summer rehearsals!** Work is not an acceptable excuse for being absent. Please make all efforts to attend these rehearsals. The success of our season truly starts at these early season and summer rehearsals!

BAND CAMP DATES

Band Camp is mandatory for all students who are participating members of the Broadneck High School Marching Band Program.

August 12-16 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

August 19-21 8:00 PM-5:00 PM

August 22 & 23 2:30 PM-6:30 PM

August 22, 6:00 PM

Parent Meeting and Preview Performance

All Members

- Lunch is provided during band camp. Be sure to complete your Meals for Marchers form found on the website.
- Snacks are sold during snack breaks. Marchers may bring their own snacks from home.
- A half gallon water bottle, such as a Coleman or Igloo brand, is **required**. Marchers are able to refill their water bottle during the day.
- Students will need to wear a hat and sunscreen during band camp.

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2019 Fall Performance Schedule

Home Football Games at BHS	
<i>The Marching Band performs at all home games and will stay for the entire game.</i>	
Friday, September 27	BHS vs. Annapolis HS (Homecoming)
Friday, October 11	BHS vs. Chesapeake HS
Friday, October 18	BHS vs. South River HS
Friday, October 25	BHS vs. North County HS
Friday, November 1	BHS vs. Arundel HS (Senior Night)

Schedule: Home Football Fridays include after-school Practice, Dinner break (provided - as part of Meals for Marchers program) and the Game. Football games start at **6:30 PM**. Admission to football games is \$5 per person. We will also perform at any home playoff games if necessary. There is a higher admission for playoff games.

Competitions, Parades, and Exhibition Schedule
Saturday, September 21 - Competition @ Century HS (US Bands)
Saturday, September 28 - Homecoming Parade, Cape St. Claire
Saturday, October 12 - Competition @ Severna Park HS (US Bands)
Wednesday, October 16 - AACPS Marching Band Exhibition @ TBD
Saturday, October 19 - Competition @ Linganore HS (MMBA)
Saturday, October 26 - Maryland State Championships @ Towson (MMBA)
Saturday, November 2 - US Bands Competition @ Arundel HS

Above is our 2019 schedule for the competitive marching band tournaments that the Broadneck Bruin Marching Band has entered. Please place these dates on your family calendar. It is everyone's personal responsibility to honor your commitment. There are very few exceptions for missing a performance. We will not have the exact times of competitions until a few days before each event but you should plan to block off the entire day on Competition days.

US Bands - United States Band Association, www.yea.org This site has some general information on the Competitions and their sites.

2019 Weekly Rehearsal Schedule					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Full Ensemble 2:30-5:30 PM	Winds 2:30-5:30 PM	Off Day	Full Ensemble 2:30-5:30 PM	Full Ensemble, Off Day or Football Game	Competition or Rehearsal
	Color Guard & Percussion 5:30-8:30 PM				

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Attendance Policies

Marching Band is a co-curricular activity. Rehearsals and performances held beyond the school day are considered part of the course requirements and subject to the same attendance guidelines. A mandatory condition to being a member of the Broadneck Marching Band is to be able to attend **all** rehearsals and performances.

Marching Band is an activity, much like a team sport, where each student's presence or absence affects the entire ensemble. It is impossible for us to achieve excellence in performance if students are absent from rehearsals and performances. The staff and members of the Broadneck Marching Band take the attendance commitment quite seriously.

Absences are considered EXCUSED for these cases only:

- Severe personal illness accompanied by a note from a parent or doctor.
- Death in the family.
- Wedding in the immediate family (Please see Mr. Heist ahead of time for this circumstance so we can plan for your absence).

While these are considered our excused absences, we understand extraordinary situations may occur. Please contact Mr. Heist immediately if such a situation occurs.

Our attendance policy is:

- An un-excused absence may result in the student forfeiting performance privileges, removal from part of the show, or dismissal from the marching band.
- Multiple excused absences will result in a parent conference and could result in the student forfeiting performance privileges, removal from part of the show, or dismissal from the marching band.

Students are permitted a maximum of 3 excused absences for rehearsals.

Students are permitted a maximum of 1 excused absence from a performance.

2 un-excused absences will result in removal from the marching band program.

2 un-excused late arrivals will be considered the same as 1 un-excused absence.

The following reasons for missing a rehearsal or performance are NOT excused:

- **Medical appointments.**
 - Please do your best to schedule appointments at other times.
- **Work conflicts.**
 - While we understand that part-time jobs are an important part of learning responsibility, commitment and earning an income, students need to make sure their employer is flexible around your marching band schedule.
- **Making up work with a teacher.**
 - If you need to make up work with another teacher, prior consent from Mr. Heist is needed. Do not assume that it is acceptable to be late because of makeup work.
- **Homework conflicts.**
 - Academic performance and success should be every student's priority while at Broadneck and this includes keeping up with homework. Students need to balance their academic work, marching band rehearsals, family commitments, and free time. Missing rehearsal because you are working on a homework assignment is not an excused absence.

Transportation Conflicts

- Not having transportation to or from a rehearsal or performance is considered an unexcused absence. **We can work out transportation issues if you let us know in advance. Many students carpool with other families.**

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Marching Bruin Uniforms

Each member of the Broadneck Marching Band will be issued a uniform to wear for the season.

The full uniform consists of the following required uniform pieces.

Winds/Percussion/Front Ensemble

- Uniform Jacket (no additional cost)
- Black Bib Pants (no additional cost)
- Shako (no additional cost)
- **Black Marching Shoes****
- **Gloves****
- **Under Armor "Broadneck Marching Band" Maroon T-Shirt****
- **Marching Band Jacket****
- **Black Socks that cover your ankle (*MUST provide your own*)**

Color Guard

- Costume (Custom designed each year. May incur an additional cost to members.)
- Make-Up
- **Undergarments (depends on uniform design)****
- **"Broadneck Marching Band" Maroon T-Shirt****
- **Marching Band Jacket****
- **Gloves****
- **Shoes****

****These uniform items are purchased separately with the form "Uniform Fitting & Ordering." Marchers will be measured for these items; you MUST pay for these additional items with this form. Your marcher is also responsible to replace any lost items.**

Each student is also required to purchase a **Marching Band Jacket, which will be used at football games and in the stands at competitions.** Complete the form "BHS Music Jacket Order" to pay for your jacket. Parents may order jackets for themselves by completing a separate form for each jacket ordered.

It is considered an honor to wear the Broadneck marching uniform and it must be treated with respect and care. When you wear the Broadneck Marching Band uniform, you are representing yourself, our band organization, our music department, our school and band members of the past and future. When you are in uniform, you are viewed as part of the entire ensemble and not as an individual. Disciplinary action will be taken for anyone not following all uniform regulations or not wearing the uniform properly. All uniform regulations and procedures will be explained to band members in detail before our first performance.

Dry cleaning expenses for this year are included with the Marching Band Contribution Fee. This includes professional cleanings of the full uniform throughout the season. If inclement weather or an unexpected additional performance causes the uniform to need an extra cleaning, you may be asked to have the uniform dry cleaned one additional time at your own expense.

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2019 Marching Band Fees/ Student Account Fundraisers

Why is there a fee for marching band?

The marching band contribution fee is to help offset the immense cost of putting together a competitive marching band program. In combination with general fundraisers, we are able to pay for our entire operating budget. This budget only includes what is necessary to run the program at an acceptable level for a competitive band. It does **NOT** include money for additional uniforms, items lost by the student or the replacement of needed percussion and brass instruments.

The fees allow us to pay for transportation, staff honorariums, wind arrangements, percussion arrangements, color guard equipment, uniform maintenance, dry cleaning, pep band music, tournament registration fees, and other miscellaneous costs that might occur during the season. **The contribution also INCLUDES the Meals for Marchers Program but does NOT include the jacket or uniform fees.**

The marching band contribution fee should not hinder anyone from participating in marching band. If this fee seems an impossible financial burden, you need to contact Mr. Heist as soon as possible to work out a solution such as an alternate payment schedule or other possible fundraising efforts.

2019 Marching Band Contribution Fee

Total = \$590 per student * 2nd student in family = \$490

Payment Options:

Early Bird Discount - \$540 due before July 1, 2019

Two Payment Installments:

- 1st Installment - Due First Day of Band Camp, August 12th - \$300
- 2nd Installment - Due by Friday, September 13th - \$290

**Fees can be paid with individual fundraiser profits.*

Please make all checks payable to BMB (*Broadneck Music Boosters*) and include your *child's name* and *Marching Band Fee* on the memo line. Please be prompt with meeting the above deadlines. If you need an alternate payment schedule, please contact Mr. Heist individually.

Individual Fundraisers & Student Accounts

Following is a preliminary and partial list of individual fundraisers where students can earn funds for their student account. These funds in the student account may be used to pay for any band fees, band jackets, spring trip, purchase spirit wear, and other optional activities.

2019 Marching Band

Email Contacts

Primary Instructors:

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Jessica Dunkley, Color Guard Coordinator, Instructor & Choreographer
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Parent Volunteers:

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Karen Mazzuchelli, Color Guard Parent Liaison
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Kristy Lovett, Chaperone Coordinator
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Lauren McFerrin Johnson, Spiritwear Coordinator
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Methods of Communication:

- **TWIM** (*This Week In Music*) is a weekly email with information about all BHS music department events. Sign up by going to <http://www.bhsmusic.org> and clicking on “Sign up for This Week in Music.” TWIM is usually sent out Sunday evening or Monday morning. Please be sure to actually read the information!
- **Website** - www.bhsmusic.org
- **Facebook**. We have a closed Facebook page called “Broadneck Music.” Some last-minute announcements will be posted here and place for families to ask questions.

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Marching Band Online Forms

<http://www.bhsmusic.org/2019-marching-band-info--forms.html>

In order to streamline operations, and make things easier for parents and volunteers, we have moved all of our marching band forms to an online format. Please visit www.bhsmusic.org and fill out the forms listed below.

At the end of each form that requires payment you will have the opportunity to pay any applicable fees using your credit, debit or check card. You also have the option to pay by check or cash at a later date.

Each form has a point of contact and email address should you have any questions while filling it out.

These online forms MUST be completed by July 1, 2019.

Marching Band Registration Form Online (*everyone*)

Meals for Marchers Form (*everyone*)

Uniform Fitting and Ordering (*everyone*)

Jacket Order (*complete only if you are ordering a new jacket*)

Color Guard Uniform Order (*Color Guard Members Only*)

Parent Volunteer Interest Form (*everyone*)

Everything You Wanted to Know about Marching Band but Didn't Know to Ask

What does the marching band fee cover?

The marching band fee covers the cost of music arrangements, drill design, competition registration fees, transportation of students, transportation of equipment, instrument maintenance and replacement, instructors, set and prop materials, cleaning of the uniform, and Meals for Marchers (see below). It does NOT cover black marching shoes, gloves, maroon shirt, jacket or black socks.

What does Meals for Marchers include? Do I need to pay extra for it?

Meals for Marchers includes meals during the regularly scheduled football games and during the band camp days (August 12-16 and August 19-21). It is included in the marching band fee.

Can parents order jackets for themselves? How do I order one?

Yes, parents may order jackets for themselves. Complete the jacket order form for yourself.

How much do tickets cost for competitions?

Prices will vary by event. Competitions held at high schools usually cost \$10-\$20 per person. The State Championship Event at Towson State University and USBands National event costs \$25-\$30 per person and tickets can be purchased a few days before the event at a slightly reduced cost. Ticket sales will be announced through email and Facebook.

Do I really have to pay to get into the football game even if I only watch the halftime show?

Yes, this is AACPS policy. It costs \$5 per person to get into a football game. Playoff games, if we qualify, are slightly more expensive.

I already purchased the maroon marching shirt for my marcher. What is this *Show Shirt* people are talking about?

The Show Shirt is a t-shirt unique to each year's show. Lots of family members buy these t-shirts and wear them to the competitions. Marchers like to have them, too. The maroon marching shirt is a required part of the uniform; the Show Shirt is NOT required. Show Shirt sales will be announced through email and Facebook.

Are there snacks available during band camp?

Yes, snacks are available for purchase during band camp during both the morning and afternoon breaks. Also, marchers may bring their own snacks during camp if they desire.

My marcher is eating twice the amount of food they usually eat. Is this normal?

Each marcher is different, but many calories are burned during band camp and during the marching season. If your marcher has not participated in sports before you might be amazed at how many calories they can consume. It is important that students stay hydrated and eat healthy snacks and meals throughout the season.

What is a spirit bag?

Spirit bags are bags of inspiration that the marchers design for each other. Each section determines if and when they would like to participate in making spirit bags. Usually, the bags contain a few items a marcher may like with a few notes of encouragement from someone in their section.

What is the proper etiquette for a marching band competition?

Typical Marching band competition etiquette includes:

- Once any band is on the field, in position to begin their show, there should not be movement up and down the stands. After a band finishes or before the next band starts, a spectator can move around freely.
- While any band is performing, it is respectful not to talk. This is an opportunity to enjoy the performance and for fans to take photos.
- Due to copyright restrictions, video recording is not permissible.

What does an average weekend look like?

If there is a home football game marchers will not go home on Friday until the end of the football game. On game days marchers go to school as usual, have rehearsal after school, eat Meals for Marchers for dinner, then attend the football game to play the fight song and the halftime show.

When students arrive at school on game-day Fridays they need to have everything with them for rehearsal and to get into full uniform (shoes, black socks, maroon shirt, band jacket, etc.) If there is no football game on Friday, marchers will have rehearsal and then go home.

The first few Saturdays of the season have rehearsals only, ending at 1:00. Marchers have the rest of the weekend to themselves. After that, most Saturdays are filled with marching band. The exact times will vary each week depending on performance times at competitions. Keep in mind that we don't always know our performance time until a few days before a competition. Usually marchers have rehearsal in the morning, eat a lunch they brought from home, then ride the bus to the competition. Most marchers will buy concessions for dinner. They return home late Saturday night anywhere from 6:00 PM to midnight depending on the location and performance time. There are no marching band events on Sundays (*unless a championship show would require a Sunday*).

Will my marcher have enough time to complete their homework?

Yes; they will be very busy but homework does get done. Since marchers do not have much free time they are usually very focused during the time they do have to work on schoolwork. Most students actually have better grades during marching band season due to their focus on time-management and using their time efficiently.

This sounds like a lot of work. Will my marcher really enjoy this?

Your marcher will LOVE marching band! The marching family, from the students to the parents, are an incredible group of people. Friendships that are made during marching season last a lifetime!

My marcher has lots of questions. Who can they ask?

Section leaders should be able to answer most of their questions. If the section leader does not have an answer please ask any staff member or Mr. Heist. All questions are welcome and important!